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FRIDAY, March 15, 1872.

An effort has been made to have the Va., Legislature, establish the office of "general administrator" for each County. It has been usual to turn over to the Sheriffs, those estates which have no special administrator, but the work cannot be done by the Sheriff. Certainly it is *not* done by them. The office would entail no expense upon the public, and is very badly needed. Why there should be any doubt about its being passed by both Houses, is one of those many things which are only fully explained, by bearing in mind the peculiar and wholly anomalous charcter of the present Legislature, which with a few exceptions, presents one more case where a general administrator should render himself eminently useful.

A Town Hall.

To the voters and tax payers of Goodson, we desire to say a word, and we mean business if they agree with us, as we believe they will. We propose that Goodson shall build its Town Hall during the coming season. It is not probable that the Council will undertake the matter without an expression of the popular assent to it. The town of Goodson is out of debt, and has a population of 1500 There is no one thing which would so quickly double the number of its tax payers, as the erection of a handsome and commodious Town Hall. It would be an attraction to every stranger who would use it, to speak favorably of our town wherever he might find himself. Every public speaker who would use it, would make it the means of advertising us. The present bond arising from the Johnston Land, will about extinguish the debt for its purchase, and when the remaining lots are sold, we will have their proceeds as surplus funds. Of course we intend to build a Town Hall, and we think it should be done now, so that it will be exercising its favorable influence upon the growth of our town. It would become speedily, a source of both honor and profit to us. We propose, that at our May election, the voters be asked to pass upon the measure of erecting a Hall at once.

Important Discovery.

Dr. M. Stover has placed in our office a sample of Roofing Slate from the newly discovered quarry near Shells Depot, seventeen miles from Bristol. It is of very excellent quality and is now being worked energetically by a company of Welsh gentlemen, who have leased the premises. We certainly need fire proof roofs, and we understand it can be had of the company, at rates far below those elsewhere prevailing. The discovery is of immense value to *Bristol*.

Business.

Messrs. Armstrong, Cator & Co, again call attention to their magnificent Spring stock of Millinery trimings, and Silk Goods.

Geo. M. Rucker of Lynchburg, is again before the public, and offers superior inducements to those desiring dry goods.

Mr. W. P. Brewer has connected himself with the Stove and Tinware business, having formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. N. Keller. Mr. Brewer is a gentleman of fine business capacity, of very decided popularity. The stock of the new firm is very large and complete. See the new advertisement.

Communicated.

The Choke at Cumberland Gap.

MR. EDITOR:

Some weeks since I read an article in the "*Spectator*," from Cumberland Gap, proclaiming to the world, that the prospects of the Gap financially, were brightening, and lots could be purchased in a few days. Doubtless the writer of the communication in the "*Spectator*," was correct, felt confident that capitalists ere this, would have been there, with their millions, ready to invest, and that soon their vast fields of hidden wealth would be exposed to the light of the mornings sun. That the lots would bring enormous prices, and they (the owners) sit back in their gilded parlors listening to the sound of the hammer as it told the "passer by," of the Gap's destined march to a city of considerable magnitude.

I have awaited anxiously to see an advertisement of the *grand sale*, and as money matters are pressing, have been collecting up my dimes, that I might be among the first upon the soil to claim a home, amidst its beauties, upon which the writer dwells so beautifully. But disappointment has sent a chill of icy coldness through every vein, and all my desires to see the "advertised sale of lots," have been frustrated, and my hopes, as to citizenship in that eloquently described locality, somewhat shadowed. The exigency of the times, demand that the proprietors of the Gap should dispose of lots, and at reasonable rates. If they wish the Gap built up, and men of energy to come among them, they must act. Talk, amounts to but very little. What do you propose doing gentlemen? Let us hear something of your intention. Do you wish enterprising men among you? If so, come boldly to the front, and make propositions that will prove beyond a doubt, that you are in earnest, and that you will sell not to enrich yourselves, but at which, the Gap will soon rear itself in point of numbers to a prominency far beyond your expectations. Show your liberality, gentlemen, let people see that you are friends of the country and not the oppressors of the unfortunate ones, who have not the funds to pay such *long, long* prices. Come out, let us know if you intend to sell, and when?

Respectfully,
BOB.

Prayer against Temptation.

Thou who for forty days and nights o'ermastered all the might
Of Satan and the fiercest pangs of famished appetite,
O Saviour, leave us not alone to wrestle with our sin,
But aid us in these holy hours of solemn discipline.

