

An Example to Follow.

We call Jabez Jones "uncle." He is so good and kind that everybody wants to claim him as a relation. I used to wonder what was the secret of his popularity. When we were alone one day I asked him why he seemed to have no enemies, though he was a man of decided convictions and frank and fearless in stating them. He replied:

"I really don't know unless it is the result of a rule I adopted when I was converted and have tried to act upon ever since."

"You mean the Golden Rule of our Savior I presume? You determined to do to others as you would have them do to you."

"Well, yes; and yet, as that rule is so broad and so much trouble arises from our talking about one another as we do, I thought that I would take an application of it, first of all, to the tongue. So I wrote down in a little book, which I carry in my vest pocket, as near the heart as I can get it, this resolution: 'I will never say anything about anybody behind his back that I would not say to his face.' I did not find it easy at first to keep that resolution. I was tempted, when discussing neighborhood matters, to express very decided opinions about certain men. But I would check myself, saying to myself: 'Now, Jabez, you are a coward. If you think so about Smith and Brown you should go and tell them. You despise even a dog who slips up behind a man and bites him without first barking. And just such a cur you are if you become a backbiter. Paul classes backbiters with haters of God and the vilest sinners.' And so I would stop for very shame. But then I would say to myself again: 'If it is cowardly to talk about Smith and Brown behind their backs, would it not be brave and manly and Christlike to go and tell them what you think about them?' And so, after praying to the Lord to fill my heart with love, I would go, 'in the spirit of meekness,' and try to restore them from their evil ways. I would say to them, 'I do not talk about you, but won't you let me talk with you?' In doing this I have never been repulsed nor insulted by the worst men in the neighborhood."

I want to commend the rule of Uncle Jabez to my readers. Oh, the blighting influence of backbiting in society and the church! Many a minister has been sadly hindered by it in his work. I have often known of cases where cliques of malcontents would meet, week after week, to discuss their pastor's faults, when none of them had the manliness to go and tell him of them. Ministers cannot see themselves as others see them. They may make mistakes, in manner at least, innocently and almost unconsciously. But if some restless spirit seizes upon these mistakes in order to make trouble—if he talks about them and gets others to do so—they grow in the imagination of the talkers, and come at length to overshadow the man's excellencies and thus paralyze his power for good.

Now, if, at the very beginning of the disaffection, some good elder or mother in Israel had gone to the pastor and said: "Dear brother, some of us do not like what you said in last Sunday's sermon. I believe that you meant to be right, and probably were, but you were misunderstood. We both desire and pray for the edification of the church. We don't want anybody, no matter how unreasonable, alienated if we can prevent it. So let us talk this matter over, frankly and kindly, and see if the spark cannot be put out before it becomes a blaze and kindles a conflagration."

Would not any minister who had the spirit of the gospel that he preaches welcome such a visit? Might it not save both pastor and church from both trouble and loss?

O that we would all adopt and act upon the rule of Uncle Jabez! —Senex Smith in Journal and Messenger.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court in and for Marion county, Florida, in a matter wherein Mrs. Elizabeth V. Tompkins is plaintiff and H. L. Anderson as assignee of the late firm of Tompkins Bros., composed of W. T. Tompkins and W. D. Tompkins, defendants, I have levied upon and will on Wednesday, the 2d day of July, 1895, sell to the highest and bidder for cash, within the legal hours of sale, on lot 557 of the townsite of Dunnellon, in the town of Dunnellon, Marion county, Fla., the same being the leased premises upon which said property is located, the following described personal property, to wit:

Four pieces of pants cloth; three pieces of cambric; two pieces of lining; 2 pieces of flannel; one lot ladies' hose; 14 pieces of gingham; 5 pieces check homespun; 12 pieces of yellow homespun; 7 pieces of white goods; 18 pieces of dress goods; 21 pieces of calicoes; 133 pairs pants; 99 coats and vests; lot ladies' vests; lot men's undershirts; lot ladies' waists; lot corsets (24); lot trilling; lot ladies' belts; lot albums (8); lot lace; lot men's scarfs; two men's overcoats; four alpaca coats; 2 doz. napkins; lot collars; lot handkerchiefs; lot gloves; lot picture frames; lot note paper; box note paper; lot suspenders; lot memorandum books and pads; lot towels; lot hardware; lot drugs; dozen axes; keg powder; 5 doz. bottles of extracts; dozen syrup pitchers; 22 tin buckets; dozen goblets; lot lamp wicks; three meat dishes; dozen dish pans; lot of chimneys and lamp globes; lot of paint in pound boxes; lot of plow castings; lot of sap oil (22); 2 doz. cans corn; 18 cans cherries; 18 cans 1 lb. tomatoes; 30 boxes diamond dust; 10 pounds of North Carolina tobacco; dozen bottles catsup; dozen plates; two cans, and tea in said cans; lot shirts; lot pants (127); lot coats (20); one show case and contents; lot of cheap shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes (27 pairs); 9 pairs of ladies' shoes; 3 pairs patent leather pumps; 17 pairs gents' shoes; 15 pairs of shoes; 53 pairs of ladies' shoes assorted; 3 trunks; 50 lbs. nails; showcase and 13 ladies' trimmed hats; lot straw hats; lot men's hats; lot of embroidery; 4 white vests; 2 alpaca coats and vests; 5 boys' suits; 7 white coats; 10 light suits; 26 umbrellas; showcase and contents; thread case and contents; showcase and contents; 11 ax handles; a pair iron hames; 3 pair scales; coffee mill; box potash; lot stove pipe and elbows; 3 spiders; roll wire netting; oil tank; 5 lbs. of ball twine; 2 snathes; 1 heater and lot pipe; 8 valves; showcase and contents; thread case and lot buttons; 2 hanging lamps complete (B. & L.); 1 mackintosh coat; 5 lanterns; 20 split baskets; iron safe (Mosler Safe & Lock Co.); office stool; wood desk; 2 pairs trace chains; lot of crockery; plow stock; 13 cases 3 lb. tomatoes; 20 cases 2 lb. tomatoes; barrel fuses; 12 joints stove pipe; lot lamp chimneys; or so much thereof as will satisfy said execution and costs. B. DUPRE HODGE, Sheriff Marion county, Fla.

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