"THE SOUTH-ATLANTIC."

The February No. of Mrs. Cicero W. Harris' Magazine of the above name, is a decided improvement in size, on the first, and as a literary work is beginning to attract attention and inquiry. Its table of contents present the following:

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We take from Hon. Ed. Cantwell's article on "Early Times in the Carolinas," some extracts which present matter entirely new to most of our readers. His "Atlantis" is new to us. Our historical researches have never reached further back than about 6,000 years, but Mr. Cantwell has found out things *nine* thousand years before the time of Plato.

EARLY TIMES IN THE CAROLINAS.

I. TRADITIONS.

It is difficult to comprehend the incredulity with which any account of the ancient Atlantis was formerly received. But that, upon the space between America and Europe, where only the broad Atlantic now rolls, and the vast meadows of Saragossa mantle its restless bosom with a green foliage, there formerly existed a country larger than Africa, and surrounded on the south by groups of islands, between which and the other continents of the globe communication was at least as rapid and frequent as now, is demonstrable upon the same testimony upon which rests many of the most interesting discoveries of modern science. Nine thousand years before the time of Plato (*Plat. Timæus p.* 24 *seqq. ed. Bip. vol,* 9 *p.* 296, *seqq.—Id, Critias, p.* 108) this was the seat of an imperial race, whose sway extended over Africa as far as Egypt and dominated in Europe beyond even Italy to the Tyrrhenian sea. During a violent earthquake, which lasted a day and a night, and was accompanied by inundations of the sea, Atlantis disappeared and navigation between the Eastern countries and the West was suspended for ages (*Ibid*). The Phenicians of Carthage were the first after this to venture past the Pillars of Hercules and revisit the coast of Western Africa. Here were situated the numerous Tyrian cities, estimated by Strabo at three hundred in number, which were destroyed by Pharusians and Nigritians (2 *Cosmos* 132). From this coast to Brazil the distance is estimated by Mr. Seyboth at one thousand seven hundred and ninety miles. I also learn from him that at a distance of a few miles only from the African coast there is a perpetual current setting westward by Brazil to Hatteras, with an initial velocity of three miles per hour. This current indicates one of the two directions by which, after the catastrophe of Atlantis the European race first became acquainted with North and Central America.

The existence of Atlantis has lately received unexpected corroboration from the discoveries of modern science. Immediately below the chalk and green sand of England a fluviatile formation, called the wealden, occurs, which has been ascertained to extend from west to east two hundred English miles, and from northwest to southeast two hundred, with a thickness of about two thousand feet. These phenomena, says Lyell (vol. 4, p. 308), clearly indicates that there was a constant supply in that region of fresh water, such as might be supposed to have drained a country of the size of Atlantis, and which must have contained within it a lofty chain of mountains. The catastrophe to which I have alluded interrupted the intercourse between the West and the East for ages.

The next most authentic mention of America occurs in the traditions of the Irish. They claim to have visited and colonized this country in the early part of the tenth century. Probably it was about the year 982 Ari Marsson, of the powerful Icelandic race of Ulf, the squint-eyed being, driven by storms southward, reached the coast of North Carolina, and there met a settlement of white men, and was there baptised by them in the Christian faith. The country was then called *Hvitrammannaland*, or White Man's Laud, and *Irland it Mikla*, or Great Ireland, and was inhabited by a people who came originally from Ireland on the eastern side of the Atlantic by the southern route via Cape Bajador, in Africa. They extended their settlements and conquests north, along the American coast to Iceland. In the oldest Icelandic documents the earliest inhabitants of that island are called "West Men who had come across the Western Sea" (*Kimmir til vestan um haf*), and the Northern antiquaries say that these men were Irishmen, from Carolina and Virginia, who had first settled there. In 1008, nearly five hundred years before the voyage of Columbus, North Carolina was visited and described by Eric Rundan, and in 1170 by Modoc, the son of Owen Guineth (*Humboldt,* 2 *Cosmos,* pp. 133-235).

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POPULATION.

In 1712 the North Carolina settlers were located principally on the north side of Albemarle Sound, and consisted of some fourteen hundred tithables; a thithable meant a working hand between sixteen and sixty, and this number of tithables, according to the usual estimate, gives us a total of men, women and children (whites) of about nine thousand. In 1698 the population of Albemarle was estimated at five thousand, an increase of nearly one hundred per cent. in fourteen years. In 1707 the population was eight thousand. In 1729 Albemarle and Clarendon contained ten thousand persons.