Let not the tempter tempt us, Lord, beyond our strength to bear,
Tho', in the desert of our woe, he wildly shrieks "Despair!"
Let not our humble confidence be from thy promise stirred,
Nor clouds of dark distrust spring up between us and thy word.

Nor let us yet be lifted up, by him, the prince of air,
To scale presumption's dizzy height, and then to perish there:
Nor on the temple's pinnacle, in our self-righteous pride,
Be set, for thee to frown upon, and demons to deride.

And, oh! when pleasure, power, and pomp around our vision swim,
And through their soft, enchanting mist he bids us worship him,
Assist us from the revelling sense, the sorcerer's spell to break,
And tread the arch-apostate down, Redeemer, for thy sake.

—*Rev. Wm. Croswell.*

THE SEDUCER!

The Baltimore Horror!

Rev. L. D. Huston D. D

We append a detailed account of the awful and shocking discovery which has filled the City of Baltimore with indignant horror, and which has now assumed in the public belief so definiee a shape, that there are few left to doubt the terrible story. So wholly unprepared were the members of Dr. Hustons' Church for this paralizing and amazing intelligence that if, when assembled at Trinity for worship, they had been suddenly startled by the discovery of a monster Aneonda in their midst, the effect would not have been more appalling.

We clip the following from the Baltimore *American*:

The apparent effort making by certain parties shield the Rev. L. D. Huston, late pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church South, from the charge of seducing several children connected with the Sabbath-school of St. Paul's church of the same denomination, has induced us to thoroughly investigate the matter. The result of this investigation has satisfied us that a more base and black-hearted villian never disgraced any walk of life than the Rev. L. D. Huston has shown himself to be, and that the poor children who have been the victims of his lust are deserving and should receive the sympathy of the entire community.—Those who would blast the character of these children to shield the libidinous wretch from punishment are assuming a fearful responsibility before God and their fellow-men, and are crushing the hearts of parents and friends who have already sufficient to bear without adding to their burden of misery.

SUFFICIENTLY PROVEN.

When the good people of Baltimore city, with singular unanimity, accept as true the statement which makes the Rev. Dr, Huston an uumittigated scoundrel, they are only applying to his case the rules of evidence which obtained in a court of law. In crimes against chastity the proof rests in the bosom of the injured party, and her sworn testimony is always conclusive (provided she be a person of good reputation), and if there be corroborating circumstances. Her own oath makes out a prime facie case, and the seducer stands convicted, unless he shows by competent evidence that the complainant has sworn falsely. There is not a penitentiary in the whole country that does not contain convicts who have been sent there by the testimony of the woman against whose virtue their brutal violence was directed; and in cases in which the law compels an unwedded mother to disclose the father of her illegitimate offspring, no proof is required beyond that of her own oath.

It is not, therefore, prejudicing the Rev. Dr. Hoston's case to presume his guilt, and to speak of him as though legal judgment had already been passed against him. In another celebrated case, in which a person of good social position was charged with a heinous crime, the community did not hesitate to find a verdict of 'guilty" in advance, and to act as if legal conviction was as certain as the moral proof was conclusive. Society can not afford to wait for that investigation which is to determine whether this accused seducer is amenable to the law or not.—The statement of a poor, ruined heart-broken girl has more weight than any denial which the vile destroyer of her peace can make. It is true that a man who has for thirty years sustained the character of an exemplary minister of the gospel should not be judged rashly, but there is much reason to believe that the reputation which, in this instance, has been forever blasted, has heretofore not been entirely spotless.—There are grave suspicions that the pastor's sacred office has been prostituted many times before to the corrupting of tender lambs of the flock. He has chosen to run away, and although precipitate flight is not always conclusive proof of guilt, it raises a violent presumption that weighs like a millstone against the accused.

THE HEART-RENDING STORY.

It is not surprising that there were some inaccuracies in the first published accounts of this sorrowful seduction. The exceeding delicacy of the subject, as well as the sympathy that was felt for the innocent one on whom these disgraceful revelations fell with crushing weight, prevented any extended inquiry into the rumors which were afloat. Now that the story has become public property it is best that the whole truth should be known.

The girl whose young life has been blighted by the touch of the seducer, as the tender rosebud by the early frost, was a pupil of the Western Female High School, the daughter of a lady well known to many of the people of Baltimore as a lady of culture and refinement. She was a fair scholar, stood well in her classes, and up to the day of the melancholy discovery there never was anything in her conduct that excited the least suspicion on the part of her companions or her teachers. A pretty face and a well-rounded form are precious gifts, but sometimes they expose the possessor to perils from which those less favored are exempt. The "evil eye" had gazed on this budding beauty, but the charm of modesty and at least the emblem of innocence still remained.

