

THE DAWN WILL COME.

[Edward Oxenford.]
The night may be dreary and sombre and sad,
And swiftly may speed the white rack in the sky;

The ocean may roar on the wave-beaten shore,
But the dawn of the bright golden morning is nigh!

The tempest may gather, and thunder may roll,
And the fiercest birds hie from the lightning's east!

But far in the absence of his slumber released,
The dawn of the bright golden morning is seen!

The bitterest sorrow may gather around,
And banish the smile to give place to a tear;

But Time will relieve all who tremble and grieve,
For the dawn of the sweet smiling morning is near.

Then do not despair, O ye weary and sad!
For joy will dispense e'en the shade of a sigh;

Bright days will come back, and the night and the rack
Will flee when the dawn of the morning is nigh!

WORTH.

A SON OF THE PEOPLE.

And Their Faithful and Honored Servant.

Very few people of North Carolina are familiar with the name of

DR. JOHN MILTON WORTH.

State Treasurer. Most of its adult population has seen in its streets and marked his simple Quaker manners and benevolent expression.

His brothers are all successful men of business. Jonathan Worth, Legislator, Treasurer and Governor—faithful in all, as his truthful epithet recites—was the most successful of them.

Spring from such a good stock it was natural for Dr. Worth to play a prominent and useful part in the affairs of his day.

He was chosen by his district, when a young man, to represent it in the Legislature. He sat in the Senate for the counties of Stanly, Moore and Montgomery one term, in 1842; and for Moore and Montgomery two terms, in 1844 and 1848.

In 1848, when the whole State was in anxiety the vote of the Senate on the bill to charter the North Carolina Railroad, because on the fate of this bill hinged the question of progress and improvement.

Dr. Worth gave the last affirmative vote, making a tie, thus giving the casting vote to Calvin Graves, the President, and assuring the great State line, which to-day traverses its plains and its green State.

The strong sense which has guided him to right judgments on the real wants of the people stood him in good stead on this momentous occasion. His vote and active influence lent to the building of the State charity, the Insane Asylum, was as honorable to his heart as it was to his intelligence.

Dr. Worth then retired from political life, and gave his entire attention to the practice of his profession and to mining. He was successful in both, and to enumerate his good deeds, such as only a conscientious physician and kind friend could do, would be to set forth the journal of his daily life.

During the war, by his example, liberality and constancy, he substantially aided the soldiers, encouraged the faint-hearted, and did charity for all. The two gallant sons whom he gave to the service proved their devotion with their lives.

In 1870, when the Radical Riots of the past two years had aroused the people to send their most trusted leaders to redeem the State from ruin and disgrace, Dr. Worth was returned to the Senate by the counties of Randolph and Wayne. Again in 1872 he was sent to the Senate by the District composed of Randolph and Moore, and as chairman of the Committee on Finance, made strenuous efforts to settle and compromise the State debt.

The settlement of the State debt became the object of his closest study and deepest consideration. In 1876 he was nominated without opposition for State Treasurer, and was elected by a large majority.

When the creditors of the State were disposed to have a fair and reasonable settlement of their claims, and the State in a position and condition to give a proper and business-like adjustment, a Committee on the State debt was raised. It was made up of such Senators as Giles Mebane, Frank Caldwell, Bleckley, Lytle, Bryan, and Lyon, and such Representatives as John L. Brown of Mecklenburg, R. B. Davis of Catawba, Charles Cooke of Franklin, N. P. Ford, William E. Clarke and William H. Orchard. This committee held its sessions in the Treasurer's office, and had the benefit of Dr. Worth's advice and suggestions, and the full information which he brought to the subject.

In 1878, to compromise, compute and settle the State debt, accomplished the great desire of his heart. It relieved the State of its burden, and enabled it to become again prosperous and happy.

He recommended to the Legislature the changes in the laws by which the mode of settlements of Sheriffs with the Treasurer was made convenient and inexpensive. The saving effected by this, and the law recommended by him creating the State Treasurer ex-officio Treasurer of State institutions, equals very nearly the entire expense of the Treasury Department. He has accomplished a great purpose, but one of the most successful of his life, but one of the most thriving of our manufacturing villages.

GOOD TIME IN CATAWBA.

