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King James Version of Bible.

Mr. Moody Tells of the Great Translation of the Scriptures.

(Continued from last week's issue.)
ST. JAMES VERSION.
And now it is time to dwell at length upon the events connected with that version which has been for three centuries the joy of so many generations of Christ's followers, and the inspiration of so much that is highest and best in Western Civilization and English Christendom—viz: "Our authorized or King James Version." The history of English Versions dating from the Monk Caedmon 650 down to 1611 deserves reverent study at our hands but I can only glance at it in a general way in order to prepare us for the greatest and most enduring of them all. Caedmor, the Monk of 650 was followed by another Monk, the Ven. Bede in 735, and he by King Alfred the Great, whose translations of the Latin Scriptures into the mother tongue was limited to only a few books of the Bible, usually the Psalms and Gospels. The first complete versions of the whole Bible into English were those of Wycliffe, a priest of 1388 and Tyndale, a distinguished Landlord of Oxford, born a year after Luther and dying a martyr's death October 6, 1536. One or two incidents in connection with both these men and their versions, are too note-worthy to pass over, and then to our special task. Brethren how little we know of the sufferings and sacrifice endured for the sake of God's word and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by the faithful ones of the past. Take Wycliffe, he painfully wrote out in manuscript his translation of the Bible, requiring 10 months of incessant labor to make one copy and costing when done, from 3 to 5 hundred dollars. So precious was God's word in those days that men gave a load of hay for permission to read one of the copies for one hour. We are told of a young woman—Alice Collins—who was sent for in various parts of England to recite the ten commandments and parts of the Epistles of St. Paul and Peter, which she knew by heart, and all this carried on at the risk of one's life because the church authorities already forbade the common people to read the word of God. How touching to our ears sounds the prayer found in the Old Bible Preface. "God grant us to ken (to know) and to keep well Holie Writ and to suffer joyfully some pain for it at the last." When the next version, that of Tyndale appeared, printing had been invented, America discovered and Greek copies of the Scriptures brought from the East to Western Europe. Forbidden to carry on his labors of translation in England, Tyndale fled to Germany and soon thousands of printed New Testaments were smuggled into England in bags of flour and bales of dress goods and in every conceivable channel. There is no grander life in the annals of the church than that of Tyndale. Poverty, distress and misrepresentation were his constant lot; imprisonment and death were ever staring him in the face. Many times in the midst of his labors he was heard to say, "If they burn me also, they shall do none other thing than I look for." And so on October 6, 1536, his fears were realized. He was dragged from his dungeon—strangled and then burnt to ashes—ferociously praying at the last—"Lord open the King of England's eyes"—which God soon answered. These versions were followed in rapid succession by no less than six other versions in that same century—which brings us now to a brief sketch of the King James version we seek to honor at this time. The King, James, came to England in 1603 to succeed Elizabeth. He was the son of Mary Queen of Scots of unhappy memory and Lord Darnley, and his name is perpetuated in America by the first English Colony in 1607 calling their settlement in Virginia—Jamestown. James was a weak King but deeply interested in learning and theology. A French Duke called him "the nicest Lord in Europe." In January, 1604, a celebrated conference met at Hampton Court Palace to confer

Approves Webb's Course.

Congressman Webb has just received a letter from Dr. H. Q. Alexander, President of the State Farmers' Union, in which he says, "I approve of your course in opposing the reciprocity treaty with Canada as it was presented to the House by the President. That treaty is not fair or just. It seeks to lower the cost of living but taxes the farmer with the reduction, without in any way compensating him for his loss. And I am not sure that it would even lower the cost of food products to the consumer. All articles put on the free list are in the raw state. No manufactured products are admitted free. The farmers and laborers produce the raw materials. Capital converts it into the finished product. Capital is protected. The man must fight unaided for his living. The dollar is placed above the man. This has been the policy of our government in all tariff legislation. It is a shame and an outrage on a so-called free people. The masses have tolerated it just about long enough."
Dr. Alexander is a farmer, a former member of the State Legislature from Mecklenburg county, and one of the most intelligent and honored citizens of the State.