There is no truth in the story which has been published to the effect that suspicion was first aroused by the finding of an improper note in her desk. Two weeks since one of the assistant teacher's at the High School told the principal that a rumor had come to her ears seriously affecting the reputation of this unhappy girl. The principal was much perplexed as to what course he should pursue. He was desirous of avoiding the scandal which any investigation would create, and yet he thought that the girl ought not to remain in the school if the rumor was true. On the following day a note was placed in the hands of the principal by a young man to whom it had been addressed. There was nothing particularly improper in the language used in the note, but there seemed to be an undercurrent of innuendo that was suspicious. The name of the young man is not known, except to the party to whom he delivered the ill-starred missive. The principal determined to show the note to the girl's mother, and to ask her to withdraw her daughter from the school quietly, so as to prevent the necessity of any action on his part.—When the daughter was brought before her mother to explain the language of the note she had written, she made the confession which has driven the Rev. Dr. Huston in disgrce from his church and from his adopted city. Up to this time there had been no mention of his name—the inquiry started at the high school had no relation to him—and until the poor girl told her sorrowful story to her mother, there had not been a suggestion that implicated him in the least.

A MYTERIOUS REQUEST.

The day after the mother had been made acquainted with the daughter's dishonor, a note fell into her hands which was not directed to her. It contained a request for the daughter to meet the writer on the corner of Lexington and Carey streets, at a certain hour in the evening. It was dated at No.— German street, and the daughter denied all knoweldge of the party whose name was signed to it. It is quite probable that this note was a blind, and that the name signed to it was fictitious. The reverend seducer may have heard a whisper of impending danger, and invented this ruse in order to obtain an interview.

Overpowered with grief, and perplexed by this mysterious letter, the mother naturally sought advice from her pastor, the Rev. William Munsey, and from the disclosures made to him the investigation sprung which has given publicity to the whole affair, and excited a storm of indignation which the Rev. Dr. Huston did not dare to face.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MOTHER.

We yesterday had a prolonged interview with the mother of that one of the children whose name has been most prominently connected with this terrible affair. We found her overwhelmed with grief, and while relating the story of her child's terrible wrong was at times scarely able to articulate.

It appears that about four years since she attached herself to Dr. Huston's church, and at his request sent her two daughters to the Sabbath-school. Very soon after that the Dr. either conceived or pretended to conceive a great liking for the younger of the two, and urged the mother to allow him, as the child was fatherless, to perform a father's duty toward her and aid in her instruction and moral and religious training. From that time during the four years that have since transpired scarcely a day has elapsed that the child did not spend some time in his company, and on some days he would call at her house four or five times, nominally as he said to kiss her sick sister, but really to fasten his meshes more secure around his fatherless victim. The mother at the same time feeling all the devotion and attachment to her pastor which were so universal in Dr. Huston's congregation, thought her daughter always safe when she was with him, and returned thanks to God that such a shield had been vouchsafed for her protectection. As time moved on, and her child approached womanhood, the attentions of the Doctor became more constant and prolonged, he frequently calling for her to walk with him, or to go to certain places, always with the cant of hypocrisy on his lips and lust burning in his heart. She appeared to care for the company of no one else, and showed an attachment and affection for him such as is sometime developed by a child for a father.

THE CHARACTER OF THE VICTIM.

As there appears to be a disposition on the part of our citizens to class the unfortunate young lady who has been mentioned in connection with this affair among the vicious and untruthful we feel in duty bound to say a word in her behalf. There are few ladies in the city who have been reared with more watchful and loving care and anxiety than she has. Her parents were at one time in good circumstances, and we know them intimately, her father prosecuting a successful bussiness on Baltimore street. Reverses came, and the father became as dead to the family, leaving with the desolate mother two daughters, at that time respectively ten and twelve years of age. The mother, with no resources but her own industry, has devoted herself to the moral and religious training and education of these children Nothing has been spared to render them capable of maintaining themselves, her object being to fit them for school-teachers. The eldest son, a few years since, became afflicted, and is now a cripple. The whole hopes of the mother thus became centered upon the younger daughter, and she was strong in the hope that she would soon be able to secure her an appointment as a teacher in one of the public schools. At the present time her age is just sixteen years, and a more timid, modest, kindly young creature could scarcely be found than she was. She bore the same characteristics, to all outward appearance, up to the time of the recent disclosures, and is now bowed down and almost broken hearted.

