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BIBLE STATISTICS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The following Bible statistics are accurately copied from a slip of printed paper that is pasted on the fly leaf of a copy of Haydock's Bible (Dublin 1813), in King's Inn Library, Dublin.

More than once have statistics of the following character found their way into print, to the delight of both old and young. The statement is merely taken from an English Bible, as given by the indefatigable Dr. Horne in his introduction to the study of the Scriptures, and is said to have occupied more than three years of the compiler's life:

	Old Testament.	New Testament.	Total.
Books,	39	27	66
Chapters,	929	260	1,189
Verses,	23,214	7,959	31,173
Words,	593,493	181,253	774,746
Letters,	2,728,100	838,380	3,566,480

Apochrypha.—Books, 14; chapters, 183; verses, 6,031; words 125,185; letters 1,063,876.

The Bible.—The middle book is Micah. The middle (and smallest) chapter is Psalm cxvii. The middle verse is Psalm cxviii. 8. The middle line is 2 Chronicles iv. 16; the largest book is that of the Psalms; the largest chapter is Psalm cxix. The word Jehovah (or Lord) occurs 6,855 times. The word "and" occurs 46,227 times. The number of authors of the Bible is 50.

The Old Testament.—The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs. The middle chapter is Job xix. The middle verse is 2 Chronicles xx., between verses 17 and 18. The shortest book Obadiah. The shortest verse is 1 Chronicles i. 25. The word "and" occurs 35,543 times. Ezra vii. 21 contains all the letters of our alphabet. The word "Selah" occurs 73 times, and only in the poetical books. 2 Kings ix. and Isaiah xxxvii. are alike. This fact is an internal mark of the truth of these Scriptures, being transcripts from public records by two different writers, who were not contemporaries. The same may be said of the following two coincidences: The book of Esther does not contain the words God or Lord. The last two verses of 2 Chronicles and the opening verses of the book of Ezra are alike. Ezra ii. and Nehemiah vii. are alike.

There are nearly 30 books mentioned, but not found in the Bible, consisting of civil records and other ancient writings, now nearly all lost. They never formed part of the Holy Scriptures. About 26 of these are alluded to in the Old Testament.

The New Testament.—The middle book is 2 Thessalonians. The middle chapter is between Romans xii. and xiv. The middle verse is Acts xvii. 17. The smallest book is 2 John. The smallest verse is xi. 35. The word "and" occurs 10,084 times. The name Jesus occurs nearly 700 times in the Gospels and in the Epistles less than 70 times. The name Christ alone occurs about 60 times in the Gospels and Acts, and about 240 times in the Epistles and Revelation. The term Jesus Christ occurs 5 times in the Gospels.

The Bible was not until modern times divided into chapters and verses. The division of chapters has been attributed to Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of William I., and by others to Archbishop Langton, of Canterbury, A. D. 1206; but the real author of this division was Cardinal Hugo de Sancto Caro, about thirty years later.

The facility of reference thus afforded was further increased by the introduction of the present system of verses; this was done for the New Testament, in 1544, by R. Stephens, a French printer, it is said, while on horseback; but long before this the Hebrew Bible had been divided into verses by a Jewish rabbi, Mordecai Nathan.

2. The two principal English versions are those of "King James" (commonly called the Protestant version) and the Douay, or Roman Catholic. The former was translated from the Hebrew and Greek in the reign of James I., A. D. 1609-1611 by 47 Episcopalians bishops and other clergy. The Douay version was translated from the Latin Vulgate, collated with the Hebrew and Greek, by 4 professors of theology in the English College at Douay, A. D. 1709.

3. The Latin Vulgate is the later translation of the Bible in common (or vulgar) use in Catholic Churches. It was made A. D. 384, by St. Hieronymus, a learned monk. It is highly esteemed by all.

4. The earliest translation known of the Bible was the version of the Old Testament called the Septuagint, into Greek, made in Egypt, 285 years before Christ, by 70 learned interpreters, from which it has derived its common title Septuagint meaning seventy.

5. The first English translation complete of the Bible was by Wycliff in A. D. 1380. Attempts, with partial success, had before been made by the Venerable Bede, A. D. 785, who died as he finished the last words of St. John's Gospel. King Alfred, Alfred, A. D. 900, continued it. It had in part been translated into Anglo-Saxon, even before Bede. In French a version was made A. D. 1160, for the Waldenses, by their great leader, Peter Walden. In Spanish there was one made A. D. 1280, by order of Alphonso, King of Castile. In German a version was made about A. D. 1640. Luther made a new translation into German of the New Testament about A. D. 1522, and of the Old Testament ten years later.