Board of Health.

Newton News.
Dr. H. E. Rowe was named superintendent of health yesterday at the meeting of the board of health for the county. The board is now composed of Chairman S. L. Rhyne, for the county, commissioners, Mayor Clarence Clapp for the town; Supt. G. E. Long for the schools and Drs. J. R. Campbell of Newton and W. L. ... of Hickory. Dr. Abernethy and Supt. Long could not attend.

Mr. T. A. Tillman and family and Mrs. A. Hoard, of Cleveland county spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. J. R. Gantt. Mr. Tillman and Mr. Gantt married each other's sisters. Mr. Tillman is one of Cleveland's most successful farmers.

about church questions and grievances and it was then decided to bring out a new version of the Scriptures. Fifty men, the most learned and devoutest scholars of England, were appointed for the task. Six companies or groups of scholars were selected—two to meet in Oxford, two in Cambridge and two in Westminster, London. These men labored unceasingly for 7 years, and received no compensation for their work, except entertainment, and \$7.50 per week, on the final revision of the complete version. The book was printed 1612-13, and immediately took its place in the homes of a churches of the court. About 300 copies of that first edition exist today and are worth about \$200 apiece, a copy can be found in the Astor Library of N. Y., and Mr. J. P. Morgans private library. We cannot dwell today upon its literary merits, but let us think of it as knit into the experience of those nations whom God has put into the control of the earth, England, America, Germany. It has, then, a sovereign right to command our attention, a supreme power to tax and control our interest. Think of it as a book set deep in the experience of our race. Then if we would know our responsibilities and capacities we must know its story intimately. Think of it first as literature that has colored and shaped the conscience and imagination of Western Christendom. Think of it as the book of devotion to high aims and ennobling ends from which the choicest spirits of the world have drawn strength and inspiration. Then as men of serious mind we must study this book thoroughly. As we go deeper into our own hearts, we discover another motive at work. This book, the book of life to our fathers, is the self same book of life to us, their children. Christ speaks to us in it and He has enkindled in us the sweet and masterful hope that we ourselves, like many of those who have gone before us, may grow up to the doing of a perfect work. And so we look at this wonderful book reverently, thankfully, and as we look, warm and joyous thought of the deeds of God and the words of Christ visit our souls and cheer us on to do our best, to ken and keep the Book of Holy Writ—at any cost—till life's evening close around us.

Bloodine cough checker will quickly allay that hacking irritation accompanying a severe cough or cold. The safest and surest remedy for children. Keep a bottle constantly at hand. For sale by Grimes Drug Co.

Value of a Country Phone.

Oxford Ford Farmer Had a Practical Illustration of It.

Correspondence of The Democrat.
Oxford Ford, May 8—Mrs. Esley Starnes is suffering from appendicitis and was taken to the hospital at Statesville today.
The stork has visited several families in our section. Mr. Robt. Drm is all smiles—a daughter. Likewise Mr. Jerome Bradshaw—a daughter.
Our phone lines are installed and are working O. K. At one stroke we were brought in touch with about 400 phones. How is that for a start? We predict that every nook and corner of Catawba county will soon have phone connection.
Some people of course can't see the benefits of having a phone but here is one striking case in point. The writer had just finished attaching a phone for a neighbor when it was found that his son had gone to Hickory without full instruction about something that was needed. So one of the first messages sent over that phone saved an extra round trip of 20 miles. The example speaks for itself.

Catawba College Notes.

The honor roll of Catawba College for April is as follows: Messrs. G. L. Whitener and S. J. McNaury, 93; Miss Pauline Phillips and Mr. Ezra Hunsucker, 92; Miss Frances Clapp and Messrs. S. J. Kirk, G. C. Peeler, and Charles J. T. Hilleary, 91; Miss Helen Smith, and Messrs. E. O. Bacon, E. E. Bost, R. B. Sigmon, and H. M. Wagoner, 90.

