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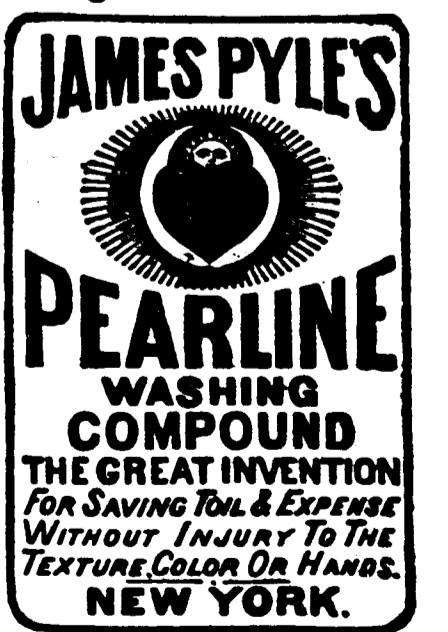
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Church News-

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The trustees of the 10th street Baptist church, of Washington, D. C., object to having a violin played in the church.

The Rev. Geo. F. Bragg, Jr., who has for five years been rector of Grace Episcopal church, of Norfolk, Va., making great success there and building a handsome church and rectory, has been called to a larger field of usefulness at St. James' church, Baltimore, Md.

Ament the questions, should ministers smoke, Sir Morrell McKenzie says in the London Times, there is no objection to their smoking if they smoke good tobacco, and makes this point in favor of the smoking parsons:

The editor of the Ram's Horn says: "Being afraid of brimstone may make some people behave themselves, but it does not make them love one another."

Bishop Wayman told the Ecumenical council that the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion and C. M. E. bishops had decided to unite in one organic union, subject to the decision of conferences.

Afro-American churchmen of the Methodist church are asking for a definite answer to the question, "Will Negroes be admitted to the great American university to be established by the Methodist church, at Washington."

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A best turtle reported to be over 100 years old in every now and then seen sunning himself in Newington, Conn.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON VI—NOV. 8—THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Golden Text: "He Will Guide You Into All Truth."—John XVI. 1-15.

Home Readings. M. Departure of Jesus..... John xvi. 1-6. T. Coming of Comforter..... John xvi. 7-15. W. Promise of the Spirit..... Joel ii. 28-32.

Introductory.—Jesus proceeds to warn his disciples that they may look for the malignant opposition of fanatical religionists, calls their attention once more to the fact of his own departure, and assures them that when he is gone the Holy Spirit will come to take his place.

1. "The things which I have said to you, that ye should not be offended." Against such an evil possibility Christ's instructions were all directed.

2. "Put you out of the synagogues." Excommunicate you. "Yea, there is something worse still. 'The time cometh.' It came very speedily. 'Whoever killeth you will think,' etc. 'The slaughter of Christians as guilty of blasphemy would necessarily be regarded by zealots as an act of devotion pleasing to God, and not merely as a good work.'"

3. "Because they have not known the Father." "The evil act followed on the blinded thought." "Nor me." Ignorance of God involves ignorance of Christ, and reversely.

4. "These things have I told you, that ye may remember." It would be a great source of strength to the disciples when these things should come to pass to reflect that Jesus had foretold their coming.

5. "But now I go my way." And the wrath of my enemies will be diverted upon you my disciples. "None of you asketh me, 'Whither goest thou?'"

6. "Sorrow hath filled your heart." "The sorrow" was reasonable; but this word "filled" implies that it was excessive and reprovable.—Whedon.

"It tell you the truth." I state the real fact. "It is expedient." Profitable, advantageous. "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come." The bodily presence of Jesus made it impossible that they should receive the Spirit.

"He will improve." "Reprove" is too weak. The Greek word means more nearly "to convince." "Of sin, . . . righteousness. . . judgement." Concerning or in respect to these three things.

"Of sin, because they believe not on me." He will make them aware of the fact that the want of belief in Christ, when he is fairly presented, is the root of all sin.

"Of righteousness, because," etc. The "righteousness" here referred to is that of Christ. The Holy Spirit, on the basis of the historical fact that Jesus has gone to the Father, shall convince the world, or demonstrate to the world, that Jesus is not a sinner and a blasphemer, as his enemies charged, but truly righteous.