6. The first American edition was printed in Boston A. D. 1752. In the time of Edward L. A. D. 1250, a copy of the Bible was valued at \$164 of our currency! Now they issue at the rate of three Bibles and a half per minute, at a cost of one cent per copy. Such is one class of the benefits arising from the invention and the present advanced state of the art of printing. Truly it is, as has been styled, the lever of the world.

STATE NEWS.

Louisburg will have a military company.

There are thirty-two veterans in the Soldiers Home.

Mormon missionaries are at work in Orange county.

A big Democratic club has been organized at Asheville.

1,991 tons of guano have been received at Laurinburg this season.

The frost last week did considerable damage throughout the State.

Henderson shipped 59 loads of tobacco to manufacturers last week.

Evangelist Fife will begin a series of meetings at New Bern on May 8.

The bursted bank at Wilmington will in a short time pay a dividend of 15 per cent.

Goldsboro has over \$4,000 in its treasury after paying the current expenses of the year.

It is said that Stokes county has been robbed of \$20,000 by New York green-goods men.

Republican leaders say the party will have a State ticket in the field before election day.

John S. Leary, a prominent colored politician thinks it time for the negro vote to divide.

The Grand Council Royal Arcanum will hold its third annual meeting at Salisbury May 4.

A handsome portrait of the late Governor Fowle has been placed in the executive mansion.

Three young negro children left in a house alone in Bertie last week were burned to death.

The Fourth Regiment is the largest in the Guard, having ten companies. The First is the next.

It is said that the railroad from Rocky Mount to Springhope will soon be continued to Raleigh.

George B. Everett, at one time a well known citizen of this State, died in Nebraska last week.

The whortleberry crop of Sampson county is said to have been entirely destroyed by the frosts.

The Rocky Mount Argonaut will issue an industrial edition of 10,000 copies about the middle of May.

It is said that the recent frosts damaged truck around New Bern to the extent of a hundred thousand dollars.

John C. Whitfield, of Wayne, has been elected Superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro.

Winston employs 4,000 hands in tobacco factories and last year sold 15,000,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco.

Mr. John E. Robinson, editor of the Goldsboro Argus will deliver the memorial address in that place on May 10.

Two directors of the Norfolk, Wilmington and Charleston railroad have travelled over the route and say the people are favorable and the right of way is freely given to the road. They think the work of construction will soon begin.

Col. L. L. Polk at Atlanta last week said the prospects of the Third party in this State are as good as could be desired.

The Rev. Dr. R. L. Abernethy, president of Rutherford college, is a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

J. C. L. Harris says the action of the Republican convention in the Eaves-Mott matter has caused the loss of the State to the party.

The difficulties in the way of erecting a lighthouse on Diamond Shoals, off Hatteras, are so great that the attempt has been abandoned.

Congressman B. H. Bunn will deliver the address on memorial day at Raleigh, on May 10. His subject will be Brigadier General MacRae.

A Bible Institute will be established at Charlotte under the management of the Rev. George C. Needham, of the plan of the one at Northfield, Mass.

The State Medical Society will meet at Wilmington on May 17, and at the same time and place the Boards of Health and Medical Examiners will also be in session.

Salem claims to have the youngest drummer on the road. He is 14 years old. Plymouth has one only 13 years old and he travels the State east of Raleigh.

Walter S. Little, one of the richest and most influential citizens of Anson county, committed suicide last week. The act was caused by the grip. He was forty-five years old.

It is reported that the Norfolk and Southern road will run to Plymouth and make all the transfers across the Sound there instead of at Mackey's Ferry. They have trouble sometimes at the latter place.

Governor Holt last week mailed a pardon to J. J. Moore, a white man in jail in Pitt county for committing an assault with a deadly weapon, but he died before the pardon reached him. The pardon was issued because of his health.

Life insurance companies in resisting payment of policies on the life of Simon Connelly, alleged to have been murdered last year by his nephew McDougald, are producing startling evidence to fasten the crime upon him. McDougald has been tried and acquitted.