Last Tuesday there was presented in the college auditorium a play entitled "The Freshman." The play was given by the students of the college and for the benefit of the Civic League, the money to go for the new cement walk. Many that were here said the play worthy a larger audience: it is probable that the play will be presented again, either here or at Startown. The sum of \$16.50 was cleared.

Miss Vollrath is now with some of the students engaged in the preparation of another play to be presented at commencement.

Henry, Route 3.

Correspondence of The Democrat.
Henry, Route No. 3, May 8—Everybody is busy planting, most of the people are through planting corn and cotton. The weather has been fine for work this spring. The health of the community is good. Everybody seems to be enjoying plenty of work, and the spring days. Wheat and oats are looking fine.

Mr. Sanford Cline has about completed his course in Phrenology and will go out in the field pretty soon. We wish him much success in his work.

We had another wedding at Squire Blackwood's since Easter. Mr. Jacob Mull, son of John Mull, and Miss Dempsey Reynold, daughter of Wm. Reynold, both of Catawba county. We wish them much success in life.

Swimming time must be close here for I hear that three of the boys went in swimming Sunday. They said the water was fine.

We are to have a boat for the pond this summer. Not a toy boat, but a real boat.

Mr. Lingfelt will finish cutting lumber for J. M. Walker and E. E. Chapman this week, and will move to cut a yard of shingles for J. S. Hoyle.

Will ring off. Success to the Democrat and its many readers. "Jolly Bill."

*Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

Record time was made in an auto-trip from here to Lenoir Sunday by Dr. H. C. Menzies, who had with him Messrs. C. Cline, Bob Martin and George Lyerly. The trip back was made in exactly an hour with two stops. In the party there were also Mr. George Hutton with Mrs. Hutton, two children, Mr. A. Hutton, and Mr. and Mrs. Winters, and Mr. C. T. Morrison with Messrs. H. C. Lutz, Lon Sherrill, Hugh D'Anna and Harry Whitener.

For soreness of the muscles whether induced by violent exercises or injury Chamberlain's Liniment is excellent. This liniment is also highly esteemed for the relief it affords in cases of rheumatism. Sold by all dealers.

The Week in the Women's Clubs.

Mrs. John Hatcher gave a six-handed euchre party May 4th. For the six tables, Miss Louise Jones gave the needed punches. Mrs. Grimes won the prize, a pair of silk hose, and Mrs. Wesley Martin was consoled by drawing a pink satin rose with buds. Ice-cream and cake were served at the close of this pleasant social function.

The Do As You Please Club met at the home of Miss Emma Bonner, Monday, May 1st. A delightful feature of this meeting was the linen shower given Miss Ava Harris, their friend and teacher. The dainty articles made by the girls themselves showed the love and esteem in which they held her. Miss Greta Wesen won the prize in the interesting games played. Dainty refreshments in two courses were served by the hostess. Several interesting recitations by Miss Bertha Bradshaw brought to a close a most enjoyable afternoon.

