(Special to Charlotte Observer.) takes place on or about the 20th of Dare, from the place of its birth. May, which is the anniversary of the date of the Mecklenburg Decleration of Independence, was held to-night in by kinship and geography to be classthe parlors of the Travelers Protective ed in the Cape Fear section are our Association. There were probably 50 neighbors and good friends the peomembers present with their wives and ple of Robeson county, the upper Pee cipally of Old North state songs.

or an answer to the question, "Where society. The treatise was an extremeony, which is supposed to have become amalgamated with the Indians, and to be exemplified at present in the Croatans of the Carolina swamps.

After the rendition of the programme the members of the society devoted themselves to the enjoyment they sinned, they were greviously of the social feature. Refreshments sinned against; they were impressed were served. The society did not adjourn until quite a late hour.

Mr. Myrovers Address.

The historian Bancroft, in his first volume of the Colonization of the United States says:

"The Island of Roanoke is now almost uninhabited; commerce has selected securer harbors for its, pursuits, the intrepid pilot and the hardy wrecker, rendered adventurously daring by their familiarity with the dan- Springs, possessed of a vast fund of gers of the coast, and in their natures information and endowed with varied where the inquisitive stranger may yet they are identical with the Roanoke would be a stupendous disaster to the tion among the nations of the Earth. discern the ruins of the fort, round Island Croatans. They are re-enforcwhich the cottages of the new settle-ed in their views by a very high aument were erected.

ing of it as the last resting place of ing with a friendly Indian tribe. Virginia Dare, the first child born of Bancroft says: "More than another

in the discovery of mines in Guina? oke." What shall be said of the monarch who could, at that time, under a sentence which was orginally unjust, and which had slumbered for fifteen years, order the execution of the decrepit man, whose genius and valor shone brilliant ly through the ravages of physical decay, and whose English heart, within a palsied frame, still beat with an undying love for his country?" Sir Walter Raleigh.

Soldier, knight, and statesman, Sir Walter Raleigh, was a citizen of lofty and undeviating patriotism and as a scholar his History of the World, written in prison, remained a work of profound erudition. Prince Henry, the eldest son of James I, whose premature death made his brother, Charles, heir apparent to the throne, possibly changed the whole history of Great Britain, for he was frank, loyal, yearnings for the far away land. genial, and beloved by the people, and not imbued with the spirit of the "divine right of kings" so early evinced by his brother, and which made the English people regicides in their own despite for they had far more warrant for the execution of Charles I, than the French had for the death of Louis Sixteenth nearly one hundred probably, Hatteras Indians of Robeand fifty years afterwards. Prince Charles was wont to say that only his father would cage so sweet a bird as of Travaile" says: "At Ritano the blood in his veins. They bear English

should at once make their homes in oke."

Oxendine, Caldwell, Lowery etc. Touching at Carolina Beach and all the new world; and that life and The "Virginia Dare" sketch con-Their habits are those of the Indian;

Dogs carried on boat charged full property might be secured, he grant tinues: "Both John Smith and Strach in traveling they march in single file; fare." ed a charter of incorporation, and ey make mention of scattered parties they are gluttonous in times of plenty

established a municipal government for the city of Raleigh. John White was appointed Governor, and with a fleet of transport ships arrived on the coast of North Carolina in July.

ships for England drew near, the immigrants, became gloomy with apciety by Mr. J. Allison Hodges-Ill- prehension, and women and men arged Governor White to return and use his vigorous efforts for the prompt despatch of supplies, and he was forced to yield to the general demands. Yet previous to his departure the daughter of Governor White, Eleanor Dare, the wife of one of his assistants, gave

The Croatans.

Almost near enough to Cumberland

etteville, N. C., "The Lost Colony," ed the investigation of the ethnologist. It was from this people that a band is the grave of Virginia Dare?" Mr. in the late sixties and early seventies, Myrover had accepted an invitation to led by their chief, Henry Berry Lowdeliver the address in person but un- ery, terrorized Robeson county, robfortunate illness prevented him from bing, burning, slaying, their crimes being present. He forwarded the pa- being generally characterized by unper, however, which was ably read by paralled audacity, as they boidly intowns. The history of that scourge, ly interesting account of the lost col- through years, of a community has already been given to the world. But some good came out of even those horrors, for it drew the attention of thoughtful men to that remarkable race, and directed their efforts to the solution of its origin and history. If as negroes to work on the forts below Wilmington in the latter part of the civil war, and the father of Henry Berry Lowrie was publicly flogged like a slave, for a slight offence.

Their Origin.