Miss Anna Perry, aged 28 years, last Thursday lost her footing and fell head foremost to the bottom of a deep well in Vance county. No one saw her and yet without assistance she managed to get out again. The well was walled with rough rocks and by means of these she climbed to the top.

The Republican convention of the 4th district elected John Nichols and E. A. Johnston delegates to the National convention, defeating J. C. L. Harris, editor of the Signal, and J. H. Williamson, editor of the Gazette, which claims to be the organ of the negroes.

Two years ago the license tax of \$500 on fertilizer companies was declared unconstitutional by the Federal courts, and the Legislature levied a tax of twenty-five cents a ton on them. The Patasco Guano company now claims that this tax is also unconstitutional, that more money is raised in this way than is required for the analysis of fertilizers, and that much of it is used for other purposes. The case will be heard before Judge Bond at Greensboro on May 7.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

For the first time in the history of political national conventions in the United States the Republican convention in Minneapolis will contain a full blooded Indian, who is to be a delegate from Oklahoma. He is a lineal descendant from the old war chief, Tecumseh, who was defeated by William Henry Harrison. The change which the whirligig of time has brought about is shown in the fact that the descendant is a strong Harrison man.

Many rise in the morning with a headache and no inclination for breakfast. This is due to torpidity of the liver and a deranged condition of the stomach. To restore healthy action to these organs, nothing is so efficacious as an occasional dose of Ayer's Pills.

GENERAL NEWS.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll weighs 231 pounds.

General Wade Hampton will deliver the memorial day address at Savannah on April 26.

It will cost the \$80,000,000 to carry the United States mails during the year beginning July 1.

The New York Assembly has passed the bill giving women the right to vote in all State elections.

An old lady died in Virginia the other day at the age of 106 years, leaving behind her 2,000 descendants.

Baron Fava has received orders to return to his post at Washington as representative of Italy to this country.

The floods in Mississippi last week destroyed fifty lives and rendered 3,000 families homeless. The waters were higher than in 1874.

Mr. Powderly, the head of the Knights of Labor, having been mentioned for the Presidency, says he wants that nonsense stopped. He will vote with the Third party.

The differences between the United States and Italy have been settled, this government paying an indemnity of \$25,000 to the families of the men lynched as New Orleans.

It is proposed to have a grand naval review at Hampton Roads and New York next April, all nations are to be invited to send their fleets. It will be the largest assemblage of vessels since the Spanish Armada.

The Ohio House of Representatives broke up in a row one night last week because some of the members wanted to attend a prize fight. They forced an adjournment and two of them came near getting into a fistfight.

There are but six survivors left of the men who for three years suffered the tortures of cold and starvation in the expedition to Lady Franklin Bay. The best known of them all is Gen. A. W. Greeley, now chief signal officer.

The McEnery and Foster Democratic factions in Louisiana have not healed their differences and it now looks as if there would be two tickets in the field until election day. The Republicans hope to carry the State on account of Democratic divisions.

Last week the first number of a newspaper in the Arabic language was issued in New York. It is the first of the kind in this country or Europe and it will have a constituency of about 7,000 in the city. It is called the *Kawka America*.

The Reform Republicans have held a convention a perfected an organization in South Carolina. They have elected delegates to the Minneapolis convention. They will have nothing to do with the others whom they charge with working only for the offices. The regulars will hold a convention also.

Twenty-six mortgages have been found in the possession of Senator Stewart, of Nevada, only one of which is made payable in "lawful money," the rest specifying "gold coin." This is the practice of one of the chief free coinage preachers, and he is probably a perfect type of the rest. They are eager enough to force a depreciated silver dollar upon others, but as for themselves they will take gold every time.

RINGWOOD.

Frost and ice for the past three mornings caused vegetation to crisp and fruit trees to look sick, and no doubt much of it blasted.

Very little commercial fertilizer has been hauled yet, and with a considerable lessening of area to be put in cotton will cause a small crop this year.

More corn is planted than in any year since the war, and it is a good sign of plenty of bread and meat.

Wheat, clover, oats and all the grasses look well. The finest I have seen are on the Medoc and Rock Hill farms. On those farms are some dozen young colts of finest strains and they and their dams are in fine plight.

Bishop Lyman preached a forcible and interesting sermon at his appointment here from the text "Take heed when ye think ye stand lest ye fall."

Mr. George Harrison, of your town, was in our place a week or so ago.

Mr. C. A. Williams has been on a visit to Wilson this week to see Mr. W. P. Simpson, who is quite sick. His many friends here wish him a speedy recovery.

