#### IN THE DAYS OF OLD BRUNSWICK

BY ANDREW J. HOWELL

CHAPTER III.

A Note of Defiance. The drive from Brunswick north-ward toward Wilmington was through fine forests of cypress and pine. For most of the way, a brown carpet of pine needles lay upon the road; so that horses trod softly, and the songs of the birds sounded bright and clear over the sighing of the

A few weeks after the escape of the arrested duelist, Miss Esther Wake and Samuel Barclay were en route to Wilmington over the Brunswick road. They were riding in Bar-clay's gig, a trim little vehicle with its seat resting upon teathern straps which served as springs. Loath to leave the restful beauty of the forest, they dismounted and sat down upon a grassy knoll on the readside, pictured with lights and shadows from the foliage of overhanging trees. Since the shooting of the bear in the fall, they two had become quite friendly and were much in each other's company. It was a friendship of kindred spirits, who found congenial compansionship in the chase and

other outdoor sports.
"Is the new Governor still concerned about the flight of Simpson?" asked Barclay, as he gathered a posy of spring flowers for his companion. "It is extremely difficult to read his thoughts," she answered, "but I em of opinion that he is still wroth about it, and would do much to apprehend him and his guilty friends,

whoever they may be."
"He told me this morning that he desired much to enlist my aid in a matter of public interest, and would take the first convenient time to talk with me about it. I fear it is connected with Captain Simpson. There was a question in Barclay's tone. It was vident he was seeking information from one who knew much of the Governor's ideas and plans

"I doubt not," she assented thoughtfully: "for this late stir of the people over the new act of Parliament regarding a stamp tax makes him anxious, I believe, to fix upon certain leading citizens a guilt which will weaken their influence in the present agitation."

"Then, as for myself—I shall speak in confidence, too. The Governor has recently become very politic towards me. It is strange that it should be so.

people in their stand for their rights come familiar to you.

and lifted his head, at the same time seeming to become uneasily aware of

the sound at his feet. 'Steady, Naftel!" said Barclay, touching his neck. The animal stamped a forefoot; and, at that instant a venomous head shot out of a low bush and pressed

stself against the horse's leg Barclay, heedless of the danger. eprang forward and struck angrily the bush. He heat it again and agulo. Then, thrusting his stick beneath it. he discovered that he had killed his

the injured limb and rubbing the wound with his kerchief "If I only had something to give you, or could do something for you."

There was nothing to be done for poor animal, and death was sure to follow when the poison had found its way through his body

Barclay looked tenderly into Nat-Ts eyes "Poor Naftel!" he said

'It will be hard to give you Naftel pricked up his cars and seemed entirely codivious to the wound he had received.

Esther was touched by the pathos the scene, and found her kerchief. ment of slience. Then, on a quick de-cision, he said, "Jump up into the gig. We've in the woods several some little work yet that Naftel can do. It will not add to his suffering to travel a little further He had better die in service than to languish here

by the roadside" and did as he suggested, though with great reluctance, and Barclay quickly followed her into the gig giving the horse an unlooked-for tap of the whip, which set him to run-ning up the road with the speed of the wind. Naftel had never shown to better advantage, and, seeming to realize that much was expected of him kept a clear, swift trot for three miles or more. Then they turned into across the Cape Fear at Wilmington, but could make little headway over numerous bridges and on

Within half a mile of the ferry, and within sight of Wilmington Naftel gave signs of weakening, and it was evident that the poison was raptdly taking effect. They released him from the gig. and led him to the roadside to offer him water out of the ditch. At first he was easer for a drink, but he could swallow only a little water, and finally turned away made by ministers and laymen. it. Before many minutes had passed, he began to sway heavily in his tracks and soon fell on his side in the agony of death, the venom of the rattlesnake attacking his heart, Pitcous groans came from his throat, and Miss Wake and Barclay walked away to avoid witnessing the pitiful

rough, new road through the swamp

were powerless to relieve.

