## PROFESSOR LEURIO

The Man With Two Natures—Learned Professor, Murderer and Professional Burglar.

(By S. A. ASHE.)

It will be remembered that in 1968 the University of North Carolina passed from the control of Governor Swain and the old Trustees into new hands. Its usefulness then ceased. For a time a few students matriculated, but at length its doors were closed; and it was not until 1875 that, through the efforts of Dr. Xemp P. Battle and other devoted friends, it was revived. It was during this period that the following events occurred.

Early one morning in the winter of 1869-70, when I was living in Pender county, a stranger came to the door and asked if he could have breakfast. He was apparently an intellectual and cultivated man. After sitting some time before the fire, he strayed across the room to the book-case, and presently his eyes fell on some large dictionaries.-English, Latin and Greek, French and Spanish. He at once displayed some hesitation-perturbation. After returning to his seat, he presently rose, took his hat and left the room. I thought he would return. But he did not, and disappeared without breakfast that was about to be served. I could only account for his conduct on the supposition that it was the sight of the dictionaries that disturbed him and led to his sudden determination, as singular as it was.

After some days I noticed in a newspaper that one of the professors at at Chapel Hill had disappeared. He was a Northern man-one who had a considerable reputation for learning: but there was no clue to the cause of his disappearance. Taking into consideration the date he left Chapel Hill and the day the stranger came to my house, and his strange conduct, I thought it probable that he was the missing professor, who might have lost his reason. Some months passed, and then I heard this story: The professor had turned up in New York, where he was arrested burglary; that after trial, and conviction, he had been sentenced to death; that he had petitioned the governor for a respite until he could finish a great work he had long been engaged on and that was near completion; but the governor was obdurate, and he was executed. Later, it came out that he had long been a criminal; that for years at the North his pursuits by day were those of a highly cultured scholar, while his habit was to make forays at night as a burglar. His learning was great, particularly

in his special line, which was philos ophy, and he deplored to his last breath that the world should lose the value of his devoted work in his studies. The other day in looking over my

old papers I observed an old magazine -The Journal of Phychological Medicine, for October, 1871, and wondering why I had preserved it, I found it contained an address being medico-legal notes made by Dr. George Burr, in New York, on the case of Edward H. Ruloff, who apparently was the professor who had been at Chapel Hill and was hanged for burglary. The address, while very succinctly written, runs through twenty-six pages; and of necessity I must condense unsparingly These are the main facts: In 1842, Ruloff, then a young man, appeared near Ithaca, New York, where he was cmployed as a laborer, and engaged in teaching school, studying medicine, and practicing as a botanic physician; also he lectured on phrenology. Having married, he had a wife and infant daughter. After a while he desired to Christiania, NORWAY. move to a larger field of operations but his wife and her family objected. So he came to regard his wife as an obstacle to his plans; and on June 24th, 1845, both the wife and child disappeared. It was believed that he murdered them and sunk their bodies in Lake Cayuga. The evidence of murder was, however, lacking, but he was arrested on the charge of abducting his wife, and, being convicted, in January, 1846, he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. He served that term out; but as he was leaving the jail, January 1886, he was indicted for the murder of his child. He was convicted; but appealed. A new trial was awarded.

While in jail waiting for this trial, he made the acquaintance of a young man named Jarvis, and of his mother, who was the wife of the jailor; over both of whom he obtained a powerful influence, and by their aid he escaped, and found his way into the hills of northern Pennsylvania. Here he fell at once into a life of crime. Apparently he was associated with several pals, who co-operated with him. At times one or the other would be arrested, charged with burglary, or with stealing; but Ruloff, himself, always escaped. All the while he pursued his studies; and I have the impression that he was a professor in some institution in Pennsylvania. At length, he established himself as Professor Leurio, at 190 3d Avenue, New York, and there while indulging his inclinations for philology, he and his gang would make forsays by night, gathering such spoils as were needed.

In 1868, as Professor Leurio, he attended a comention of philologists at Hope Mutual Fire Insurance Poughkeepsie, and offered his book for the approval of the members, demanding, however, half a million dollars for his "discovery" and copyright. And he had the largest expectations of pecuniary returns, when his work should

be completed. But, as learned as he undoubtedly was in language, he was besides a good lawyer, although never admitted to the bar. He was particularly well versed in the law applicable to the trial of eriminal cases, and in the rules of evidence. In his several trials he personally cross-examined the witnesses, made objections to the court and argued his points, often with great address. On some occasions he appeared without counsel, prepared the papers. made his motions and argued them with ability and tact. In 1869, under the name James E. Dalton, he appearfed in court as counsel for one of his men, Dexter, then in jail for stealing silk goods, and made such an effective argument in behalf of his pal that he succeeded in obtaining his discharge.

In deed, he had a remarkable facility of adapting himself to different pursuits. While in prison at Auburn, he was engaged chiefly in the carpet shop of J. Barber & Sons, in making patterns and designs for carpets; and

guages. From that time on-under all circumstances, during his prison life, and even when under sentence of death, it was his absorbing pursuit. His

fondness for the ancient languages became a passion. Then came distorted visions. Very solemnly he asserted "For over thirty years I have been impressed with the fact that there was something in languages that I was to discover. So, broading over that idea, the delusion finally came that he had made the "Great Discovery," and he felt convinced that the theory of language was special revelation to him. That was his favorite theme; and he maintained that all the fictions of Roman and Greek mythology covered home great philological truths.

