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VALLE CRUCIS.

A History of that Beautiful Section of Watauga from 1840 to the Present.

[BY REV. WM. R. SAVAGE.]

About the year 1840, a gentleman from New York, after having traversed the low country of North Carolina in search of botanical specimens, hearing of the "wild and woolly" western portion of the State, pushed forward, upward and further into the depths of the forest stretching its natural wildness over hill and dale, until he reached what is now Watauga, but at that time Ashe county, Ashe in turn taken from Wilkes.

Upon his return northward, via Raleigh, this gentleman met Bishop Ives, of the Episcopal church, and in glowing terms sang the praises of that "interesting country among the clouds, and with heart-felt concern dwelt at length on the "religious privations of the mountaineers." Bishop Ives being greatly impressed by the travellers intelligent and interesting report of what, at that time, was practically an unexplored country, and, determining to visit that region which he did two years later, holding a service in the valley of the Watauga on the 20th day of July, 1842, this the first services of that church held in that region, and one among the few of any church held there. In his report to the Diocesan Convention later in the year, the Bishop spoke feelingly as follows:

"While my sympathies were deeply excited in view of their great spiritual destitution, my admiration was at the same time awakened by the simplicity of their character and the deep earnestness of their petition for instruction. I addressed a few of them on their wants and promised to send them, the moment it should be in my power, a man who should teach them the rudiments of knowledge, and preach to them the word of God"

In December, 1842, Rev. H. H. Prout was sent there by the Bishop, and two years later William West Skiles arrived to take charge of "the school farm at what is now known as Valle Crucis, so named by Bishop Ives because of the cruciform valley which he first caught sight of from an overhang rock, the cross formed by Dutch Creek flowing from south to north; Clarke's Creek forming the eastern and Valley Creek formerly Crabber and creek the western arm of the cross

When, in 1843, the good Bishop made his first official visitation to Valle Crucis, there was but one dwelling "the log cabin of the mountain miller, a small grist-mill and a tannery the only other buildings," so the history says. This was seventy years ago, mind you. The next year, however, a decided improvement took place. The Bishop had just purchased the whole of the valley, consisting of 125 acres, for \$1,500. Later on, additional land was secured, amounting in all to 2,000 acres. When at the opening of the Civil War the school closed and for thirty years remained closed, unclaimed. The property, every acre of it, went out of the Church's possession, but about thirty years ago Bishop Cheshire and afterward Bishop Horner, who succeeded him, bought land until one half of the beautiful Valley of the Cross now belongs to the school plant.

To return to ancient history, in 1844 land was cleared for farming, ground broken for the necessary buildings, consisting of a saw mill, log kitchen, dining

room, made of adobe, a dwelling house of hewn logs and a large frame building containing school room, chapel and dormitory. To these later were added another house of adobe, a large frame barn with stable in the basement, a blacksmith shop and several log cabins for laborers. In 1845, in this settlement, the first to be called Valle Crucis, the school opened with a good roll call of boarding and day pupils, fifty in all.

Though the school was originally intended for young men, where training in religion and agriculture could be procured at a low rate, the first school of any kind in this particular mountain section of country, to-day the school, though for girls only, is a power for good under Bishop Horner, of Horner School fame, and a recognized believer in education, who has placed the school on a firm basis.

This article having been asked for by the popular editor of the oldest paper in all this mountain country, to be the first of a series of articles descriptive of the various settlements and other industrial centers of this highly favored portion of the old North State, the writer has found it necessary to give considerable space to the history of the beginning of the Valle Crucis settlement, its early life closely connected with that of the school above mentioned.

A mile beyond and lying along the Watauga River is another valley, wide and beautiful, fertile and rich. In this valley is situated the post office for the community which gives it its name, though the original Valle Crucis was where the school is situated, a mile up Dutch Creek. About the office has gathered quiet an attractive settlement, extending for a mile each way up and down stream. Here is a pretty church belonging to the Methodists who are well to do and strong in number. A neat public school house, two stores owned and operated by two successful business firms, W. W. Mast and Taylor and Perry; the following prominent citizens, owning fine farms and living in attractive houses: Messrs. Ed. Shipley, Finley Mast, William Mast, Hardy Taylor, W. W. Mast, Capt. David Baird the Wagners, the Churches and Doctor Perry, the last named having built a pretty modern cottage of concrete blocks, the entire settlement one of the most delightful in a social way, consisting of educated, refined and financially substantial families, who, the majority of them being closely related playfully term the community "Cousin Town." Two of these pleasant houses are good enough to open their doors to summer visitors, charging a nominal sum only, Messrs. Hardy Taylor and Finley Mast, the latter having recently enlarged and improved his dwelling so as to accommodate the down-country people who apply yearly for board. Mr. Jim Shull, a mile further up the river road, is also a popular host among summer visitors from a distance, while at the Industrial School boarders are taken in vacation time for three months.