May 3rd from 4 to 6, Mrs. O. M. Royster entertained her club, the Hickory Book Club taking them with her on a trip to Norje (Norway) where she had been last summer. The profusion of snow-balls were suggestive of this land of snow and ice. Many beautiful pictures were enjoyed, colored photographs of picturesque scenes and noted places, among them The Midnight Sun, the North Cape, and groups in their native costume; and of the Laps, and then the guests were invited to the dining-room where the table was spread with beautiful and interesting curios. A cover embroidered in flowers red and blue, their favorite colors, two china plaques, one painted with the flags, the other with the coat of arms, toy chairs, a Lap baby in its cradle, a carriage or "Stolkjarre," a bridal cup, with tiny pictures within of the bridal procession and then above all the bridal chain with a spoon at each end all carved out of one piece of wood by the groom. At the first meal after the wedding, the chain is placed around the bride's neck she and the bride-groom must eat from the spoons. After the hostess served the salad and fruit courses, each one drew from the centre vase a flag with a number attached and then hunted for a package which had the corresponding number. Mrs. Grimes, the only one invited outside the club drew a carved wooden salt cellar. Mrs. Geitner, a wooden spoon painted with the national flower in red and blue; Mrs. Chadwick, a tiny boat similarly decorated; Miss Geitner, Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Miss Schenck Mrs. H. C. Menzies and Mrs. Philo Hall, of Newton, an ex-member, carved and painted wooden spoons, all different, Mrs. Green, a basket, and Mrs. H. D. Abernethy, a painted jewel-box, Mrs. J. A. Martin, a butter tub of burnt wood. Mrs. J. A. Ramsey and Miss Wheeler each a painted wooden tub. Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., a carved milk pail. The Hardanger embroidery and the coins must be spoken of before the end of this unique hour.

It was a delight to have a visit from Henry Blount, of Wilson, North Carolina's inimitable wit and philosopher on Monday. Mr. Blount has been lecturing at Morganton, Drexel, Black Mountain and other places in this vicinity, and dropped over to spend a day with his kinswoman, Mrs. J. A. Martin. Henry Blount is sui generis, and Hickory ought to have him to tell how "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," or to hear his side splitting lecture on "Wit and Humor." The Democrat hopes the Civic League may be able to utilize him at an early date.

Mr. Willis Bagby is spending a few weeks in the city visiting his brother and other friends.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

Mr. Hart has obtained the consent of the city fathers to use the Standard Oil's asphalt binder on the city streets, considering it a better binder than the tarvia which has been used in the past. There are 100 barrels of the material now being opened on the streets.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

Congestion at Graded School.

Takes Hickory Longer Than Other Places to Finish the Course.

To the Editor of The Democrat:
The people of Hickory have the right to expect and demand of the city schools that thorough work be done in all the grades, that the course of study shall be complete enough to prepare the pupils for the ordinary avocations of life as well as for entrance into the colleges, and that the work be done in as few years as possible.
Those in charge of the schools are trying to meet these just demands of the parents. Thoroughness is required in the work of all grades. Especial emphasis and stress is laid on such important subjects as spelling, writing, reading, arithmetic and grammar. The course of study, while not so high as in many other towns, is full enough to admit to the colleges under condition.
But it requires thirteen years to do the work with proper thoroughness.
The school term in Hickory is only eight months. In such cities as Asheville and Durham the school term is nine and a half months. In other towns like Charlotte, Statesville, Monroe and Lenoir the term is nine months. It can be easily seen that it is difficult to do in eight months what other towns do in nine months or longer.
The university and the colleges of the State require 14 units of high school work for unconditional entrance. The high school department of Hickory schools is credited with only 12.7 units, while the school at Lenoir is credited with full 14 units.
All of the leading schools now have eleven grades: seven grades in the elementary departments, and four grades in the high school. In all these schools it requires twelve years for the average pupils to complete the course. In the Hickory schools, with an eight-months' term and with crowded grades, it takes thirteen years to do the work as thoroughly as it should be done. It is believed, however, that the work can be done in twelve years, even with a term of only eight months, if sufficient teachers are provided.

The present school building was designed to accommodate 400 pupils—rooms with 40 pupils in a room. But for the past year the average daily attendance was 500, and many days there were 530 or more children present. For the coming year there should be at least 16 teachers. One teacher for every 35 pupils in daily attendance. In the rural schools one teacher is allowed for every 30 pupils in daily attendance. But how is it possible for sixteen teachers to work in a building which has only ten rooms?

