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BUIE'S CREEK ACADEMY AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST OF MARCH 30TH, 1898.

Who Struck Billie Patterson? New York Sun.

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At last I have been to Buie's Creek, in Harnett county. For a long time I had wanted to go. I had heard of the work being done there by Bro. Campbell and his associates. Everybody who has kept at all in touch with the movement of educational matters in North Carolina, within recent years, has heard of this truly wonderful school. Wonderful on many accounts. For a school to accomplish what this one has with the seeming disadvantages under which it has had to labor is little short of miraculous. It shows clearly that the "man at the helm" is one of those men so much needed to-day—a man who instead of "waiting for something to turn up," turns up something.

ton, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Morganton, Plymouth and a number of other towns having representatives, from homes of various degrees of wealth and influence and all shades of religious belief. When I saw this host of young men and young ladies, I asked myself the question, "Why are they here?" And I determined to find out, and I believe that I have. Every school that becomes a fixture has certain characteristics which tend to reproduce themselves year by year as one generation after another takes its place in the school. In casting about for some reasons why so many young men choose this school, with its seeming disadvantages as to location, and why so many parents should select it as the school for their children, I sought to find out what these characteristics were.

a thorough gentleman, quiet, unassuming, he knows what to teach and how to teach it. This next room is the old original school room in which the school first started. Prof. Devenny holds forth in this room. You would never know Prof. Devenny's worth unless you knew him well. He has a thorough education, having taken the degree of A. M. at Wake Forest in 1895. Added to his mental equipment he brings to Buie's Creek practical experience in the school room.

The identity of the person "who struck Billie Patterson" is a matter of supreme indifference to me, but I would in all seriousness like to know the origin of that much mooted question. J. R. T. There is a number of suggested answers to this famous question. Here are some of them: William Patterson, a merchant of Baltimore, had property in Georgia; visiting it once, he became involved in a street row. In the midst of the affray some one struck him on the head, knocking his hat over his eyes. Patterson could not find his assailant afterward, and though he went about asking "Who struck Billie Patterson?" his large size prevented any one confessing to the act. In his will Patterson left a legacy to any one who would name the man. A copy of the will is said to be on file in the Ordinary's office at Carnesville, Franklin county, Ga. Within a few years a Mrs. Conely, of Athol, N. Y., has said that her father, George Tilleron, struck the blow and damaged his thumb in so doing. He was afraid to confess it, because of Patterson's size. No date goes with this story. But it is said that seventy years ago there was a song in England in which Billie Patterson appeared, and that really he lived in the last century. Another story is that the man in question was Alban Smith Payne, M. D., formerly of the Southern Medical College, Atlanta, Ga. He claimed the honor in these words: "It was in 1852; I struck Billie Patterson because I saw old Usher Parsons, the surgeon to Commodore Perry at Lake Erie, lying on his back in the road unable to rise, his white hair streaming in the air, ruthlessly knocked there by a brutal bully, and I said: 'By the eternal, I will hit you, my man, and I will hit you hard!' and I did." Another story makes Billy the boss (probably foreman) of an old-time New York fire company, struck in an election row. When an indignant friend asked the now famous question, a huge man announced that he had struck the blow, and the friend exclaimed, "O you struck him! Well good for you! Let's have a drink." There are several variations to this story. Still another version: Billy Patterson was a medical student who died of fright during his initiation into a society—about fifty years ago—and the initiators were tried for his death. On the trial it was proved that no one had struck him; but the students retained the expression. You can take your choice; the question is still unanswered.

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The name "Schley" is not in very great favor in Spain. A cablegram from London recently said: "An American lady, said to be Commodore Schley's daughter, has arrived here, but neither the Queen Regent or any responsible personage will receive her. She will probably be requested to depart at the earliest possible date."

The parent knows, when sending a child to Buie's Creek, that the body will not be liable to injury. The school is in the country, a beautiful, rolling, hilly country, with green fields, pine trees, flowing streams. The drainage is perfect, the water is pure. The athletic ground on the south side of the school buildings is the arena for all manly athletic sports. This is the headquarters of the Military Company and the Athletic Association. The brutal Rugby game of football has not yet made its appearance, and may the day be far away in the twentieth century when it shall come as a menace to "life and limb." With an abundance of exercise, fresh air, pure water and wholesome food, one could hardly be sick if he wanted to be. It is hard on physicians. I saw one once during my stay, but he was twelve miles away and so far as I could find out he did not know the road to Buie's Creek.

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Some enterprising chaps of Baltimore's juvenile population whiled away a part of their Saturday leisure last week in breaking down the fence of the dog pound of that city and turned loose three hundred and fifty dogs. The only motive which could be guessed at by the action of the boys was that they might have an opportunity to "chuck" the fleeing dogs to hear them "holler."