Prof. R. H. Mather, of Amherst College, sought an interview with him after his sentence to death, and was astonished at the attainments and scholarship of Rudolph in the languages. He narrates:

"I desired to learn how he had acquired his knowledge of the old languages.," He replied, with a smile, that he had obtained it all by honest work; that from boyhood he had had a most intense interest in the beauty and strength of the Greek tongue. He wanted me to satisfy myself that he was not a superficial scholar, and then to hear what he had to say about the formation of language. I replied that we had no text-books to which he rejoined that many of the classical authors he by heart. Thinking that something knew from the Memorabilia might be appropriated to his present needs, I suggested the third chapter, first book, w ere the sentiments of Socrates with reference to God and duty, in their purity and exaltation, approach so nearly to Biblical revelation; and he at once gave me the Greek. Other parts of the same work, as well as the Iliad of Homer and some of the plays of = with. Then, in order to show his thoroughness, he criticised the common rendering of certain passages; and he did it with such subtlety, and discrimination, and elegance, as to show that his critical study of these nicer points was more remarkable than his powers of memory; in fact, I should say that subtlety of analysis and of reasoning was the marked characteristie of his mind. One or two renderings of President Felton he opposed most vigorously, and when I supported the ommon version, he quoted from a vast range of classics to confirm his view. Such is an account of a man whose ife history recalls Eugene Aram; but there is also a parallel with Dr. Jokyll and Mr. Hyde.

In his habits, as Prof. Leurio, 190 3d Ave., New York, he was amiable, quiet and retiring, laboriously studious; and he was on friendly footing with all the children of the vicinity, for whom he always had a pleasant word, and off-times brought them presents of toys

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Witness my hand and official seal the day and date
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Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year
above written. patterns and designs for carpets; and he was very successful, industrious and ingenious exhibiting much capacity, tact and skill.

But few men have had so distinctly two such diverse natures as Ruloff.
He says of himself that when about sixteen, although not college bred, he

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for which he was hanged, he had atbecame interested in the study of lan- t. ined an extensive and wide spread notoriety for crime. Not only in the public estimation was he thus connected, but in the recorded judicial proceedings of our State (New York) his name stands conspicious."

He was released from jail in 1860, and entered at once into a life of crime; During the ten years from 1860 to 1870, under various aliases, he served terms of imprisonment at Sing Sing, in Connecticut, and in New Hampshire. But if we can believe his own declaration he desired to pursue an honorable course, and was actually engaged in teaching in North Carolina, when a in jail at Buffalo, induced him to give up his situation at the South, and go to the relief of his former friend."

Apparently, it was this man who disappeared from the University; and, at the call of his old confederate, whom he dropped into my house, to ask for markable; but what is still more rearray of dictionaries where he did not expect to find them. His subsequent carreer is briefly told. He succeeded in getting Jarvis released. Together burglary and robbery. Nor were they without other associates. About two o'c'ock on the morning of August 17, 1870, three men entered, the store of Halbert Brothers in Binghamton, New York, stealing silk goods, and after removing quite a number of cases, they woke two clerks who were sleeping on the upper floor. In the francas that followed one of the Clerks, Mirrick, was killed—the other succeeded in giving an alarm. The burglars fled. Two of them, Jarvis and another, were of them, Jarvis and another, were drowned in attempting to wade across

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from intervening or establishing any
claim therefor.

Witness the Honorable Peter W. Meldrim, Judge of said court, this 26th day

was appointed to examine him. This move he denounced, declaring that he was entirely sane. Still, the commission made its examination and report, and finding that he was sufficiently affected to be immune from punishment. He was executed May 18, 1871.

Afterwards a study was made of his brain, the result being given in the volume before me. Among all the notable trials of that period, few attracted as much attention. Indeed, Dr. Burr closes his address with this remark: "The case of Ruloff will rank with the most celebrated trials of our country, for the peculiar circumstances attending the case, and the great in-terest it has cited. The trial of Avery Robinson \*Webster, and Mrs. Cunningham, each in turn attracted a large share of public attention, and interest, but none more so than did the trial of Edward H. Ruloff."

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STATEMENT they purused their former course of State Mutual Fire Insurance

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Insurance Department.

Raisight N C April 12, 1918

I James R Touras Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a rose Midwert abstract of the statement of the State Motual First Insurance Company of Raisigh, North Carolina, flied with this Department, showing the worldthin of said Company on the Stat day of Precember, 1918

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RECEIVERSHIP.

In the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, March Term, 1919. I. A. Solomons, as Executor, etc., et al. vs. Importing and Exporting Com-

bends 43.550 as pany of Georgia.

25.747 652 21 To the stockholders and all persons having claims of any kind or character against the importing and exporting company of Georgia:

Under and by virtue of an order of 181 167 98 the Superior Court of Chatham county, Georgia, of date, May 19, 1919, you and each of you having claims of any kind 186 ms 17 or character against the Importing and 132.922.34 Exporting Company of Georgia, as \$33 116 810 38 Stockholders, creditors, or otherwise. 1,011,832 22 are hereby required personally or by
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of May, 1919.

WILLIAM L. GRAYSON. Clerk Superior Court, Chatham County. Georgia. (Seal of Court.)

Osborne, Lawrence & Abrahams, Attys. for Evan B. Basch, Beceiver. Savannah, Ga.

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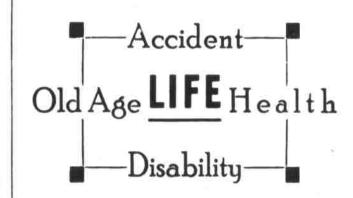
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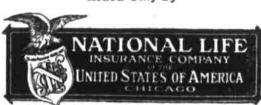
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