[Correspondence of the Raleigh Register.]
CATAWBA COUNTY, May 27, 1884.—Catawba High School for males and females is a well known institution at Newton, Catawba county.

It has been in successful operation for many years, first as a male school, but for the last few years there has been a female department also. It has done much for the development of Catawba, and is destined to do much more.

Its buildings are large and commodious, a new three story brick building having just been completed within the last year. Its principals are Revs. J. C. Clapp and J. R. Fall, with a corps of competent teachers.

It is proposed to make it a regular college soon, and a canvasser is now in the field soliciting an endowment fund. Now is the

TIME FOR COMMENCEMENTS.
Catawba High School opened the season on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, May 20 and 21. Commencements here have always been largely attended by the friends of education in neighboring counties, but this year the attendance was smaller than usual on account of its being commencement week at Rutherford College and Conova.

The young men in their declamations and the young ladies in their essays, acquitted themselves honorably and handsomely. The concert was said to have been better than ever before. With such a teacher as Miss Sorber, of Pennsylvania, and the young ladies of Catawba, it is not surprising that they should do so well.

At the same time of the commencement there was another important and enjoyable entertainment, going on at the same time.

A CHURCH FAIR.
Inaugurated by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church. It was the first thing of the kind ever held in Newton, so it was much discussed beforehand, and above all things on the ground.

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THE NORTH CAROLINIAN AT THE

Discovery of the Yosemite Valley.
[Correspondence of the Raleigh Register.]
FRANKLIN, N. C., May 20, 1884.—Mr. James M. Roan, whom I mentioned in the paper giving an account of the first emigrant company that crossed the plains

to California, was one of the party which discovered the wonderful valley and falls in California, called Yosemite canon, or, however, in this paper I follow the name and incidents of that discovery as narrated by him.

During the summer and fall of 1850 the Indians commenced the ruthless murder and robbery of the miners in the Mariposa mining district. Life and the prosecution of mining enterprises became so uncertain that application was made to the Governor for assistance to repel those terrible Indian incursions of murder and robbery.

In response to this application, the Governor, instead of sending troops, commissioned James D. Wadsworth, with authority to raise a battalion of mounted volunteers with instructions to proceed against the Indians.

Very soon three companies were raised and tendered to Major Roan. Mr. Roan was a citizen of Sonoma, a member of the Boling was Captain. William Dill was Captain of Company B, and Kirkin-Dill Captain of Company C. The battalion consisted of about three hundred men.

The expedition proceeded on its march to delay as possible, and almost without commissary stores. During a vigorous campaign of six or eight months, he succeeded in subduing, capturing and carrying to the reservation of John S. Galt, all the Indians as he supposed, of the surrounding country.

But horrible deprivations were still committed, and the wonder was, who did it? It was a mystery. When a mining camp was struck no one could tell from whence came the blow. The mystery hung over the camps as a dark cloud, producing unrest and a sense of uncertainty. At last the discovery was made.

Such was the discovery and the means by which that singular and wonderful locality, the "Ohumitee," was brought into the possession of the white man—a locality which has since become a geographical feature that it has become a national ground and has an unrivaled fame the world over.

Mr. Roan, who has furnished me with the material for this report, to the Governor's youngest man in the company which made the discovery, and is, perhaps, the only survivor of the discovering party. If so, he is an elderly man, and his recollections should be of the most reliable.

Should he be the only survivor, he ought to be the keeper of the National Park. The brave men who dared all and braved the greatest perils to reach the golden land, and to bring back to the world the story of their adventures, and to make it a great domain of national wealth, deserve well of their country.

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WACCAMAW LAKE.

THE FISH THAT SWIM IN IT
And the Bait With Which They are Caught.
[Water L. Steele.]

On the line of the railroad leading from Wilmington, North Carolina, to Columbia, and just thirty-four miles from the former, there is a lake covering about twenty-five square miles, which is a favorite resort of the anglers of that section of country.

It is nowhere more than fifteen feet deep, and generally its waters are as placid as the features of a sleeping beauty. Black bass, chinepin-perch, warmouth, white perch, bream, grasshopper and other fish common to that latitude abound in the lake and its tributaries.