THE TERRIBLE REALITY.

Still the mother rested in happy security, and it was not until a few weeks since that the terrible reality came to her knowledge, which in detail exhibits such systematic villainy that it seems almost incredible. It was his constant habit to kiss all the young girls, and during the first two years he contented himself with kissing and hugging this one of his victims, but two years ago he took her out with him, nominally for the purpose of a walk, but really to an assignation-house on Caroline street, kept by a colored woman whom he had brought here from Virginia, where he accomplished her ruin. Subsequently he often took her to this house, and taught her, in her childish innocence, that there was nothing wrong in it, at the same time frequently making her swear, with her hand upon the Bible, that she would not divulge the matter to her mother or any living soul. On some occasions he took her to a house on Penn street, and at others to a house on Josephine street, and the members of his church will remember that during the camp-meeting last fall he returned to the city for one day, as he said, to baptize a sick infant, but in reality to satisfy his wicked lust. Early in the morning of the day he spent in the city he called at the house of his victim, and asked her mother to allow her daughter to spend the day with him at his house, as it would be a holiday for her; having left his family at camp, it would be so lonesome for him, and he would assist her in her studies after he had finished the sermon he had come home to prepare. The deluded mother consented, and now the daughter confesses that it was nothing more nor less than an assignation for the most unholy of purposes, under his own roof. He returned next day to the camp-ground, and took part in the exercises of preaching and exhorting up to the close of meeting.

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AN APPEAL FOR SYMPATHY.

In asking in behalf of this afflicted family the sympathy of our citizens, and for the unfortunate child the heart-felt sorrow of fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers, we would beg to remind them that she is now scarcely sixteen years of age. Let them look around among their own children of this tender age, or among the children of their friends or acquantances, and imagine what would have been their fate if thus entangled in sin by the pastor of their churches from the age of twelve years. And let us ask if any parents would not have gladly encouraged such an attachment as had here sprung up between their child and a beloved pastor, who had won the hearts of the old and young of his congregation? She has been dreadfully sinned against by a monster who had deceived the fathers and mothers of Israel, and the man or woman who attempts to shield the monster in blackening the character of his victim or circulating false and malicious accusations against this mere child, will deserve the maledictions of every parent in the land. That the church has held in its bosom a monster, is nothing to the detriment of the church. All were deceived as to his character, and this poor, sorrowing child, seeing that he was regarded as a saint, naturally thought herself honored by his lecherous love, and bound to obey him in all things.

THE OTHER VICTIMS.

We have intentionally alluded to but one victim, and the sorrowing mother and child beg us to mention none others, as they would shield his other victims from the sorrow which has almost crushed their hearts. Suffice it to say there were other children whom he held in the same wicked snare, who visited the houses named with him, and who were bound by like oaths not to divulge the secret. They fortunately have not been brought to the public gaze, but outraged parents would have taken the life of the villian if he had not precipitately left the city.

SENTIMENT OF HIS CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Munsey in his sermon yesterday at Central church, whilst not alluding directly to this terrible affair, left no room in the minds of his hearers that his whole discourse was based upon it. It was the children of St. Paul's church that had been corrupted by this villian, and it was he who, after listening in his protestations of innocence, with his hand upon the Bible, charged home to him his guilt and ordered Dr. Huston to yield up his license and fly from the wrath which his conduct had awakened. Those who listened to him were under no uncertainty as to his conviction of the guilt of the accused. His language was emphatic and strong against those who play the hypocrite, and use the livery of Christ to serve the devil, and minister to their own passions. Many of his hearers, who knew and loved the blooming innocents who had been crushed and corrupted, wept and refused to be comforted. Truly may it be said that this man, who had been almost worshipped by his people, has left behind no friend to defend him. Nearly every one who had known him now has some incident to relate which caused doubts in their minds as to his sincerity and piety, and many statements are made as to his unchaste actions toward young girls, who instinctively shunned him on that account.

A lady yesterday asserted that the Kentucky Conference, which sent him here with a clean record, is morally responsible for the outrages which he has committed here, as he had been compelled to leave that Conference on similar charges, and to escape the threatened vengeance of those whose children he had corrupted.

PAST HISTORY.