In half an hour they returned to find Naftel lying dead on the roadsetting sun hung low in the west, and gave a sombre aspect to the solemn scene, Barclay plucked up courage promptly and pulled his gir to the ferry landing, where it could be kept with safety; and in a short time they crossed the river on the ferry boat.

mington, and the intense interest which the members took in the recent enactments of Parliament not only clogged the wheels of legislation but absorbed the conversation of the members during the recess of the Assembly. Barclay had talked for an hour or more with several gentlemen whom he knew when some one touch ed him from behind. He turned and saw it was Robert Barnett.

"The Governor wishes to speak to ou, Mr. Barclay," said Robert, He is upstairs in the court room. I'll take ou to him.

They went up the dark staircase and entered a large room lighted dimly with two or three flickering lamps. Near one of them there was standing a man, young and erect. with just flesh enough to indicate the possession of much healthful energy. He was alone, and his dark eyes looked out imperiously over the room in which there were several small groups of men conversing. Robert pointed to him, and said, "There is the Governor."

At that moment a tall man of middle age and fine appearance moved away from an acquaintance with whom he had stopped for a talk, and approached the solitary source by the lamp. It was Col. John Jahe. Speaker of the House of Commons of the Province of North Carolina, about to coafer with the newly inaugurated Governor, William Tryon. The Governor, Speaker was deliberate in his move-ments, and Samuel Barclay and Robert Barnett reached the Governor at the same time that Ashe came up. Tryon smiled graciously and, ex tending his hand to the Speaker, said My dear Colonel Ashe, I hear there s much violent agitation among the members of the Assembly respecting the recent act of our Parliament Knowing that you are familiar with the sentiments of the members, I am desirous of learning from you what attitude may eventually be ex-pected of them toward this meas-

Perhaps your Excellency would not really care to know the true state of public opinion." Ashe's manner

was dignified and respectful.

Why should I not?" Tryon asked adroitly. "I have the expectation of "You speak in confidence?" asked Barclay, searching her face with his eyes.
"Yes," she said firmly. "I have from what point of view to proceed.

learned that I may safely confide in May I not have your advice?"

John Ashe straightened himself said firmly but courteously, "Governor Tryon, the people will re sist the stamp tax to blood and death! Their reasons for so determining lie in certain opinions they But I shall repel any overture on his termining lie in certain opinions they part to make me less loval to our hold which must ere this have be-

Miss Wake sighed, turning her sions on the Governor's face. There was a quick play of expressions on the Governor's face. There troublous and perplexing these and was first a look of sudden starting the company of th

They sat silent for a time, while the birds chirped and sang about them, and the trees murmured to the sate of the

two. I wish to enlist your aid in having him apprehended again, and also In obtaining certain information con-

"You must excuse me, your Excel-ncy" said Barclay. "I can not sell leney," said Barclay, "I can not sell my aoner, nor would I furnish you information about any of the people, save what as current talk would at reach you at all events. I am no

Tryon frowned and said angetty "Beware young man, how you seek to thwart me in my purpose! I would have you know that the King's busiis always honorable."

e hesitated a moment; then his

voice became milder, and he added with a wint smile. "Perhaps you will reconsider this subject. Suppose ding with me to-morrow at my Wilmington house. Will you come

Would your Excellency pardon replied Barclay. "I must go back to Brunswick early to-morrow morn-ing Besides, I am convinced that there shall be no reconsideration."

Enouga, sir!" spoke 11,500 kkly "I know not what you peodesign with this stubborn spirit anarchy. The King's laws shall of service. Barelay dropped his eyes ored, the better it will be for the colored, the better it will be for the col-onlyis. Good night." The royal Governor strode out of

hall, and Robert Barnett lingered minute to bid adicu.to Barclay, and then followed Tryon down the stairs Thus was the successor of Gover Arthur Dobbs, lately deceased brought face to face with the spirit of independence which was rapidly taking from the Province. (TO BE CONTINUED).