These are the conditions which now exist in the school. It is very probable that within the next seven or eight years provision will have to be made for more than a thousand children. We all rejoice at the growth of Hickory, but this growth brings additional responsibilities and tasks. And it becomes necessary to plan not only for present conditions but also for future needs.

It is clearly evident that additional school buildings must be provided if the work in the schools is done thoroughly, and if the pupils are to complete the course in the same number of years that is required in other towns and cities. And whatever is done must be done at once, or the school will open in September under the same crowded conditions that have existed for the last two or three years.

CHARLES M. STALEY.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks, to our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our little son. And may God bless you all.
Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Self

A Burglar's Awful Deed

may not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. C. M. Dunlap, of Leadell, Tenn. If alling, try them. 25c at C. M. Shuford, Moser and Lutz, and Grimes Drug store.
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Death of Mr. W. B. Ferguson.

Mr. W. B. Ferguson, of the Waynesville bar, died at Franklin during court Wednesday, May 3. He was the father of Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr. of Hickory, who with Mr. Shuford attended the funeral at Waynesville the following Saturday. Resolutions were adopted by Franklin Court which in part were as follows:

Whereas, at eight o'clock this morning the spirit of Mr. W. B. Ferguson, an old and honored member of the Waynesville bar, took its everlasting flight from the scenes of his earthly labors; and, whereas, he was for many years a practitioner in this Court, honored and esteemed for his ability as a lawyer, his high character as a citizen, and for his pure and unswerving life; and, whereas, upon the convening of Macon Superior Court on this morning of May 3, 1911, the Hon. E. B. Cline, Judge presiding, spoke feelingly of his worth and character, likening his passing away to the sentiments contained in the following beautiful lines:

What if some morning, when the stars were pining,
And the dawn whitened, and the East was clear,
Strange peace and rest fell on me from the presence
Of a benignant angel standing near.
And should I tell him, as he stood beside me,
"This is our earth, most friendly earth and fair,
Daily its sea and shore, through sun and shadow,
Faithful it turns, robed in its azure air."
There is blest living here, loving and serving,
And quest of truth and serene friendships dear;
But stay not, spirit; Earth has one destroyer,
His name is Death; flee lest he find thee here."
And what if then, while still the morning brightened,
And freshened in the elm the summer's breath,
Should gravely smile on me the gentle angel,
And take my hand and say, "My name is Death."

And whereas, upon motion it was unanimously decided that the entire Court and its officers in a body accompany the remains to the railway station; that the Hon. J. Frank Ray and the Hon. Sam L. Rogers be designated to accompany them to Spartanburg, there to be met by the family of the deceased; and, whereas, the Court thereupon adjournment out of respect to the memory of our deceased brother after the appointment of a committee to draft suitable resolutions on his death.

Therefore be it resolved: That in the passing of our friend and brother we, in common with the bar of the 16th Judicial District, have sustained the loss of one who lived considerate to his kind. His love bestowed was not a thing of fractions, half-way done, but with a mellow goodness like the sun he shone o'er mortal hearts, and brought their buds to bloom early—thence to fruits and seeds.

Want Ford Cars to Carry Extra Weight.

The Ford Model T. has been barred from the big races to be held at the Motordrome in Indianapolis on Decoration day. The officials of the meet insisted that the Ford be loaded down with several hundred pounds of lead before it could find a class to enter. There is no car made in the Ford's class, except those much heavier. That, of course, is on account of the Ford heat-treated vanadium steel used in the construction of the Model T, which enables the makers to eliminate weight without the sacrifice of strength. In fact, the use of Vanadium insures the most rugged durability possible.
The thousands of Ford owners throughout the country (and there are 80,000 of them at the present time) will regret exceedingly that their champion has been unable to find a place on the programme for the championship races at Indianapolis.

Saved Child From Death.

