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[For the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.] THE BIBLE AND SHAKESPEARE: A TER-CENTENARY SONNET.

[BY CHAS. J. LUKENS.]

The books of books, when first in English given. Was, e'en by churches, held so scarce and dear, That, when the people thronged from far and near.

'Twas chained, to keep it at the desk unriven.

Then-all were eager for the scroll of Heaven; But bardly hoped to own its words of cheer: Now-all possess it, though the most lend ear To commentaries; and have scantly thriven.

So, Shakespeare, whom the nations love and praise;

But greatness, goodness ever have their crosses: The few have always scrutinized his lays; The many, judging from his acted plays, And dwelling on the multifarious glosses, -Ne'er feel the poet's might—the skimmer's losses. PHILADELPHIA, April 23d, 1864.

THE FORT PILLOW MASSACRE. GRAPHIC STATEMENT BY AN EYE-WITNESS. EORRIBLE ATROCITIES OF THE REBELS.

FORRIBLE ATROCHTIES OF THE REBELS. [From the St. Louis Democrat of April 22d.] Edward B. Benton, a citzen, resident of Fort Pillow, who was present at the inhuman massa-cre by the rebel troops under Forrest at Fort Pil-low, was examined at Department Headquarters on Tuesday, by Major Bond, A. D. C. The testi-mony was taken by William Thorpe, Esq., pho-nographic reporter, of this city, and is as follows: I was born in Waltham, Vermont. Question. Where have you resided last? Answer-I was in Missouri, engaged in furnish-Ing beef to the Government troops on the North Missouri road until a year ago last July. I then went down to Fort Pillow, and have been there ever since.

What was your business there?

Q. What was your business there? A I owned 215 acres of the fort, bordering on the river, and the very land we fought on. I was putting in a hundred acres of cotton just outside of the fortifications, which was my principal the fortifications.

Q. You lived outside the fort? A. Yes, sir; I slept there. I was in the fort every day. It was only about a mile from the landing-not a mile from the fortifications.

ABRIVAL OF FORREST. Q. Just say when you saw Forrest's men-about the day and the time of day, and what you did?

A. On Tuesday morning, the 12th of this month, did? A. On Tuesday morning, the 12th of this month, I was awakened by about five o'clock, or half-past five o'clock, by a little darkey boy, who came into my room and says. "Oh, Mr. Benton, all of Forrest's men have come, and they are just going into the fort to take it—what will I do?" I got out of bed and looked out of the window towards the fort and saw about three or four hundred of For-rest's men drawn up in line and some one was making a speech to them, which was answered by cheering. They cheered and then the pickets fired. I put some things in my valise and started for the fort in my roundabout way, and got in by running the pickets, about six o'clock, and went immed-ately to Major Booth and asked for a gun, and took the pickets, about six o'clock, and went immedi-ately to Major Booth and asked for a gun, and took my stand with the soldiers inside the breast works, where I remained and shet at every person of For-rests men that I could get a chance—firing forty-eight shots in all—until the flag of truce was sent in

SHAMEFUL CONDUCT UNDER A FLAG OF TEUCE. Q. What was the time of day it came in ! A. It came in about two o' clock; I should think about half-past one or two o'clock in the after-

Q. Had they made any attack then ?

Oh yes, sir. Had they tried to carry the fort by storm

and been repulsed? A. Oh yes sir. At one time the Confederate troops A. Un yes su. A. Chad all disappeared.

had all disappeared. Q. Were four hundred all there were? A. Those were all I saw there, this was when they first made their appearance when I first saw this four hundred. After getting into the Fort we saw more than a thousand coming in at the differ-ent passes, and the sharpshooters were stationed on every hill on every side of us, except the river side.

Q. Do you recollect how many attacks they made to carry the Fort before the flag of truce A. We fled twice. It is not proper to be called

