

## A PAGE FROM THE PAST.

## The Educational and Literary Conditions of North Carolina in 1806.

Asheville Gazette.

As a contribution to the call for literature in North Carolina also as a document of interest to our readers, showing as it does the condition of literature and learning in North Carolina a hundred years ago, we reprint the following from the Boston Anthology of May, 1806:

## "LITERATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

"Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Raleigh, N. C., to the editor of the Anthology, Feb. 24:

"An account of the literature of this state might be comprised in a single page, and if the length of the account was regarded only in the proportion it bears to its interest, that page would be deemed tedious. There are only ten presses in the state, viz.: two in Raleigh, two in Newbern, and one in each of the towns of Edenton, Halifax, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Salisbury and Warrenton. From each of these presses issues a weekly paper, except the one in Salisbury, which is employed in printing handbills and pamphlets. The papers are compilations and the few books published are law books and the doggerel hymns of religious enthusiasts, and now and then a trash novel, which is commonly exchanged for other trash at the Literary Fair. I will give as complete a list as I am able of all the original works ever published in this state, with brief character annexed.

"1. Haywood's Reports of Cases, decided in the Superior Courts of this State. A valuable book, published by Hodge and Boylan, 1800. A second volume is now in the press of Wm. Boylan.

"2. A Journey to Lake Drummond, by Lemuel Sawyer. The events are without language most superlative bombast. Published eight or ten years ago.

"3. Matilda Berkeley, a novel. About on a level with the Massachusetts novel of the coquette, or Eliza Wharton. Published by J. Gales in 1804.

"4. Taylor's Reports of Cases, adjudged in the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Of a moderate reputation, Marlin and Ogden, 1802.

"5. History of the Ketukick Baptist Association, by Burkit and Read. Boylan 1804.

"6. A Masonic Ritual, published under the direction of the G. Lodge of North Carolina. The best of its kind. Sims. 1806.

"7. Davies's Calvary. An excellent system." Hodges. 1798.

"Cameron's Law Reports are in the press of J. Gales, of which there are favorable expectations. These are the only publications, which I recollect, that have assumed the dignity of a volume. Of political and religious pamphlets we have quantum sufficient. The Rev. Joseph Caldwell, president of the University of North Carolina is the first scientific and literary character of the State. He is now employed in writing a book on Mathematics, intended as a school book. Two sermons and an eulogium of Gen. Washington by him, which have been published separately in pamphlets, are handsome specimens of his abilities. I know of no other pamphlets that merit the respect of being named.

"There is in this State one university and several academies, but none of them are supported by permanent funds. The university was founded about fourteen years ago, and received from the State a donation of all balances then due the State from revenue officers, all confiscated and escheat property, and a loan of \$30,000. To a "huge misshapen pile" which is placed on a high rocky eminence 28 miles to the westward of this, has been given the name of the college, and a donation from Gen. Thos. Person built a neat chapel. After considerable difficulties were experienced on account of incompetent teachers and insurrections among the students, the institution, under the direction of Mr. Caldwell, two professors and two tutors, acquired regularity and consistency in its exercises, when our enlightened legislature discovered that education was inconsistent with republicanism that it created an aristocracy of the learned, who would trample upon the rights and liberties of the ignorant, and that an equality of intellect was necessary to preserve the equality of rights. Influenced by these wise and patriotic considerations, the legislature gave to themselves again,

what they had before given to the University. The institution now languishes; Mr. Caldwell's anti-republican love of literature and not the emoluments of his office, induces him to preserve in existence by his influence even the shadow of a college. He is assisted by only one tutor; the funds do not permit the employment of more.

"There is an excellent female academy, lately established by the Society of the United Brethren (Moravians) at Salem. There are very good academies in Raleigh, Newbern, Fayetteville, Lewisburg, Warrenton, and two or three others. A public library has been founded in Newbern by a donation of \$500 from Thomas Tomlinson. It is divided into eighty shares of \$20 each; all the shares are filled; and the books purchased. It is contemplated to extend the number of shares to 120.

"I know of no other public library in the State except one in Iredell county, established by a society called the Centre Benevolent Society, which has subsisted nearly twenty years."

## Two Years of the South African War.

Baltimore Sun.

Number of British troops sent to South Africa since war began (about).....	325,000
Number now there.....	200,000
Losses up to September 1, date of last official report:	
Killed in action.....	4,571
Died of wounds.....	1,369
Prisoners died in captivity.....	97
Accidental deaths.....	421
Died of disease.....	10,408
Total deaths.....	17,066
Wounded.....	19,078
Prisoners.....	9,450
Sent home as invalids.....	55,485

Grand total of losses.....	101,079
Net reduction of British Army as a result of the war, deducting from previous total the wounded and invalids who recovered, the prisoners released and all not permanently disabled.....	21,646
Estimated cost of war to Great Brit'n from \$750,000,000 to.....	\$1,000,000,000
Boer soldiers in field since war began (about).....	60,000
Number now in field (about).....	11,000
Boer soldiers held by the British.....	36,000
Boer women and children in refugee camps.....	137,000
Total Boer population of Transvaal and Orange Free State at beginning of war.....	390,000

## Four at a Birth.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 8.—Mrs. Joseph H. Ornsby, aged 30, who has twice given birth to twins and once to triplets, to-day brought forth quadruplets, three boys and a girl. The quadruplets are small, but perfectly formed, and there is a good prospect of their living if they are given the proper care. Their aggregate weight is 12 pounds.