In addition to her many house keeping and social duties, Mrs. Finley Mast takes time to do the most beautiful weaving on a hand loom, the products there of, such as carpets, rugs, coverlets, counterpanes, towels, etc., finding ready sale at any time and being sought after by managers of Industrial Exhibitions.

Messrs. Ed Shipley and Wade Wagner with Col. Alec Woody, of Shull's Mills, are the principal

and prosperous cattle men of the up river country.

In Valle Crucis Proper, a mile up Dutch Creek are the fine estates of Messrs C. D. Taylor and H. A. Dobbin, prosperous land and stock owners, who live in substantial houses. Mr. Taylor's new residence to be one of the handsomest and most modern in the Valle.

The school buildings are two in number, Auxiliary Hall of wood, containing dining room, kitchen with modern equipments, class rooms and an assembly hall, the other building of concrete blocks and called Anechmity Hall in honor of a New York lady who gave largely toward the building fund. In this building are a chapel, library principal's office, rooms for students and teachers and a well equipped modern laundry in the basement, the two buildings heated by steam, and soon to be completely lighted by electricity as the Bishop is installing an electric light plant, getting power from the falls of Valley Creek.

Above, around and below this handsome group of buildings is the school orchard containing thousands of bearing trees, while in the lower orchard is a modern poultry plant with incubator house, brooding houses and wide runs and ranges. Beyond and by the swift running creek is the school saw mill, blacksmith and wheel wright shops, taking the place of the complete wagon factory and shops which unfortunately burned last year, a great loss to the community. The modern doing with a fine jersey herd to supply it with milk and cream, the neat Chapel (Rev. H. A. Dobbin, Pastor) and large barn and stables complete the group of buildings that go to make up the material equipment of the Valle Crucis Industrial School, while the literary and spiritual qualities must be best judged of by the patrons and students. Certain it is that more consecrated and efficient teachers never had charge of a school than the Principal and her noble band of teachers, and the good Bishop is financing and carrying to success this stupendous work of faith, which is endorsed by the community as a power for good in their midst.

No Need To Stop Work

When the doctor orders you to stop work it staggers you, I can't you say. You know you are weak, run down and failing in health day by day, but you must work as long as you can stand. What you need is Electric Bitters to give you strength and vigor to your system, to prevent break down and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly or ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose. Thousands bless them for their glorious health and strength. Try them. Every Bottle guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at all dealers.

A bachelor glories in his profession until he gets old and needs some one.

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Dr. King's New Discovery and give it to the little ones when ailing and suffering with colds, coughs, throat and lung diseases, tastes nice, harm less, once used, always used. Mrs. Bruce Crawford, Niagra, Mo. writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery changed our boy from a pale, weak sick boy to the picture of health." Always helps. Buy it at any dealers.

Raising and aeroplanes is no trick to the man who has successfully raised a family of boys.

During the summer months mothers of young children should watch for an unnatural looseness of the bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Carefully Colled and Briefly Told For Busy Readers.

Charlotte's latest industry will be a soap factory. This will be the first of its kind in N. C.

President Wilson neither smokes, chews or drinks, and some one asks, where will his fun come in?

Last Thursday the Federal Pension Bill was passed by Congress, appropriating over 180,000,000 for pensions.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson, resigned the Governorship of N. Jersey Feb. 25th at one o'clock to take effect at noon on Sat. March 1st.

Chair factories at Thomasville are now turning out \$6,000 chairs per day. Ten years ago, there was only one factory at this place.

A new dormitory will be built to Davenport College this summer at a cost of \$20,000. A friend whose name is no given furnishes the money.

A German woman of Hueford Penn, proudly exhibits 40 quilts all of which were made by herself, one of them containing 2,196 patches.

In Wake Superior court last week, Walter Ferrebee, who lost a hand in the service of the Southern Railroad was awarded \$10,000 damage.

Ten young adjutants of the N. C. Guard, has offered the service of the guard to Mexico in case it is needed and requests that it be among the first called.

Judge Nathan B Goff of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, was, on last Friday elected U. S. Senator from West Virginia to succeed Clarence Watson whose term expires next month.

An old man has just died at Lebanon, Penn, who was too old to enlist in the Civil War, at the advanced age of 107 years. His son is 70 years old and served throughout the Civil war.

Rev. W. M. Curtis, Secretary and Treasurer of Greensboro Female College reports a recent gift of \$500 to be used in building a room in the new dormitory. This gift is from Miss Miner of N. Y.