A. Yes, sir. After the count of the formation of the form A. Yes, sir. Q. How many do you suppose escaped ? A. Well, I know there were more than a hum-dred. As they marched out there, surrounded by the other troops, I would not think there were A. Yes, sir. After the flag of fruce was sent, and the firing ceased, they came up on all sides to fitty of them. nity of them.
NEGROZA DURIED ALIVE.
There are five darkies in Cairo hospitals who we'e buried alive. Two of them have died since they got there.
Q. Did you see any of those men buried alive?
A. No, I didn't, but they are facts that can be easily proved by the darkies themselves and those who saw it done, and saw the Quartermaster burned too. within ten yards of the very embankments that screened us. Q. While the flag of truce was waiting ? A. Yes, sir, more especially the northern just uncer the bank looking toward Cosl cre rn side Q. How long was that flag inside our lines ! A. One hour was the time-I suppose it was all of an hour. Q. Do you know the nature of ii? A. It was for an unconditional surrender. Q. It was refused by Major Booth? A. By Maior Braddrod-yes, sir-Major Booth had been killed. He asked time to consult with the gunboats, and finally returned, answered that there were none of Hawkins's men there, and he never would surrender. Q. Did't Major Bradford make any protest sgainst the troops coming up under the flag in that way? A. I don't know, sir. of an hour. AMUSEMENTS. RISLEY'S CONTINENTAL NEWS EX. CHANGE. Choice Seats to all places of amusement may be had up to 6% o'clock any evening. mh17-19\$ JUDAS MACCABÆUS, I don't know, sir. When the flag went back, did they commence THIRD AND LAST CONCERT OF THE Q. When the flag went back, did they commence firing again?
A. Yes, sir
Q. Kept it up for how long?
A. They commenced firing again, but the firing didn't last fifteen m nutes; up to this time there had not been twenty killed on our side.
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Q. What was the strength of the garrison?
A. Five hundred and eighty. I think, just.
Q. How many of these were negroes?
A. About three hundred and eighty—neatly four hundred; I don't know exactly to a man.
Q. How many clitzens besides yourself?
A. Mow W. Cutler, df Ohicago and a young man by the name of Robinson; he was a soldier, but in citizen's clothes, and got off on that plea.
HOW THE FORT WAS CAFTURED.
Q. The second flag that came in—about how long after the first?
Q. The second flag that came in—about how long after the first?
Q. Was there any firing while the first was in ?
A. No, sir; not a single shot was fired on either side. After the flag of truce had been rejected. or the surrender rejected, they were so close to the fort that about three hundred just sprang right in, and the whole garrison there wdown their arms at once. The bigger portion of the darkies jumped down the bank towards the Mississippi river, without any arms at all, and were followed by Forrest's men, and shot indiscriminately, black and white, with handkerchiefs held over them in a great number of instances—as many as fifty, I should think.
A. Du diverse seant of the strenges and so the main a fifty. I without here we have the provide them in a great number of instances—as many as fifty, I should think. firing again SEASON, BY THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY. ASSISTED BY THE ENTIRE GERMANIA ORCHESTRA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 27th, 1:64, AT THE MUSICAL FUND HALL; COMMENCING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. Tickets, FIFTY CENTS: to be had at J. E. Gould's, S. E. corner Seventh and Chestnut sts. and at the door. 8020-715 ap20-7t§ A^{MERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.} PATRIOTIC READINGS. ĽΥ JAMES E. MURDOCH, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN AND THE VOL-UNTEER REFRESHMENT SALOONS, should think. Q. Did WINDERING THE PRISONERS. Ine and shot down? A. Yes, sir. Q. How many? A. They were collected, at least I should think, flyeor six different times. O. How long a line? THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 28, 1864, AT THREE O'CLOCK. Tickets, 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 50 cents. To be obtained at Ashmead & Evans's, 724 Chestnut street, and at the Academy of Music. ap23-5te A Well, it was more in a collection than it was A. Well, it was more in a collection than it was properly in a straight line. There was a line pro-bably as long as this room—about thirty or thirty-drug fact STEET, and at the Academy of Music. ap23-5te CARL WOLFSOHN Begs leave to inform the subscribers to his CLASSICAL CONCERTS, that, in consequence of the ACADEMY OF MUSIC being engaged far into the month of May for pur-poses connected with the GREAT SANITARY FAIR, he is constrained to give his FIFTH CONCERT OF THE SERIES AS A MATINEE, which will take place on SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1864, at 12½ P. M., at the FOYER of the ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Single Tickets, S1. Can be had at the door on the day, and previously at the Music Stores. Doors open at 12 o' clock. To commence at 12½ o' clock. MRS. JOHN DBEW'S NEW ARUH STUKET nve feet. Q. These lines were scattered by rebel shots seve-ral times? five feet. E Q. These lines were scattered by rebel shots sove-ral times? A. Yes, sir. Q. These men were unarmed? A. Unarmed. No arms of any description, and held up both hands, begging for quarter. Q. Were you put in the line? A. No, sir, I was not. It was attempted to put me in line, but I clung to a man who tried to shoot me, and I caughthis gun and prevented him, and he took my money from me-some seventy dollars-and ordered me into line, raising his gun to strike me; and as I came to the line, the Captain made a feint to strike me with his sword, and told me to give him my pocket book, which I did, but, as he turned to put in others, I sprung away and clung close to this man that had first taken my money. I said to him that he had taken all the money, and the must keep me from being shot like a dog, as I was a citizen, and had nething to do with the fight. He abused me in every way by bad lan. gaage, saying that we had fought them like devils, and tried to kill all of Forrest's men, until we came to the bock stores, where he Ever me a soldier's coat, and told me to wait a moment until he could step in and steal his share. As soon as I was left I took some clothing, a sad-die, a blanket and a halter that were there, and sharted out of the fort as one of Forrest's men. On blacks-shot down singly, in cold blood. I sno-ceeded in getting over the fortifoctions and hid minet all all the meas had had the way I saw three persons shot-mulatices and the way I saw three persons shot mulatices and the way I saw three here are left as sold. I sno-ceeded in getting over the fortifoctions and hid inver the totown singly, in cold blood. 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through the ravine till I came to the Ooal Creek bottom, some mile and a half, and swam across, I figally succeeded in getting to the Island. I had to swim across the river and a bayou. That is all CONCERT HALL-CHESTNUT street, above TWELFTH. SIGNOE BEIGNOLI'S GRAND CONCERT, THIS (Monday) EVENING, April 25th. BURNING THEIR PRISONERS. BURNING THEIR PRISONERS: Oh, I was their at the fort two days after the battle, and saw the remains of burnt persons; helped to bury one of the dead that I saw shot in cold blood, lying right where he was left, and saw many of them, white and black, all buried together, and a number three days afterwards not buried.

