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POETRY.

THE COMICAL COBBLER.

A waggish cobbler, once in Rome,
Put forth a proclamation
That he'd be willing to disclose,
For due consideration,
A secret which the cobbling world
Could ill afford to lose—
The way to make in one short day
A hundred pair of shoes.

From every quarter to the right
There ran a thousand fellows—
Tanners, cobblers, bootmen, shoemens,
All jolly leather sellers—
All redolent of beer and smoke,
Each cobbler's wax and hide;
Each fellow pays his thirty pence,
And calls it cheap beside.

Silence! the cobbler enters,
And casts around his eyes;
Then curls his lip—the rogue!—then frowns.

And then looks wondrous wise;
"My friend," he says, 'tis simple quite,
The plan that I propose—
And every one of you, I think,
Might learn it if you chose.

"A good sharp knife is all you need
In carrying out my plan;
So easy is it none can fail,
Let him be child or man,
To make a hundred pair of shoes,
Just go back to your shops,
And take a hundred pair of boots
And cut off all the tops!"

From the Presbyterian.
"Liked to have been too Late."

A SHORT AND SIMPLE ANNAL.

In Chapel Hill, on Christmas night, there died one of the oldest remaining inhabitants of that deserted village. "Uncle November," or as he was more commonly called Dr. November Caldwell, was the ex-carriage driver of Dr. Caldwell, first President of our late University. He claimed to be eighty-three years old, but on calculation this appeared to be a somewhat exaggerated estimate. It is probable he had just passed his eightieth Christmas, when he closed his weared eyes for the last time.

When the Caldwell and Hooper families had all passed away from Chapel Hill Dr. November was left behind, being hired to the University as a college servant, and serving faithfully in that capacity for many years. Latterly he has occupied a house and a field of his own, with his wife, Mrs. Chaney, who was for years a trusted servant of the late Judge Riniin.

He was one of the very few remaining relics of the early days of Chapel Hill—and during his last illness his chief pleasure was in talking about the old times and the old Professors, his loyalty to whom in all the changes that have befallen, was always staunch—and his affection for their memories sincere. He was one of a set of college servitors, whose names would doubtless recall many pleasant, and some humorous associations to "old students" of the University. Dave Barham, and Dr. November, and Tom Jones, and Dave Moore, and C. J. Burnette were all men of strong individual character and marked with some of the best traits of gentlemen.

Dr. November had a considerable touch of the courtliness of the old regime in his manners, as indeed he had a right, having been admitted as a prominent character in the first published novel to which North Carolina can lay any claim as being of native growth. "Lorel's Folly" was the title of the late Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz's first work, issued after Prof. Hentz had left Chapel Hill—perhaps in '30 or '31. Among the characters were several drawn from Chapel Hill life, including Dr. November and "aunt Venus," both of them connections, so to speak, of Dr. Caldwell, the then President. They were about the best drawn characters in the book which by no means foreshadowed Mrs. Hentz's after success in authorship. Dr. Caldwell drove a pair of bob-tails sorrels in those days, and one of my earliest recollections is of afeat of Dr. November in turning the carriage, containing three ladies) horses and all completely over a steep bank on the road to Hillsboro. It must have been good driving that could do this while all the party escaped unhurt.

Like many another man possessing far superior privileges and advantages, Uncle November lived a long life under the sound of the gospel without giving much attention to the subject of religion, or any evidence of a change of heart. He was satisfied to "do as well as he knew how" and trust somehow that God would not be too hard on him at the last. I have heard men of education profess just about such a creed.

During the past fall, however, the mercy which is free, and past searching out in its riches, found the old man on his death-bed, and gave him a hope in Christ. His mind seemed to be in a very humble and tender state. He made no loud profession, but expressed a steady and well-sustained confidence in the strength of his Redeemer to save. Speaking to me of his new-found hope, he said, "I liked to have been too late."

"Yes," I replied—"you have served the world eighty years, uncle November, and now you turn round and give God the last few weeks."

"I know it, I know it," he said—"I can't do anything for God—my time is gone—but I believe he'll take me safe—the Lord Jesus is mighty—I

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trust myself to him."

In one of my last conversations with him, while expressing his hope of heaven unfalteringly, he said with animation, "and when I get there I shall see all the old Faculty. I mean to look for them—"old master" and Gov. Swain, and your father, and Dr. Mitchell. They'll all be there I know."

One does not need to live to be very far advanced in life to find the best friends of early life in the majority "on the other side." I wish we all could have as vivid a sense of the absolute certainty of seeing and recognizing them as uncle November. We especially, who believe that Jesus died and rose again, why should we hesitate to accept in its fullest meaning the declaration that "they also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him?" It strikes me as reflecting very little credit on our modern theology that whole volumes should be published for the purpose of proving to Christians what ought to be a cardinal point of belief—the recognition of friends in Heaven. As sure as they are there, so surely shall we know them "when we get there too."

Governor Caldwell's Responsibility.

Governor Caldwell has entered on his duties with a pledge to the people of North Carolina to exercise the high functions of his office with an eye single to their good, and without regard to party distinctions, passions or animosities. We trust that he will meet his voluntarily assumed obligations, and in the hope that he may, we beg him to take notice of the statement that a deputy United States Marshal—in Western North Carolina stands charged with brutal violence in the case of Yoder, who, it is alleged, owes his premature death to ill-usage received at the hands of the official.

His Excellency has seen the statements of the "Eagle" and "News," and if he has a paternal feeling for his people he will take steps to prevent future outrages of a similar sort, and to have the offender in this case brought to justice.

It is time for the dragonades to be brought to an end; the election is over; the Albany penitentiary is full to repletion; the Ku-Klux exist only in fiction, or history, and the people of North Carolina are entitled to protection and repose.

Not only humanity, but sound policy, suggest this; and the Governor will understand us when we remind him that great numbers are living in North Carolina.

During the month of December, as we learn from the "News," one hundred and twelve tickets were sold at Company Shops to emigrants, en route for Memphis, from which point they scattered in various directions, in their melancholy search for new homes—homes where they may sit down under their own vine and fig tree with no one, not even a United States Marshal, to make them afraid. If Governor Caldwell wishes to keep the gallant sons of the North State at home he must see to it that there are no more Yoders done to death by the brutality of Federal officers.—Norfolk Virginian.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY.—The census reports give some interesting facts in regard to the Valley. It says the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia is one hundred and twenty-five miles long and twenty-five wide, embracing the counties of Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Page, Warren, Clarke, Frederick, Jefferson, and Berkeley, with a population of about 160,000 to an area of 47,495 square miles, of a cash valuation of \$870,000. It produces more from the same amount of agricultural labor, and is freer from sickness of all kinds, than any portion of the United States. There are 1,001,961 acres of improved lands, and 120,860 unimproved.

HILLERY & BRO'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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