Prof. S. B. Weeks, one of the most finished scholars in the country; Prof. Reed Smith, a painstaking erudite writer in the Columbia State, and Prof. Hamilton McMillan, of Red wild as the storms to which their skill scholary attainments have all written thority, the historian Bancroft-not of these colonists several times, and absteminous in the days of dearth; More than a year ago I read in The indeed, as to the Robeson Croatans, the Virginia Company writes of some they are taciturn and the women do Richmond Times-Dispatch, a letter of whom he had never heard but as of them as yet alive, within fifty miles the field and other labor. from a correspondent, describing a to the English colony of Governor of our fort, as is testified by two of Last of all—the most overwhelming visit to Roanoke Island, and speak- White on Roanoke Island amalgat-

white parents on American soil. It year elapsed before White could reis more than probable that the dust turn to search for his lost colony and of Virginia Dare is mouldering away his daughter; and then the Island of hundreds of miles from Roanoke Is- Roanoke was a desert. An inscription on the bark of a tree pointed to Bancroft says: "The name of Croatan; but the season of the year Raleigh stands highest among the and the danger from storms were statesmen of England who advanced pleaded as an excuse for an immethe colonization of the United States; diate return. Had the immigrants aland his fame belongs to American ready perished, or had they escaped history. No Englishman of his age with their lives to Croatan, and possessed so various or so extraordi- through the friendship of Manteo, benary qualities. Courage which was come familiar with the Indians? The never daunted, mild self possession, conjecture has been hazarded that the and fertility of invention, insured him deserted colony, neglected by their glory in his profession of arms; and countrymen, were hospitably adopted his service in the conquest of Cadiz, into the tribe of Hatteras Indians, and or the capture of Fayal, were alone became amalgamated with the sons of sufficent to establish his fame as a the forest. This was the tradition of gallant and successful commander. In the natives at a later day, and it was every danger, his life was distinguish- thought to be confirmed by the physied by the valor, and his death was en- cal character of the tribe, in which the nobled by true magnanimity. Raleigh English and the Indians races seem had suffered from palsy before his to have been blended. Raleigh last expedition. He returned broken- though he had given up the hope of hearted by the defeat of his hopes, by colonizing Virginia, he yet sent at his the decay of his health, and by the own charge, it is said, and at five sevdeath of his eldest son. What shall eral times, to search for his leigemen. be said of King James, who would Put it was all in vain; imagination reopen to an aged paralytic no other ceived no help in its attempts to hope of liberty but through success trace the fate of the colony of Roan-

The White Doe.

In one of the "North Carolina Day Strachy both know of "scattered par-Excercises," prepared and published ties of these colonists," and the latter by the scholarly Prof. Connor, is the tells of a young maid who fled up sketch, "Virginia Dare," in which oc- the river Chanoke." cur - the following paragraphs: "By the Indians Eleanor Dare, the first mother of the white race known to white and Indian race on record in their hearthstone in the belief that them, is said to have been called, in history, or the theme of story in tratheir figurative and descriptive way 'The White Doe,' and her baby, the little Virginia, the first white infant they had ever seen, "The White Fawn, Croatans. Wondrous, strange and and there is a pretty tradition that significant! Whence came the name? after her death her spirit assumed Intelligent as they were, they were that form—an elfin fawn—which, clad no scholars; they had no libraries; in immortal beauty, would at times they knew not history; they could not be seen haunting like a tender mem- find material for the assumption of ory the place of her birth, or gazing a name; they would never imagine so wistfully over the sea, as with pathetic strange a title.

The colonists had evidently gone to Croatan, as we now have the word, the home of Manteo, the friendly ehief; but none of them was even seen of white men again. They died and made no sign; though it is probable that their descendants may still be found among the Croatan, or, more

William Strachery, in his "History Weroance Eyanoca preserved seven of the English alive—four men, two boys, the sixteenth century, some of them

Str. Wilmington leaves daily except Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 A. M. and 2:45 R. M. In spite of the ill success of Lane's the English alive—four men, two boys, Colony, Raleigh determined to plant and one young maid, who escaped the an agricultural sect in Virginia, who massacre, and fled up the river Chan-

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As the time for the return of the Its Throne Will Long Continue Here-Some Obser- Direct Line to Principal Cities vations By An Authority Whose Life Study Has Been His Country's Chief Product

(By Mr. James Sprunt.)

newspaper, in the sense that its policy dependant upon the Cotton Mills for Richmond, Va., May 18 .- The an- birth to a female child, the first off- has been to foster and encourage by its daily bread. The possibility of nual meeting of the North Carolina spring of English parents on Ameri-practical observation and sound advice, such an event, and the wide fluctua-Society of Richmond, which always can soil; which was named Virginia that element of our economy which tions in prices of recent years, under provides the sources of our wealth and the manipulation of rapacious speculawell being.

The farmer has been in the saddle for several years past: for a long time he was forced by untoward circumstances to follow the procession on foot, but recently he has been kept in daughters. A beautiful musical pro- Dee and Lumber river country. In the van of progress, and it behooves gramme was rendered, consisting prin- a small section of this county, swam- him to keep also in line with the scienpy and low, lives a remnant (for it is tific development of a profession which The feature of the evening was the but a remnant now) of one of the no longer depends upon the crude paper by Mr. J. H. Myrover, of Fay- strangest peoples that ever challeng- traditions of past ages, but which looks to the acquisition of greater enlightment in a new era.