Old man William Crawley, as good a soldier as followed the stars and bars and who heard the roar of battle from Bull Run to Appomattox, is quite feeble at his home near Brinkleyville.

Mr. Ed Wills, who has been quite feeble for a long time is able to be up again, and many of his friends were pleased to see him in town the past week. G. E. M.

ENFIELD.

Dr. John A. Collins, of this place, who received the endorsement of the Third party in this county for the State Senate says he will decline the honor, as he is and has always been a straight Democrat.

The grave of Governor John Branch in the suburbs of this town, is in a very neglected condition. I think the ladies of the town ought to see to it that it be kept properly. He was governor of this State before the war and also provisional governor of Florida.

I was reading the other day that the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America ought not to pass without a general celebration on the part of the American people, so a great movement has been started to make October 12 next a great national holiday to be appropriately celebrated by all schools and scholars of the country. I hope all the scholars in this county will take hold of the movement, talk about it and get interested. The public school is the one characteristic institution which links all neighborhoods together and thus furnish a common bond for a nation celebration.

The pupils of Mrs. Cherry's school had a picnic on Fishing Creek Easter Monday, and all had a nice time.

It is not generally known that this town can boast of the finest bicyclist in the State. Why Benjamin can ride a cycle and measure the depth of a ditch as nearly about the same time. He uses lots of liniment and painkiller. May be that is the secret of his success. Benjamin, give us another free performance.

Mr. Walter Pittman, grandson of Governor John Branch, died at his home at 8 o'clock Sunday night of consumption. He was buried at the new cemetery at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. He was thirty six years old, and leaves a wife and a little girl.

The Moccasin club wish to extend their many thanks to Mrs. Dennis for the nice fresh basket of flowers. They were to be used in decorating their little boat "Missie." Unforeseen events debarred them from the anticipated pleasure.

The club has another boat, "The Moccasin," to be launched.

LITTLETON ITEMS.

On Wednesday of last week Bishop Lyman preached in the Episcopal church. There were seven candidates confirmed. The Episcopalians here two or three years ago would not have numbered half a dozen, now they have quite a good little flock. They deserve success in building up their church. They owe very much to the indefatigable energy of their present rector in the erection and (very nearly) completion of the edifice.

Mr. Ely Perkins lost his little child Tuesday. Its trouble was croup, though its parents supposed it had swallowed a grain of corn, as they got several out of its mouth. It died while being examined by a physician.

Little Willis Perkins, Mr. S. Johnston's grandson, who has for several weeks been very low with pneumonia, is now rapidly improving.

The meeting at the Methodist church which was projected from Sunday week, and conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Troy, Holden, McCullen and Draper, is still in progress. There have been several conversions.

Mr. Jim Bobbitt, of Macon, has moved to Littleton, and will soon open a stock of goods in his new store.

Mrs. Robert Morris, who has been almost an invalid for several years, went to the Woman's hospital, N. Y., about two weeks ago, accompanied by her physician, Dr. Picot. We hope she will return entirely cured.

Col. G. S. Bellis is very sick from the effects of the grip.

Mr. J. A. Harrell, of your town was here one day last week trying to organize a farmers' protective association against huntsmen. I do not know whether it will prove a good thing for by its stipulations moneyed men would have the advantage. I believe a few here approve it.

Mr. Ivey Allen (one of the Knights of town) has taken a little run up the road to spend Easter. He goes that way occasionally purporting business, but I think he is trying to kill more than one bird.

We had quite a magnetic storm Thursday night.

The Rev. Mr. Bumpass, of Oxford, is in town.

PANACEA SPRINGS.

Yesterday everybody took holiday. Some hundred or more young people met at the Springs and had a pleasant picnic, the first of the season.

There was also quite a gathering at Rich Neck Mills, where older people enjoyed a fish fry.

It is needless for me to say anything about the weather we are having, a variety of old fashion spring weather. Most all the fruit is killed that had bloomed out previous to the last cold snap, and garden truck has suffered considerably.

Mr. Coin Hawkins is expected to be at the springs to-day with some thirty or forty laborers to clean up, grade and beautify the grounds, also to put a rock dam in place of the present one of earth, and have a survey made for the railroad to Littleton. We are still alive and moving.

There is still some talk of a big hotel at Littleton or at the Springs. * * *

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