Ex-Gov. Glenn of Winston has returned to his home in Winston, after a lecturing tour in N. Y., Ken. Ind. and Ohio. He will rest for a while and then go to Fla. to deliver a series of lectures in that State.

Dr. James I Vance, so well known in Watauga and who owns a summer home at Blowing Rock has been holding a series of meetings in Charlotte. The Charlotte papers speak highly of him as a minister and orator.

A valuable exchange says: That the murder of the former President and Vice President of Mexico is an ugly affair, but that the U. S. is in no position to throw stones, as we have killed three Presidents.

The Evening Chronicle says: That while the fight is on against liquor in the Legislature against liquor it should devote some time to the cocaine evil and asserts that cocaine is doing as much evil in N. C. as whiskey.

The North Wilkesboro Hustler says that Mr. C. C. Parlier left last Sat. to see his brother, Dr. Parlier who has been in a hospital there for some time. His attending physicians advise him not to return to Blowing Rock on account of climate.

The Mountain Scout says that Mr. E. O. Heritage, Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone

Co. passed through town last Wednesday on his way to Wilkesboro. He is looking after building a line to connect Taylorsville with the mountain section.

Little Josephine Cottrhan will be the baby of the White House. The little lady is 16 months old and is the daughter of Mrs. Perin C. Cottrhan of Raleigh, N. C. who is visiting there with her mother, Mrs. Howe a sister of the President. The Pres. is very fond of his grand neice. He has invited them to spend much time with him at the White House.

Weglean from the Christian Herald, that Mr. Robt. Arthington who recently died at Leeds, England bequeathed in his will \$5,000,000 to be used in spreading the gospel in lands where it has never been preached. This is certainly the most munificent gift of which we have ever heard. Given to by one who lived in obscurity and of whom the world knew comparatively little.

From The Hopeton, Okla., News we get the following, which will be of interest to the many friends of Dr. R. Z. Linney: "Dr. Linney yesterday closed a deal with Mr. W. J. Scheafer for his home place, a splendid farm, which joins Hopeton on the east. Price \$9,000. This is the second place the doctor has bought from Mr. Scheafer recently, making him four splendid farms within one-half mile of town." - Taylorsville Scout.

The bill of the House Committee on public Buildings and Grounds carries the following items for North Carolina: Custom house, appraiser's stores and court house, Wilmington, \$118,750; Postoffice, Gastonia, \$20,000; Kinston, \$20,000; Tarboro, \$15,000; for site at Lumberton, \$5,000; Rocky Mount, \$16,000; Burlington, \$65,000; Waynesville \$65,000; Thomasville, \$55,000; Rutherfordton, \$5,000; Edenton, \$7,500; Lenoir, \$8,000; for the custom house at Beaufort, \$50,000.

W. S. Skelton, a merchant at Stanley, Ind., says he would not take \$100,000 for the relief one single box of Foley Kidney Pills gave him. "I had a severe attack of kidney troubles with sharp pains through my back and could hardly straighten up. A single box of Foley Kidney Pills entirely relieved me." For sale by all dealers.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court, Fall term 1913. B B Dougherty, F A Linney and Hester Linney Dorsett, Executors of R Z Linney, deceased, vs. J D Bryan and Sallie Bryan. By virtue of an order of the Superior court of Watauga county made in the above entitled action, I, the undersigned commissioner, will sell at public auction at the court house door in Boone on the 24th day of March, 1913, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m., to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land, lying and being in the county of Watauga, on the waters of Meat Camp creek, adjoining the lands of W. I. Woodring, E. Tatam, Cowles and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning on a maple and birch in Steele's line, running west with same 33 poles to a chestnut, his corner; thence S with the same 40 poles to a birch; thence W 45 poles to a stake, the north-east corner of Elijah Tatam's 48 acre tract; thence S. with his line 55 poles to his corner; thence west with the same 20 poles to his stake corner; thence S. 125 poles to stake in the line of Ed. Blackburn 23 acre tract; thence E with said line 34 poles to his corner; thence S. 15° W with the same 85 poles to his other corner; thence E. with E. Tatam's line 73 poles to a stake in Jonathan Miller's line; thence N 13° E with said Miller's and C. J. Cowles' line 85 poles to a chestnut, said Cowles' corner; thence E with his line 23 poles to Lawson Woodring's corner, thence North 10° West with his line 220 poles to said Woodring's and C. J. Cowles' corner, thence North 60 poles to the beginning, containing 160 acres, more or less. I will sell a one undivided one-half interest in said tract, W. L. Bryan being the owner of the other half. Said sale is made to satisfy a debt of \$125.00, together with interest and cost. Title to be made to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase money and confirmation of the sale by court. This Feb. 12, 1913.

E. F. LOVILL, Commissioner.