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### POETRY.

### Grandmother's Bible.

a you've brought me this costly Bible With its covers so grand and gay; You thought I must need a new one, On my eighty-first birthday, you say yes, mine is a wornout volume, Grown ragged and yellow with age, With finger-prints thick on the margin But there's never a missing page.

And the finger-prints call back my wee ones'

Just learning a verse to repeat; and again in the twilight their faces Look up to me, eagerly sweet. It has pencil marks pointing in silence To words I have hid in my heart; And the lesson so hard in the learning. Once learned, can never depart.

There's the verse your grandfather spoke The very night that he died:

When I shall awake in his likeness, 1, too, shall be satisfied." And here, inside the old cover, Is a date—it is taded and dim, For I wrote it the day the good pastor Baptized me.-I've an old woman's

That beside the pearl gates he is waiting, And when by and by I shall go, That he shall lead me into that kingdom, As into the one below. And under that date, little Mary. Write another one when I die; Then keep both Bibles, and read them-

God bless you, child, why should you Your gift is a beauty, my dearie, With its wonderful clasps of gold: Put it carefully into that drawer; I shall keep it till death; but the old-Just leave it close by on the table, And then you may bring me a light,

And I'll read a sweet psalm from its To think of, if wakeful to-night. -London Christian.

# COMMUNICATIONS.

For the ADVOCATE.

The History of Methodism in North Carolina Prior to the Organization of the North Carolina Conference in 1837.

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A. B.

WITH A CRITICAL ESSAY ON THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

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History of Methodism in North Carolina, 1800-1837. REV. JESSE ARMON BALDWIN,

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INTRODUCTION.

CHAPTER I.

A GREAT REVIVAL PERIOD, 1800-1812.

THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE CHURCH DURING THIS PERIOD.

II.

THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE.

The hardships that he was forced best possible training for his work as a Methodist preacher. He had but a limited education—knew practically nothing of the sciences or of philosophy—he was emphatically a man of common sense, he became a clear, the Bible.

and instructive in this connection: "A great and glorious work has taken place in this circuit since Concannot tell. I have seen and felt converts. more since I saw you than ever be-

12 o'clock in the day to 12 at night. At a quarterly-meeting held in Ire-July, and continued four days, the

power of the Lord began on Friday about sunset, under an exhortation, and continued till Monday 12 o'clock without intermission. The groans of the distressed went up on Friday night from all parts of the camp, and when many found the Lord precious

in the pardon of their sins. Brother Douthet was at prayer the mighty power of the Lord came down, many hard-hearted sinners fell to the ground and cried to the Lord for mer- | time is often underestimated. Some cy as from the belly of hell. The slain of the Lord were many, and numbers that fell rose again with a new song. The next morning was an | they settled. awful time—some shouting praise to the Lord, others screaming for mercy, and the whole congregation seemed thunder-struck.

"On Sunday evening, after Brother Ormond's sermon, under prayer, the Lord displayed his power in an increasing manner. The heavens and the lightning were awful, and the ground seemed covered with sinners. The wounded were taken to the tents, but some stayed at the stand in the hardest rain, and pleaded with the Lord, and about midnight they were delivered. The storm of rain was so powerful that the wicked were obliged to keep close to the tents, and the Lord mowed them down on every hand. Mr. Hall, Mr. King, and myself continued the whole night in prayer for the mourners." Moore's "Pioneers of Methodism in North Carolina and Virginia."

North Carolina has produced few men who have had more natural ability, who did more faithful, heroic service for the State, or who were more generally beloved than Philip Bruce. He was born near King's Mountain of Huguenot parents and was educated by a Scotch tutor. Methodist pioneers had just come into the State, a glorious revival of religion had just broke out, and young Bruce was one of the many converts. He now yearned for the salvation of his unconverted parents, and through his influence they were converted and joined the Methodist Church. Philip was shortly afterwards licensed to exhort, and at the Conference of 1781, entered the itinerancy. He was in demand in the best stations in the whole connection, but many years of useful labor were given to North Carolina. No longer able to take regular work in 1817 he asked for and obtained a superannuated relation. In 1826 he joyfully went to receive his reward above.

"He possessed great ministeral gravity, and yet seemed ever cheerful without levity. . . . I think his mind was better cultivated than that of any other of his compeers in the Conference. He united fine conversational powers with polished manners, and passed well in any society in which he chanced to be thrown. He stood high in every community both as a preacher and as a presiding elder. His sermons were generally short and delivered with much zeal and energy. [Rev. Benjamin Devany, quoted in Bennett's Metwo occasions he came within three

votes of being elected Bishop. The Presbyterians and Methodists were on good terms, and often worked together; and especially was this one book. Having a strong, native the case in the western part of the intellect, a great deal of uncommon State. The Presbyterian preachers of Iredell county, seven or eight in forcible, and successful expounder of number, arranged for a sacramental occasion to be held by encampment, A letter written by him to Bishop near Statesville, in February, 1802, Asbury, August, 1802, while on the and invited Philip Bruce to assist Yadkin circuit, will be interesting them. He gladly accepted the invitation. They had a gracious revival. "Near one hundred were apparently under the operation of grace at one

dreds of Christians."

