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For the Wilmington Journal,
Literary Notices.

Tennyson has received what appears to be a large sum for one or two of his smaller poems. But however great the price, it is really quite trifling in amount, when compared to the sum paid a poet of Venice, in the days of its glory and magnificence. In the fifteenth century—near the middle—Jaques Sannazaro received six thousand crowns in gold for only six lines in praise of the splendid and unique city that seemed to rise out of the waves of the Adriatic. As these lines give a good idea of the splendor and beauty of Venice in the time of the Doges, and are at the same time rare, I quote them as translated by Dr. Thomas Guthrie, of Edinburgh:

II.
"I have seen the Venice on the Adria stand
As a rock, and all the sea command;
Hark! at that, O Jove, said he, Rome's walls are
But a pile of stones, and these foundations lay."
Or that proud city, whence false Tarquin fell;
Grant thee best, view both, and you will say
That man did shape, and these foundations lay."
The Duke of Marlborough, confessedly the greatest military genius that England has ever produced, has provoked a great deal of discussion among historians and critics. There is a great variety and antagonism of opinion in the estimate placed upon his personal character. Lord Macaulay and Earl Stanhope, in their respective great historical compositions, differ entirely in their general summing up, as well as in the discussion of particular incidents and points in the life of the hero of Blenheim and Bunker. But all will agree that Marlborough had but little political principle, was avaricious and avariciously "hen pecked" by a tergiversating wife. A recent painter has in his graphic canvas a very mean and despicable in his entire composition. Pope, who so well knew how to sing his adversaries, and who has been described by the English biographer as "the most perfect specimen of satire," has described the baseness of the Duke in "savage lines" which have never been printed, and which the *Edinburgh Review* says "Pope dared not give to the public." I copy the following couplet, which is a good specimen of Pope's manner. Speaking of Marlborough the poet says:

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And with all fears of loss, small joys of gain!"

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NORTH CAROLINA.

Impachment and Imposition of Governor Holden.

A letter to the New York Herald, dated Raleigh, 3d inst., says the sensation of the hour, in the absence of more exciting events during the holidays, is the

BAPTISM OF GOVERNOR HOLDEN.
which took place on Sunday evening. During the morning service at the Baptist church, the suspended Executive rose in his seat and reviewed at length his religious experience, going over the greater portion of his life from his sixteenth birthday downwards. He said: "I have done a great deal of wrong in my life, but I will, with Heaven's help, endeavor to do better hereafter. I will do my duty to myself, my fellow-men, my country, and my God." The pious Governor was then received into full membership in the church, as was also his lady. After the evening service both were baptized, the text selected for the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Pritchard being Acts of the Apostles, xxii, 16. The entire chapter was read by the divine, presenting in a most striking light the persecution of the Christians by Paul, and the subsequent conversion of that Apostle to the religion of the Redeemer. It was remarked that the text and sermon bore a striking analogy to the spiritual reformation of the Governor, who all the time wore a humiliated and Christian-like air. The sermon or text was not intentionally leveled at the Governor by the clergyman, whose sole object is the conversion of sinners, whether they be objects of legislative impeachment or convicted penitents. Some students they be of high or low degree; for the greater the sinner the greater need of repentance, in Dr. Pritchard's motto. There was only an ordinary congregation present, as it was not generally known the Governor would be baptized. When the Governor stepped into the baptismal font the entire congregation rose to their feet, some eagerly chanting the psalm to obtain a better view of the ceremony. After a few remarks in advocacy of immersion, which the reverend doctor never fails to make, he said: "In obedience to the command of the Great Head of the church, I baptize you, my brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." The Governor was then gently lowered, and the entire body being immersed, he was again placed in an upright position, when he slowly and with seeming difficulty ascended from the pool dripping with the sacred water, and he disappeared from view.

MODERN IMPROVEMENT.
The comments of the northern press in regard to the impeachment of Governor Holden are read here with more than ordinary interest, and the supposition that there is a conspiracy on the part of the Democrats in the Legislature is received with more indignation than amusement, and is often a jest of the north. Holden was impeached, and the entire body being immersed, he was again placed in an upright position, when he slowly and with seeming difficulty ascended from the pool dripping with the sacred water, and he disappeared from view.

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