#### ASSOCIATION ADJOURNS.

Meeting of South Yadkin Baptists at

Evening. special to The Observer.

Statesville, Sept 5 .- The South Yadkin Baptist Association. has been in session at the First Baptist church of Statesville since Thursday, closed its thirty-fifth annual session to-night, but quite a number of delegates and visitors will remain here until Monday. This morning's session was devoted to miscellaneous business and the discussion of associational missions and state churches, and at this afternoon's seswas transacted "ministerial relief" was the topic of discussion. Some able talks were

Yesterday was an Interesting day of the association and every session was largely attended, the auditorium of the church being crowded last night. At this session Dr. Stallings, of Salisbury, moderator of the assoclation, appointed the pastor and deacons of the First church of Statesville committee on religious gxercises. The visitors recognized were Reva M. L. Kestler, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville; Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Rev. E. L. Middleton, State secretary of Sunday Schools. The report on the orphanage was discussed by J. E. Kish, of China Grove, and Rev. Mr.

That evening Barclay found himself at the court house near the foot of Market street where there was a large number of men smoking and taiking about the political questions of the day; for at that time the General Assembly of the Province of North Carolina was in session in Wil-

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Ashe bowed himself away from the standing drowsly amid some lowed himself away from the bushes, and isthered to a dogwood tree, it was like the smoothered not waked.

Barclay sprag to his feet, He cast a quick look about him, and hurriedly "A rattlesnake!" he exclaimed, excitedly, "If he bittes my herre, it would lose a fine animal, and we would have to walk to Wilmington.

He moved cautiously nearer the bushes, and stoping, perred beneath the bushes. The horse observed him, and lifted his head, at the same time for a service to the province, and it would be come."

Ashe bowed himself away from the same grature and service described samuel Barclay. The horse observed you constantly for the constantly for the containing sound. What is it asked the same and it would fain have you for a certain service to the state of the cough was all gone. This winter the same happy result has followed by a renegate officer of his Majesty's away a few weeks since?"

You recall that crime committed by a renegate officer of his Majesty's any a few weeks since?"

Temember the unfortunate killing by Captain Simpson," answered Barclay. "The member the unfortunate killing by Captain Simpson," answered seeming to become constant to the province and the cough way of seeming to become the same time seeming to become

Last night Rev. Livingston Johnson held the attention of a large audience by an able discussion of State missions. He knows his subject well and knows how to express himself. During the discussion he gave some interesting figures regarding the comparison of the amount given to State missfons at present and by the same churches ten years ago.

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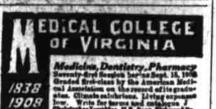
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Columbus, Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Hendersonville, Wednesday, Sept

6th.
Brevard, Thursday, Sept. 17th.
Asheville, Friday, Sept. 18th.,
Waynesville, Saturday, Sept. 19th.
Bryson City, Monday, Sept. 21st.
Murphy, Tuesday, Sept. 22d.
Franklin, Wednesday, Sept. 23d.
Webster, Thursday, Sept. 24th.
Marion, Friday, Sept. 25th.
Rutherfordion, Saturday, Sept.

Henrietta Mills, Saturday, Sept. 26th. (Night). HON. LEE S. OVERMAN. Dobson, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Wilkesboro, Monday, Sept. 14th. Winston-Salem, Tuesday, Sep

Marion, Monday, Sept. 21st. HON. C. B. AYCOCK. Greensporo, Saturday, Sept. 12th. HON. W. T. CRAWFORD AND HQN. T. W. BICKETT. Robbinsville, Monday, Sept. 7th. Andrews (night) Monday, Sept.

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Bryson City, Thursday, Sept. 10th.
Franklin, Saturday. Sept. 12th.
Old Fort, Monday, Sept. 14th.
Marion, Puesday, Sept. 15th.
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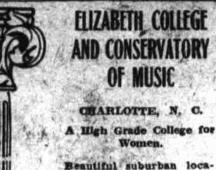
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