I reached Dunn, a town on the main line of the A. C. L. Railroad, in the afternoon about four. I took supper at Buie's Creek, twelve miles west of

but if a physician should ever be needed it is easy to secure one, there being a telephone in the library and one in the residence of Bro. Campbell connecting with Dunn on one side and Lillington, five miles distant, on the other. And of course the mental side of the students is looked after. A tree is known by its fruit, and no better indication of the good work being done by Bro. Campbell and his associates can be had than to compare his students "before and after taking" a course of instruction at Buie's Creek.

The school is not sectarian. Various denominations are represented both in the faculty and among the students, but it is distinctly Christian. The Christian influence pervading the entire bearing of the students, the spirit of work, are powerful factors in making discipline almost a thing unknown in the institution. Many parents cannot educate their children because it costs so much. It is positively cheaper to go to school at Buie's Creek than it is to stay at home—at least at a great many homes that I know. Just think of it. A young man can go to Buie's Creek Academy, take a course for ten months, taking the languages and higher mathematics, and the cost of tuition, board, lodging, fire school, and washing, need not be over \$70. Wonderful isn't it? If you want to know how it's done drop a note to Rev. J. A. Campbell, Po's, N. C.

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There is a pillar of stone, called the monolith, in the village of Meriden, about five miles from the city of Coventry, England, which is said to mark the centre of that country. We have no data at hand stating when the pillar was set up, but it is a matter of record that such pillar stands in the village named; and however doubting critics may question the accuracy of its position as the centre of England, it goes without saying that those who took the pains and labor to set up such a column must have been thoroughly convinced of the correctness of the spot. Can't some student of geography locate the exact centre of the United States? Perhaps some one has already done so, but we have not known it. He who will do it will have his name handed down as a pioneer and an enterpriser that will interest millions.

Dunn. A long way off the Railroad, you say; too inaccessible. If you could only see that crowd of young men, who have found the way there from Brunswick county, on the south to Rockingham, on the north and from Washington on the east to Burke on the west, together with a host of others from sixteen other counties in North Carolina you would be convinced that they could at least find Buie's Creek if they tried. But it is not so far out of the way. If you will only drop Bro. Campbell a note stating what day you will reach Dunn, you may leave Wilmington, Florence, S. C., Morehead City, Plymouth, Charlotte, Asheville, Norfolk, Va., or Washington, D. C., in the morning and easily take supper at Buie's Creek, and have some hours of spare time on your hands before supper. I spent a month with Bro. Campbell. I became a school boy again after ten years of absence from school life in an academy. I mingled with the teachers and the students. I studied carefully the spirit of the institution and its workings. I studied with the boys in the school room fifteen days, and I studied the boys—not to mention the girls. And a splendid lot of young men they are, too. They have come from homes scattered far and wide, 254 having been enrolled this year. They come from homes in Bladen, Brunswick, Burke, Chatham, Cumberland, Harnett, Johnston, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Roberson, Rockingham, Sampson, Wake, Washington, Wayne and Darlington, S. C. More than a hundred have come from these counties, and are boarding at Buie's Creek. In every county mentioned are good schools, and yet these boys are at Buie's Creek, far from a railroad, no town closer than five miles. They are there from city, town and country—Wilmington, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Morganton, Plymouth and a number of other towns having representatives, from homes of various degrees of wealth and influence and all shades of religious belief. When I saw this host of young men and young ladies, I asked myself the question, "Why are they here?" And I determined to find out, and I believe that I have. Every school that becomes a fixture has certain characteristics which tend to reproduce themselves year by year as one generation after another takes its place in the school. In casting about for some reasons why so many young men choose this school, with its seeming disadvantages as to location, and why so many parents should select it as the school for their children, I sought to find out what these characteristics were.

The buildings render it possible to do good, thorough work. They have plenty of room for all of the work that is being done. Step inside the main school-room. It is handsomely finished in native pine, oiled; a rostrum extends across the front; black-boards, maps, charts, new patent desks and other appliances are seen at a glance. We will go in the room on the south of the main school-room. This is the primary room. The lady who has charge in this department has been connected with the school since its beginning. It used to be Rev. J. A. Campbell, Principal; Miss Cornelia Pearson, Assistant. Miss Pearson is still Assistant, and a very valuable one, but now it is written "Mrs. J. A. Campbell" which tells its own story. Let us enter the room on the north side. This is the library; you see about a thousand volumes already. Additions are constantly being made. The government has made it the depository for government publications for the Third Congressional District. Pass on and we enter the sanctum of Prof. Woodall. Educated at Trinity College,

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THE COMMONWEALTH has more than once advocated the keeping of blood bounds in each county as a means of quickly and surely apprehending rogues, murderers, barn-burners, and the like; but we had never thought of the detective system as a State institution. Perhaps we misunderstand it all. We should like to have some explanation stating who commissioned the detectives, what are their duties, what their pay and who pays them.

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