Aside from three single births the Ornsby family Bible shows the following birth record: November 1, 1896, twins, Sept. 8, 1897, twins, September 24, 1899, triplets, September 30, 1901, quadruplets.

Mrs. Ornsby has been practically deserted by her husband, a plumber, who is wrapped up in perpetual motion schemes. The family will be cared for by the Humane Society, as the husband and father is penniless. The mother is one of triplets herself.

## Prof. Greenough Dead.

Boston, Oct. 11.—James Bradstreet Greenough, professor of Latin at Harvard University, died to-day of paralysis. He had been ill for some time and had been unable to conduct his regular courses for the last two years.

Professor James Bradstreet Greenough was one of the foremost Latin scholars of the United States, his series of textbooks, written in collaboration with Prof. Jos. H. Allen, of Wisconsin, having become recognized as among the standard works in universities and colleges. He was born in Maine in 1833, and from 1874 was professor of Latin in Harvard University.

Among the works of which he was the author are a "Special Vocabulary to Virgil," "The Queen of Hearts" and "A Dramatic Fantasia."

## A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Ocller, of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

## THE CENSUS OF 1850.

## An Interesting Study of How North Carolina Towns Have Grown in a Half Century.

Charlotte Observer.

Statistics of the population of North Carolina towns in 1850, under ante-bellum conditions—slavery and no large interest but agriculture—before the era of industrial development and when railroad building had not more than fairly begun, ought to be of interest. It was not until 1857 that the North Carolina Railroad was completed from Goldsboro to Charlotte. It was in 1857 that work began on the Western North Carolina Railroad, being completed to Morganton when the civil war broke out.

The facts brought out by the figures deserve thoughtful attention. It will be seen that before the war all the towns in the State having more than 1,000 inhabitants, with the exception of Charlotte and Salisbury, were in the eastern section. In fact Morganton and Asheville were the only other places in the west having more than 500 inhabitants. Such considerable communities as Greensboro, Winston, Concord, High Point, Gastonia, Statesville and a score of smaller but thriving towns either had never been heard of or were mere hamlets. These all grew as industrial points, railroads giving them the means of communication which the eastern towns alone had possessed in their waterways. Durham, near the central line, is also a recent growth. All the towns in the piedmont section have grown by the manufacture of cotton, furniture or tobacco, or all of them diffusing their prosperity among the farmers of their surrounding territory. If the piedmont section was a State to itself, it would be apparent that a Southern Massachusetts was rapidly rising, prosperous and intelligent. On the other hand, the relative, and in some cases actual, decline of the eastern towns under the new dispensation, is too obvious to require comment. Within one more census, if not now in fact, Charlotte will be the largest town in the State, although in 1850, it was but one-third the size of Wilmington.

Following are the thirty-six North Carolina towns reported by the census of 1850, with their population: Asheville, 502; Asheville, 176; Beaufort, 1,661; Charlotte, 2,500; Edenton, 1,607; Elizabeth City, 2,824; Fayetteville, 4,646; Franklinton, 300; Gaston 274; Greenville, 1,150; Hertford 369; Jackson, 301; Lenoir, 300; Leaksville, 300; Leasburg, 301; Milton, 1,200; Morganton, 558; Newbern, 4,681; Oxford, 1,978; Plymouth, 951; Portsmouth, 510; Raleigh, 4,518; Rockford, 639; Rutherfordton, 484; Salem, 1,200; Salisbury, 2,000; Shallotte, 903; Smithfield, 329; Smithville (Southport), 1,464; Swan Quarter, 787; Swansboro, 801; Tarboro, 1,000; Wadesboro, 1,500; Warrenton, 1,242; Washington, 2,015; Wilmington, 7,264.

(In order that our readers may note the changes in the population of the above named cities since 1850 we give below the figures of the census of 1900:

Asheville, 14,694; Asheville, 992; Beaufort, 2,195; Charlotte, 18,091; Edenton, 3,046; Elizabeth City, 6,348; Fayetteville, 4,670; Franklinton, 761; Greenville, 2,565; Hertford, 1,382; Jackson, 441; Lenoir, 1,296; Leaksville, 688; Milton, 490; Morganton, 1,938; New Bern, 9,090; Oxford, 2,059; Plymouth, 1,011; Raleigh, 13,643; Rutherfordton, 880; Salem, 3,642; Salisbury, 6,277; Shallotte, 149; Smithfield, 764; Southport, 1,336; Swansboro, 265; Tarboro, 2,499; Wadesboro, 1,546; Warrenton, 836; Washington, 4,842; Wilmington, 20,976.—(ED. HERALD.)

## The Highest of Waterfalls.

The highest waterfall in the world, geography tells us, is the Cerosola cascade in the Alps, having a fall of 2,400 feet; that of Arvey, in Savoy, is 1,100 feet, and the falls of the Yosemite Valley range from 700 to 1,000 feet, but higher yet is the fall in the San Chayatan canyon, in the State of Durango, Mexico. It was discovered by some prospectors 10 years ago in the great Baranca district, which is called the Tiera de Desconocidas. While searching for the famous lost mine, Naranjal, a great roar of water was heard. With great difficulty the party pushed on and up and down the mighty chasms, until they beheld the superb fall that is at least 3,000 feet high.—Land of Sunshine.

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