"After our child had suffered from severe bronchial trouble for a year," wrote G. T. Richardson, of Richardson's Mills, Ala., "we feared it had consumption. It had a bad cough all the time. We tried many remedies without avail, and doctor's medicine seemed as useless. Finally we tried Dr. King's New Discovery and are pleased to say that one bottle effected a complete cure, and our child is again strong and healthy." For coughs, colds, hoarseness, lagrippe, asthma, croup and sore lungs, its most infallible remedy, that's made. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guarantee by C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz, and Grimes Drug Store.

The New Mayor of Hickory.

Mr. Lentz Found His Opportunity for Success in Lumber Business.

John Albert Lentz, Hickory's new mayor, was born in Rowan county and was raised on a farm. He lived with his uncle, Mr. T. I. Linn and when the latter moved to Hickory Mr. Lentz was a lad of 14 years. He did not have many school advantages but was able to attend Catawba College for a couple of years, studying under that eminent instructor, Dr. Clapp, and among his classmates were Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy and Mr. Bob Cline.

Mayor Lentz married Miss Mollie Wiley, daughter of Sheriff Wiley, who moved here from Caswell county. Mr. Lentz was fortunate in his choice of a business. He went into lumbering when that industry was almost in its infancy in North Carolina. The mountains of the state to which Hickory is one gateway were rich in primeval forests. Mr. Lentz made himself master of this profitable industry and is today one of Hickory's most well-to-do citizens and safest business men.

He worked at the Piedmont Wagon Works for five years—that great industry of this place which made it what it is and which has been the nucleus of its continued growth. For a time Mr. Lentz was in the saw milling end of the lumber business and then went into the shop business with Mr. George Bonniwell. He was for a time in the Hickory Mfg. Co. After several business shifts he and Mr. W. H. Westall, of Asheville, established the Hickory Novelty Co., which has become one of the largest sash, door and blind factories in western North Carolina.

The city has often called on Mr. Lentz to serve her. His service on the board of aldermen embraces 14 years and on the school board two. He has always stood for the great moral issues. The first time he went on the board he won by two majorities and Hickory was dry for the first time in its history.

He was one of the charter members of the building and loan association and has always been an enthusiast in this enterprise which has enabled so many laboring people in Hickory to own their own homes. He is still on the executive board. He is a steward in the Methodist church. He has four children, Eugene, Frank, Lee and Frances and one brother Mr. Willey Lentz, of Blowing Rock.

Remarkably successful in his own business, the people of his city confidently expect him to carry the same sound common sense and good judgment into the governing of Hickory and to make one of the best mayors we ever had.

Mr. D. E. Fry is building a very artistic garage in the rear of his residence. It is of poles with a picturesque green roof. Mr. Fry has bought his auto yet but is going to get his steed as soon as the stall is ready.

Mr. W. C. Thompson is in Stanley this week on business.

A Wonderful Discovery Which Practically Eliminates the Dangers of Death by Catarrh or Diseases Which Originate with Catarrh.

(From the Paterson, N. J., Guardian.)
Ninety-four per cent. of all the diseases with which the human system is afflicted, originate or turn into catarrh; assuring himself of this fact, Dr. Barker gave the matter of catarrh his entire time and study, and after several years of the most thorough research for a remedy which would positively cure catarrh in any form, he prepared a prescription which he used in his private practice without a single failure of any case of catarrh he treated. After a considerable amount of persuasion he consented to put the prescription upon convenient form, so that sufferers from this terrible disease could purchase the treatment at a nominal cost. The prescription will be found in most any drug store in the United States under the label Bloodine. In a recent introductory sale in a city of New York, more than 20,000 bottles were sold in a single week.

I am so confident that Bloodine will cure anyone afflicted with catarrh that I will gladly supply it to any patient on a positive guarantee to cure, or money will be as cheerfully refunded as it is taken. If your druggist does not keep Bloodine you can be supplied by The Bloodine Laboratories, Boston, Mass., at 50c a bottle, or six bottles for \$2.50, Grimes Drug Co.