"Of judgment, because," etc. The Holy Spirit not only will convince the world of its own sin and of Christ's righteousness, but of the fact that the sin, which consists essentially in rejecting this righteousness, is sure to be exposed to penal judgement. The guarantee of this, is that "the prince of this world," the devil, who tempts men to sin, has already been judged, or condemned, by the world-redeeming work of Jesus.

"I have yet many things to say." In elaboration and expansion of the principles which I have laid down. "Ye cannot bear them." Ye have not sufficient spiritual maturity to receive them.

"Howbeit . . . the Spirit . . . will guide you." By illustrating and upholding what I have already taught you.

"He shall glorify me." By his gradual revelation of my full majesty.

"All things that the Father hath are mine." This verse teaches by clearest inference the doctrine of the Trinity.

Introductory.—What is the Golden Text? Give the substance of the introductory note.

I. Why did Jesus speak "these things" of his last discourse to his disciples? Verse 1.

Why, did he say, would men persecute his disciples? Verse 3.

Was it likely that the disciples, being forewarned, would be better able to face the approaching dangers?

Why did not Jesus speak of these things at the beginning of his ministry? Verse 4.

Did any of his disciples ask him about his own destiny? Verse 5.

What effect did his announcement have upon them? Verse 6.

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could never tell which but at any rate
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MARION'S YELLOW DOG.

"He's such an onery-looking cur,"
said Marion's father.
"He's a plumb disgrace to hev

"Well, he's considerbul on the same
shade now," said father finally, as he
sauntered off, followed by Tim, grum-

Marion, left alone in the mountain
cabin, felt lonely and companionless
enough, so it was with a feeling of re-

Marion's mother, dying when she
was a tiny child, had left her in the
care of her father and Tim, who, if

Marion stood watching them out of
sight, and then lingered a moment as
a rosy flush crept over the snowy

"Oh, ain't it beautiful, though?"
said Marion, her hand still on the yellow
head of the stray dog; and he,

"Good-by," she said finally, before
she went inside. "You're so lovely,
I'd like to watch you longer, only my

As time went on Marion found Walf
a great comfort, because Tim and
father were getting discouraged, and

One day Marion and the devoted
Walf started over to where Tim and
father were working. The mountain

They had left their usual path and
were walking along on the side of
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It was only half an hour before the
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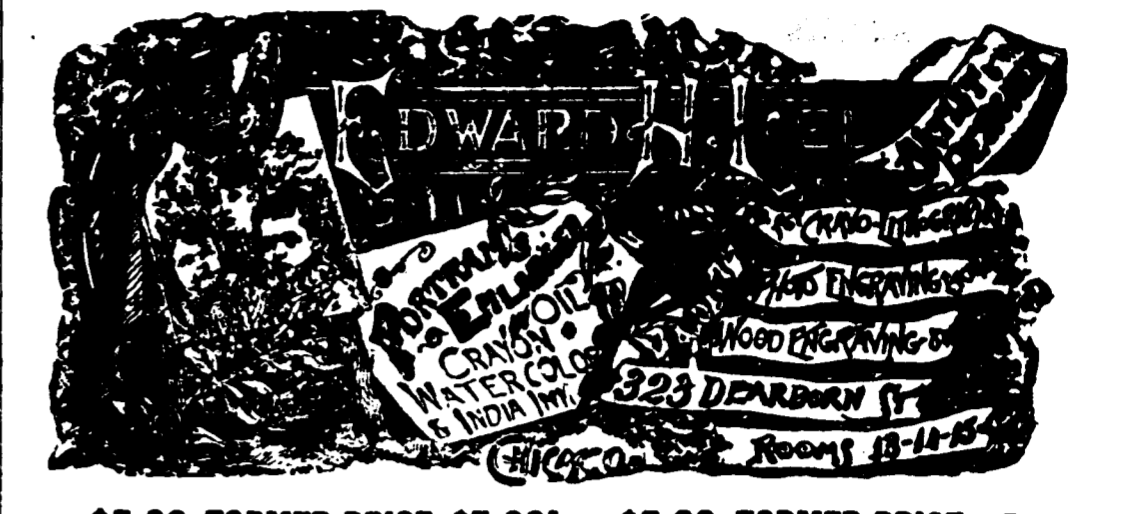
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