The Indian population of North Carolina consisted of tribes of Bear Rivers, Chowans, Chonomokes, Connamox, Cores, Cotechneys, Croatans, Matamuskeets, Pasquotanks, Poteskeets, Matchapungos, Yaopins, Woccons and Tuskaroras; all of whom had submitted to the whites, and some were living with them as servants. The Chowans were settled on a tract between Bennet and Catharine Creeks. Their fighting men amounted to about fifty. The Cores, Cotechneys and Matamuskeets were settled in Hyde county, around Matamuskeet Lake. King Blunt and his Indians had their territory on the Roanoke. The Hatteras tribe were on the sand-bank east of the Pamlico. They were very few and very poor. The Poteskeet, or Currituck Indians, lived in eastern Currituck. The Meherrins had their lands allotted them between the Meherrin and the Blackwater Rivers. The Tuskaroras, who, according to Catlin, were a fair, blue-eyed race, descending from the ancient European inhabitants of Carolina, well known as a wild, fierce and mixed-brooded tribe, occupied a tract of land along the banks of the Neuse and Tar Rivers and the adjacent country. They had fifteen towns on these rivers and could bring into the field twelve hundred warriors. The rest could raise some four hundred or five hundred more.

The white popualtion of the Port Royal, Ashley River and Charles Town settlements was estimated at about seven thousand five hundred, of whom twelve hundred were tithables and capable of bearing arms.

The Indian population of South Carolina consisted of the Backhooks, Catawbas, Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Congarees, Cusabees, Mnoes, Hooks, Kadapaws, Keyauwees, Russoes, Pedees, Saludas, Saponas, Santees, Saratoes, Savannahs, Toteros, Yemasees, Waterees, Waxhaws, Weenees, Westoes and Winyans.

The Cherokees extended through Georgia and the upper part of South Carolina, between the Saluda and the Broad Rivers. About 1735 they mustered six thousand warriors. The Catawbas dwelt on both sides of the Wateree. In 1743 they had four hundred warriors. The Santees, Hooks and Backhooks, Winyaws, Peedees, Waccamaws, Kadapaws, Weenees, Waterees, Chickasaws, Waxhaws and Saratoes dwelt north of the Santee and east of the Wateree Rivers. The Enoes, Toteros, Saponas and Keyauwees lived north of them. The Congarees lived on the river of that name. West of Charleston were many remnants of other nations once powerful. The Cherokees dwelt five hundred miles from Charleston, and had two thousand fighting men.

The political and religious institutions of these peoples would be an attractive subject for me if I had the leisure to pursue it. I think they are of Asiatic origin.

"OUT OF THE DEPTHS HAVE I CALLED TO THEE."

[Indianapolis Herald Covington (Ky.) Letter.]

Here, in our little town, we have had a sad and truthful illustration of woman's injustice to her sex. A man who held a deputy county office married a woman of bad repute and brought her here. The wife, during the four years she remained here, lived a pure, good life, striving amid difficulties to show to the world that she wanted to lead a different life than the one she had left. She was never known to thrust herself in any one's path, never even speaking to any person; always kind, gentle and modest. And not one woman in the town ever went near her; not one of the many Christians said to her, we or I will help you, but left her alone to her sorrow and temptations, and I trust Christ may have found her wherever she may be.

A SKELETON OF AN INDIAN FOUND IN A MARL PIT.

[Tarboro Southerner.]

In speaking of the wonders of the age, and things developed daily, old Pitt can show one of the greatest wonders of the age. In opening a bed of marl on the farm of Mr. A. Case, some days since, they struck into what is supposed to be a creek or small river, some six or eight feet below the surface. There they found an Indian canoe with a skeleton of a human being, sitting upright, with the remnant of a paddle in his hand. It is supposed that the embankment must have given away and buried this person while sitting at its base. How long ago this was no one can tell, as it has puzzled the many persons who have come to look at this wonderful discovery and development of the grand secrets that are buried under the very land that we walk upon.

Charleston *News and Courier* 24th: The Governor and State officers are in receipt of information that Peter Cooper, of New York, has expressed a determinution to purchase Limestone Springs, near Spartanburg for the purpose of establishing an institute similar to the Cooper institution of New York. Maj. Bomar, the agent of parties holding mortgages upon the property, is now in New York negotiating the sale with Mr. Cooper or his agents, and the Governor is daily expecting an announcement that the transaction has been completed.

WHAT CLINGMAN THINKS ABOUT IT.—Gen. Thos. L. Clingman, of this State, who has been in Washington nearly all winter, has recently been interviewed, and among other things said: "The attempt to put Mr. Tilden, or any other man, forward at this time is permature, and should be discountenanced. Such an attempt will only damage Mr. Tilden's chances. Two years hence will do to name a candidate. There is plenty of time. I was in the St. Louis Convention, and my first choice was Hancock for President, but all of us from the South were a unit on one thing. We wanted the strongest man. We acquiesced in in the choice of Mr. Tilden, as he seemed to be very strong in the North. He was elected, and it is pretty much his own fault that he was not inaugurated."