buried. Q. How many did you see shot in this way? A. I should think probably about two hundred. Q. It was an indiscriminate butchery, was it? A. Yes, sir. There were about fitteen or twenty. Ell lay clese in a pile, hudding close together, shot after they were wounded.

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WOUNDED SOLDIERS SHOT BEGGING FOR QUARTER. Q. Some white soldiers shot after they were

Q. Some white soldiers shot after they were wounded?
A. Yes, sir, with the hospital flag flying and they holding white handkerchlefs over their heads. I saw at least ten soldiers shot individually, with white handkerchlefs over their heads. They tore off pieces of their shirts -anything they could get.
Q. You say these men were shot in hospital, with flag flying?
A. Yes, sir, lying right down under it—not up walking at all. Every man lying near me was killed—lying elose to me and on me. Two lay under, because they kept pilling right up on top close under the bank. It was just down under the brow of the bill. A great many lying in the water were shot. Trees that were lying one end in the water and the other on the shore they would just go over on the other side of these and hide, and the rebels would go over and shoot them.

on the other side of these and hide, and the rabels would go over and shoot them. Q. Your citizen's clothes saved you! A. Yes, sir. I told them that I had nothing to do with them. They robbed every citizen, and took off all their clothing. Q. How much did they take from you? A. Seventy dollars. Q. You say you were robbed twice? A. Yes; once by the captain of the company and once by the private. I carry my money in my vest pocket with notes in it.

my pocket with notes in it. Q. That was what you gave to the captain,

A. Yes, sir: Q. And seventy dollars in money to the soldier? A. Yes, sir: and the other asked for the posket-book.

A SYMPATHIZER THEED BY DOGS. F.Q. You say they had blood-hounds; did you see

A SYMPATHIER THEBD BY DOGS. F.Q. You say they had blood hounds; did yon see any of them? A. Yee, sir; and not only I, but others, saw them. One other-Mir. Jones-was treed by them, and stayed there a long time. Q. What Jones was that? A. I don't know his given name. He lives on Island 31. I can find out his name. He is not any too good a Union man, but he is rather Southern in his feelings. Q. State about Bradford's death-when he was shot, and what was done? Was he wounded be-for the surrender? A. No, sir, but it was reported by very reliable persons that Bradford was shot and hung near Covington, in Hacher iver bottom. Q. Who told you this? A. This same Jones, and there were some darkies came on to the gunboat and said that. Darkey evi-dence is very correct there. You might not think it worth while to take the evidence, but it is a great deal more to be relied upon than the Southern evidence there. I may state I was inquired after by a large number of efficers, and it was said they would hang me on a flag pole there. Q. What for ? A. From the fact that I employed Government darkies from Colonel Phillips, at Memphis. Q. On your plantation ? A. Yee, sir, and they shot all my horses unfit

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A. Yee, sir, and they shot all my horses unfit for cavalry.
SAVAGE TREATMENT OF NEGEDES.
Q. Did they shoot your darkies?
A. I understand they did, and burned them all.
I understand they took one yellow wormar; and two or three boys escaped that I tried to take to the fort with me in the morning to help tight. The balance, a darkey, whose name I do not know, said they were killed and burned in the honse.
Q. You didn't go back there then ?
I didn't go back there ; that is only what is told me. It was told to persons that were hid right near, and I saw persons bury the bodies after they were burned.
Q. Where ?
A. In the fort, sir

In the fort, sir Burned in the house in connection with the

rt buildings? A. Yessir, and out en timber. There was a

rge number of them buried in the building, but Q. You say there were five hundred and eighty men, you think, in the fort ? A. Yes, siz

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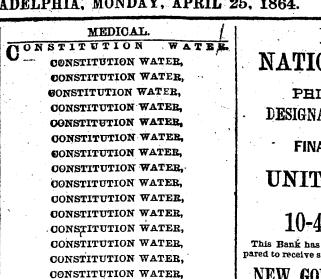
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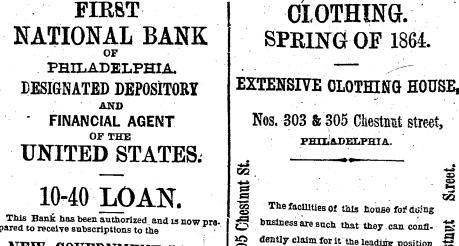
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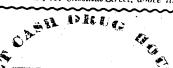
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