The writer has often had rare sport taking most of these varieties, and in doing so has been the recipient of much joying them upon the shore after they had had the culinary attention of his old friend Kinchen K.—one of the salt of the earth—whose art in fishing was only excelled by his art in preparing a station for the fruits of his line for the delectation of his palate.

Artificial flies and jointed rods and reels were, in my time, unknown to the simple people who live near the lake, and the common red worm, the grub, a hair line and a long light rod of native reed answered fully all their wants. Of course a "dog-out," or "dodge" made of cypress, was used, and in addition the equipment consisted of the open water upon the bonnets and grass, which grew upon the margin, and in the little creeks which discharge their waters into the lovely lake, the disciples of "the gentle art" whiled away many a pleasant hour drawing the fish from the dark water, and looking forward to the time when they should return home.

"The expectant wags' noise tollin' steele"
To meet their dad in fitchin' nois' a-giee!"

The name of this beautiful sheet of water is Lake Waccamaw, pronounced Waka-maw, and at Flemington, a station about five hundred yards from its northern bank, is a well kept hotel presided over by Mrs. Nick Carroll, who succeeded her father, and who is well known to the traveling public as the keeper of one of the best eating-houses in the South. Here ample accommodations can be had, and the writer has often seen the pilot his friends arrayed in show, then the best places in the lake to fish.

A few miles northeast of the lake there lived, several years ago, a fisherman named John Duff, who was famous for his exploits of narrating his piscatorial exploits by giving full flow to a vivid imagination, and who sometimes indulged in such extravagant tales, that the fishery of them was a great source of amusement to his neighbors.

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MECKLENBURG.

THE GOODLY LAND
In Which Scotch-Irish dwell.
[William Johnston.]

Mecklenburg county is located in the southwest portion of North Carolina, north of the thirty-fifth parallel of latitude, and two hundred miles from the Atlantic coast, and one hundred miles east of the Appalachian range of mountains, and bounded on the south by the State of South Carolina, and on the west by the Catawba river. According to the observations of the Government Signal Station at Charlotte, its mean annual temperature for the four years past was 60-91° Fahrenheit, with a mean annual rainfall for the same period of 40-77-100 inches, while its mean elevation above tide-water is 770 feet. These conditions combine to give it a delightful and beautiful climate. Its area comprises about 313,000 acres. According to the census of 1880, its population numbered 43,300, and of this number the whites have a decided majority, and control in all departments of the county government. Of the entire population only 277 are of foreign birth. The county is not only largely Scotch-Irish, with Irish, German, and English intermingled. By the census of 1880, the value of farms in 1879 was \$3,382,544, and the estimated value of farm productions was \$1,551,470. The assessed value for property for taxation in the county for 1881 was \$6,355,327. For 1882 it was over \$6,500,000. These assessments are much below the actual values. The real value of the personal and real estate is estimated to be over \$12,000,000. But two other counties in the State show greater value of farms and of annual productions. The natural soil is very fertile, consisting of a loam from two to eight inches deep on the uplands, with a much greater depth on the branch, creek, and river bottoms. The subsoil is clay and is capable of the highest degree of improvement, being less liable to wash, and more retentive and absorbent of fertilizers given to it, than other soils. The surface is undulating and in places hilly, but rarely ever too steep for the use of the plough, even on the hillsides. Half a dozen creeks with their clear streams run through the county, emptying into the Catawba and Yadkin rivers, and giving much life and productivity to the riparian owners. These streams furnish the power for many mills, located upon them, for sawing lumber, grinding wheat and corn, and for other purposes. The Catawba river, twelve miles from Charlotte, has a fall of thirty-five feet in one mile, and is capable of running millions of spindles in sight of the great fields of cotton.

The chief productions of the county are corn, wheat, cotton, oats, rye, clover, lucerne, orchard grass, timothy, beans, and almost every variety of grain, grasses, and vegetables grown in the temperate zone. Of the leading grasses clover, lucerne, orchard grass, etc., will, with some culture, give yields far in excess of those obtained in any State north of the Potomac river. No better grape region is to be found in this section of the State. The chief productions of the county are corn, wheat, cotton, oats, rye, clover, lucerne, orchard grass, timothy, beans, and almost every variety of grain, grasses, and vegetables grown in the temperate zone.

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