NEWS ITEMS.

The Maryland court of appeals decides that colored men cannot be admitted to practice law at the bar under the laws of that State.

The Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered a decision of some general importance to the Southern people, to the effect that property sold under Confederate confiscation reverts to the original owners.

Roanoke *News:* The lock-up at this place was broken into by tramps Thursday night and a lot of blankets stolen therefrom. This is probably the first case on record where a jail was broken into.

In 1877, 567 steamers and sailing vessels entered the port of Wilmington. That statement alone will give some idea of the commercial importance of this city. During the year there was a considerable increase of exports over the preceding year.—*Wil. Star.*

Important Decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The Supreme Court decides in the case from Charleston that gas light stock sold under the Confederate confiscation, reverts to the original owners. The decision was affirmed with costs.

The Four Per Cent. Loan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Popular subscription of over $2,000,000 to the 4 per cent. loan has been received with great favor at the Treasury Department, for the first week and in the face of the financial agitation in Congress it is regarded as exceptionally large. At the same rate $100,000,000 would be taken in one year. It is believed that when the opportunity for subscription is more general throughout the country this rate will be increased.

Our young friends, Lee S. Overman and W. G. Burkhead, who argued their first cause before the Supreme Court lately, have gained it. See digest of Chief Justice Smith's opinion in *Mauney* v. *Ingram* elsewhere. We congratulate our young friends on their auspicious start, and wish them "more of the same."—*Ral. News.*

Greensboro *Patriot:* James Long was chopping wood on James Donnel's place last Thursday. The tree which he was chopping fell against a hickory sapling which bent beneath the weight, and when relieved from the weight, flew back, carrying a limb with it and striking Mr. Long on the head with such a force as to break his skull. He lingered till the next day when he died.

The Wadesboro *Herald* learns that eight negroes were drowned in the northern part of Anson county, week before last. They were crossing a creek; two of them were on the foot-log, trying to cross, and the others were steadying the log, (the water being very high and swift), the log gave way and the two that were on the log fell in, and were washed down stream. The six others who were on shore "pitched in" to rescue the drowning ones and they were all drowned.

FENCE LAW TROUBLES.

It is learned that there is a considerable controversy progressing between the farmers on the borders of Mecklenburg and Iredell counties in reference to the operations of the fence law. It seems that cattle of Iredell farmers have been feeding upon Mecklenburg grass, or wheat and oats, as the case may be. Mecklenburg farmers took them up and the fence law made the Iredell men pay the cost of getting them out of the pound. The latter claim that Iredell, never having voted for the fence law, cannot be affected by it in any way whatever, and that if Mecklenburg county does not keep up the county fence, it is her own look out. Our informant states that several parties are about to go to law over the matter. It is a little singular that these questions have not arisen before.

A WORD TO THE BRIDE.

Please let an old married woman say a few words to those among your young lady readers who are newly married or contemplating marriage.

Now, girls, probably you all look forward to a life of happiness with the husband of your choice, but it will depend upon your actions, in great measure, how much happiness you have. Probably you are caressed and petted now, but you must not depend on that for your contentment; better far find your joy in showing your love for your family and neighbors in deeds of kindness, than in waiting for others to do good to you. Your husband, probably is engaged in business which occupies his mind and attention so he may not wish to fondle you at all times. But do not be afraid that a kind word or helping hand will ever come amiss to him, and every kiss or kind word in time of trouble, will make you seem nearer to him. Above all else do not let unkind or cross words ever pass your lips; make it a rule to let all little differences between you rest until such time as you are both in a good nature, and my word for it, the elephant you thought you saw, will only be a mouse and not worth speaking of. An old Irish lady was talking to the waiter just before her own marriage; and her words, though homely, were full of good advice. Said she: "Faith, Lizzie, an' if yer ould mon gits mad, jist ye kape your own mouth shut, and, by my word he'll not quarrel much an' no one to quarrel wid; and when he is after being good natured he will love ye the better for it." Try it reader, and if it does not work to a charm, both to get love and keep it, let me know, and we will try to find some other rule to help you.—*Aunt Bessie in American Farm Journal.*

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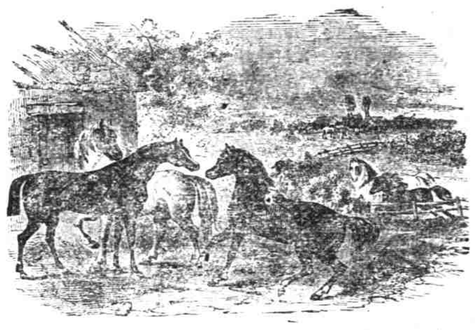

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