The chief scource of the South's wealth, and upon which we must depend in the future, is that royal gift of God which makes the cloth of the world, warp, weft and web, King Cot-As ex-Premier Balfour said, at Dr. Allison Hodges, a member of the vaded the county seat and other a meeting of the Brittish Cotton Growing Association at Manchester last year, "There is not a civilized man in the world who does not want cotton goods. I don't care who he is, or ing. where he is, how he lives or what he does, every man wants cotton goods in some shape or form." It is the new born baby's first gift and the last debt | Lancashire Cotton Spinners' Commispaid to the honored dead.

scribed the art of weaving in his day, which, in modern times, is simply the ern States are practically unlimited, mechanical execution of the same pro- millions of acres being available, and

"The web enwraps the beam, the reed divides,

While through the widening space the shuttle glides, Which their swift hands receive,

then poised with lead, The swinging weight strikes close the inserted thread."

ton manufacturer of the world, derives reign will add more than a billion dolbids defiance, unconscious of the as- volumniously on the subject of the 75 per cent, of its supply of raw cot- lars yearly to our beloved South, which sociations by which they are suround- Robeson county Croatans, and they ton from our Southern States. A has risen from the ashes of humiliaed, are the only tenants of the spot all incline strongly to the theory that failure of the cotton crop in the South tion and sorrow to a place of exalta-

Belief Regarding Croatans.

up of his very carefully considered

article "The Croatans; Whence and

Where," declares it most probable

he does not say certain, that the

Robeson county Croatans are the

Hatteras Indians, amalgamated with

the Lost Virginia Colony; Prof. Reed

Smith boldly follows his lead; Prof.

Hamilton McMillan takes the same

view; Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh,

the valued historical writer, uses his

Now let us weigh briefly and im

partially the reasons for the faith

that is in these writers. The very

last trace of this Roanoke English

colony finds them hastening for suc-

cor to Croatan, the tiny Virginia Dare

in her distressed mother's arms, gaz-

ing wistfully over the sea as with

pathetic yearning for the far-away

mother land." Beyond that they are

swallowed up in mystery. As a tribe

Croatan disappears. "Natives of a

Later Day" (Bancroft) tells of the

amalgamation of whites with the sons

of the forest. The Indians about

their camp fires tell to their children

stories of the White Doe and the

But generation after generation

elapses, and there is no amalgamated

dition. After centuries, a strange

Robeson county, who call themselves

Croatans Not Negroes

Anglo-Saxon and Indian blood.

civilized, nomad existence not one of

them, even the most ignorant, fails

to repel the charge that there is negro

pen to the same effect.

Prof. S. B. Weeks, in his summing

the barks of trees."

tors and gamblers, have brought to the serious consideration of British Statemen and Economists, the question of future supplies from more reliable sources. Naturally their thoughts have been centered upon the wide and almost limitless zone of British territory adapted to the growth of desirable varieties of cotton, and the vast region of West Africa has been successfully exploited as a cotton producing country of great promise. As yet there are practically no Between

means of transportation, and the British Cabinet has been recently urged by a large and important deputation of the British Cotton Grower's Association, to provide means for the extension of railways and roads in West Africa, and the improvement of the water ways of that country for the greater development of cotton plant-

Another important movement, more interesting to us in the South, is the recent visit to the United States of the sion, which, upon its return to Liver-Nineteen centuries ago Ovid de- pool recently reported that the possibilities of cotton growing in the Souththe means of transit thoroughly satisfactory. It is most probable therefore that the throne of King Cotton will long continue in the South, and that under the more intelligent control of the farmers parliament, restricting the acreage to the increasing needs of the world, and regulating the movement for the pow-To-day Great Britain, the leading cot- er of a reasonable profit, his benign

our colony sent out to search for fact in proof of the Indian-English them, who found crosses and assured blending of the race without the stain testimonies of Christians newly cut in of negro blood-during all the fearful depredations of Henry Berry Lowery and his band, not one of them committed that unutterable crime which, above all others, shows the savagery of the African nature.

In the year 1870 I went over to Lawinburg, N. C., to deliver an address; and that night the late J. L. Bundy informed me that he was coming to Fayetteville the next day, by buggy, on business, and would be glad of my company as I would find it a the Carolina Central Railroad and up Wilmington, N. C., and the Carolina Central Railroad and up the river from Wilmington, which was Georgetown, S. C. the only way of reaching Fayetteville at that time. In the early afternoon, just as we had crossed the Cumberland county line, five or six men came meeting us, in the middle of the road, walking in Indian file. "Those are strange looking people," I said,"

"Yes they are," said Bundy. They grudgingly gave us the road, turning off into the foot-path. They were a tawny, blue-eyed set of men, and perhaps only one of them raised his nead and nodded at us. I turned back in the buggy and looked at them, and turning to the front again saw that my companion's face was deadly white White Fawn. John Smith and William "My God!" he said, "That's Henry Lowery and his band; there has been blood and murder about here." And so there had. That morning the Lowery band had killed the two McLeods, their wives, and desperately wounded their son John, murdering them on they were possessed of a good deal of money. The news had reached

> "In vain, in vain, their heart-sick No tidings reached them more:

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