There seems to be but little known of Rev. Dr. Huston previous to his coming to Baltimore. He was once an itinerent Methodist preacher in Virginia, and afterward the editor of a religious journal in Nashville, Tennessee. The paper which he conducted was called the Home Circle, and was intended to teach religion and virtue and purity at the fireside The title Home Circle was singularly inconsistent with the character and practices of the editor, if he was at that time the corrupter of innocence, the lecherous manipulator with the sanctities of childhood, the unchaste seducer of young girls, that he is now proven to be.

From Tennessee he went to Kentucky, and it is said that he left that State under a cloud, although he came to Baltimore with regular credentials from the Kentucky Conference. He was a man of fair ability, pleasant address and agreeable presence. Men of the world would have taken him for a second Mr. Chadband, on account of a certain affectation of sanctity and suavity that he had but to the pure minded, unsuspecting people to whom he stood in the relation of pastor, he seemed a veritable saint. His pulpit oratory was somewhat peculiar, and whatever power it had rested in the softness of voice. He had a sort of elocutionary trick of going through a sentence in an ordinary tone until he reached the last clause, and then his voice would drop almost to a whisper, as if emotion was choking utterance. There were some persons who thought that which he exhibited was put on for the occasion, but the kind-hearted women who had faith in him wept whenever his voice became tremolous with affected tenderness.

LOVE FOR CHILDREN.

Most persons have some respect for a man who loves children, and it is probable that the fondness which Dr. Huston showed for little girls, often raised him in the esteem of their parents. Little did they dream that it was a lecherous mania, that was taking on the semblance of fatherly care; little did they suspect that the kisses which he imprarted on ruby lips were hot with unhallowed lust.

It has been reported that he was in the habit of visiting the Western Female High School. He was there but three times, so far as can now be remembered. Once he came to ask some teachers and pupils to assist in an entertainment that was about to be given for the benefit of his church, and twice he sought admission on the pretense of seeing some of the girls who had been his Sunday School scholars. On one of these occasions he kissed one of the girls in a way that excited the indignation of the teacher who witnessed the act and he was narrowly watched during the rest of his stay, although at that time there had been not a word breathed against his good name.

THE GIRL "LUCY."

When Dr. Huston came to Baltimore, he brought with him a colored girl named "Lucy," who had been his slave. This girl, after living in his family some time, began housekeeping for herself, and it seems Dr. Huston often engaged her assistance and made use of her house in conducting his amours. It is not known that she kept an assignation house. Her doors, however, were always open to her old master, and, unless falsehood has usurped the place of truth, her bed was the scene of his loves. This girl is a most important witness, and, if disposed to tell the truth. Dr. Huston's case might become more revolting than it is.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

There is now in the city a young white girl who some six or eight months since lived in Dr. Huston's family. She afterwards lived with Mr. Carville H. Carson, and accompanied his family when they removed to Savannah, Georgia. In a short time she came back and declared that she had been seduced by Dr. Huston, and that she was then pregnant. Dr. Huston was tried on this charge before a committee of preachers appointed by the Presiding Elder of his district. The girl's statement was contradicted in some of its minor details by the witnesses summoned by the accused, and the committee did not think the case fully made out. They therefore declined to demand his suspension by the Presiding Elder. This trial occurred last November. When, therefore, these later developments were made, those best acquainted with Dr. Huston were more or less prepared for them, and were not taken with that suddenness of suprise experienced by those who only knew him as an eloquent preacher.

A History of the Life of the Absent Baltimore Clergyman.

A gentlemen who has been acquainted with Dr. H., thirty years writes the *Courier-Journal* of him as follows:

Before his conversion, he was regarded as one of the most talented of Cincinnati's "fast boys." In 1839, after having studied sometime at Woodward College, he became an itinerant Methodist preacer in connection with the Ohio Conference, and was stationed by that body on Summerville circuit in West Virginia. In 1840 the same Conference sent him to Point Pleasant circuit in the same State. In 1841 to Madison circuit in the State of Ohio. In 1842 he removed to Lexington, Kentucky; and in 1843 was stationed by the Kentucky Conference in Harrodsburg. That Conference subsequently appointed him to the following: Richmond, Winchester, Parkersburg, West Virginia, Shelbyville, Lexington, Covington and Cincinnati. In 1854 the General Conference of his church elected him editor of The Home Circle. This made his removal to Nashville necessary, but his membership was continued in the Kentucky Conference. In 1858 he was reelected to the editorship, and was living in Nashville when General Buell's army drove the Confederates out of that city. He remained South of the Federal army lines until 1865. Then returning to Kentucky, he was stationed in Newport until 1867, when he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference, and has been stationed in that city ever since.

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Our Prize Cake,

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