Besides these camp-meetings there

The work of the local preacher at this | Mitchell! were in the local ranks and did effect-

Of Thomas Mann, Dr. Peter Doub work." He died in 1830, after laboring faithfully thirty-five years.

Douglass "was a man of great dignity, amenity, a genuine Christian gentleman, and a rare pulpit orator." Thousands were converted through were black with clouds, the thunder his labors. He was twice Secretary of the General Conference, and was one of the best executive officers in the church at this time.

Ballew was eccentric, but he was great because "he walked and talked with God."

III.

### THE CAPE FEAR SECTION.

The camp-meeting and great revival period soon reached the Cape Fear section. Of this period James Jenkins writes from Wilmington, October 18th, 1804: "Our first campmeeting began the 22nd of June, in Bladen circuit, about ten miles from Wilmington. The power of God was present to wound and to heal. The cries of the distressed, and the shouts of joy from those that were healed, were truly awful, and pleasing. . . We suppose that there were seventy souls found peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

After telling of some others, he says: "The last camp-meeting is just over in Bladen circuit [which then included that whole country] near Brother Gautier's: ten preachers and about sixteen hundred people. This exceeded all that ever I saw. The work broke out the first day, and increased rapidly until we left the ground. The Lord rode forth conquering and to conquer: The devil's kingdom fell like lightning to the ground." Experience, Labors and Sufferings of James Jenkins, pub. 1842, p. 146. Many were converted at this meeting, and it was thought that during the three months previous three hundred had found the Lord.

(To be continued.)

## For the ADVOCATE. The Corbett--Mitchell Affair.

BY REV. R. L. ABERNETHY, D. D.

The great uncivilized, disgraceful contest of Corbett and Mitchell is past, leaving the laws of this Great Republic broken, and the honor of this grand old government trailing in the dust. It does seem that our enlightened America is retrograding into the times of the bloody arena and bull-fighting days of heathen morials of Methodism in Virginia. Rome. The old gladiators of the the privilege of assisting in the enact-The great esteem in which he was heathen world were less blameable ment of laws in which she is so ma- occasion of their mary-making is the to endure while in captivity were the held is attested by the fact that on for their brutal atrocity and unciviliz- terially interested, and whose blessed conduct than are Corbett and ings or cursings she must enjoy or charity which bestows upon the depathizers at the present day. Surely to whether or not this privilege proceeds of the festivities of a charity no Christian of any denomination would have a good or bad effect on ball. True charity is modest, and stood in that crowd and looked upon those who would thus engage, and on does not blazon its deeds before all Corbett beating, bruising and mang- the cause which lies nearest every the world. It prefers that its left ling the English bully who was willing to risk the dangers of the deep, to ous doubts as to its propriety, and hand doeth. It does not proceed on disfranchise him forever.

The bullies didn't fight upon Georference. The number converted I time." There were a great many gia soil. No, thank heaven. Gov.

fore. Many stout-hearted sinners morals of the people that Philip Bruce writer has the honor of personally the U.S. derives an enormous revel condemns it as unworthy the supuncommon for meetings to last from there are scores of ministers and hun- hearted gentleman it would be hard exigencies of municipal finance seems laugh at the credulity of those who to find in any Southern State.

But the simple fact of a fight be- Governmental expenses shall be furdell county, which began the 30th of were many converted at the regular tween these two bullies is the least nished by license-fees levied on trades. appointments. Daniel Asbury was in- evil in the case. The defiance given strumental in the conversion of sixty to law and order is a greater evil; and better than no license. It is a fact souls in going around Yadkin circuit still the greater one is the influence that law, unregulated saloons, are such conduct has upon human society, James Douthet, Thomas Mann, especially among the young mascu-Thomas L. Douglass and John C. lines of the day. Why, you may Ballew and others also did a great walk the streets of our populous Chicago for example, a few years ago, increased till 10 o'clock the next day, work for their Master in this section. cities, where the dailies are scatter-Douthet was an earnest worker, ing the news of the affair among all Having married Miss Susanna How- classes, and you will see groups of increased. The city council fixed the "On Saturday afternoon, while ard of Yadkin county, he located in urchins upon the corners, squaring license at \$500 per annum and the left off of tickets because they were 1803, but continued to do good service | themselves in pairs, boxing and makas a local preacher in that section. ing feints, in imitation of Corbett and license seems to be the go, and this ceptable to the liquor dealers and

> And just to think that these "slugof the very ablest of the preachers gers" carried money enough from that battle to support one half of the ual work for God in whatever locality | pastors of the North Carolina Conference for one year!

said, "He was truly devoted to his North Carlina were silly enough to invite them to fight somewhere in this State. I don't suppose Gov. Carr would suffer the old North State to be thus disgraced.

Rutherford Col., N. C., Feb. 3, '94.

For the ADVOCATE.

A Proper Prohibition Movement.

BY WILLARD E. WEST.

The Rev. Geo. R. Stuart, of Cleveland, Tenn., strikes the key note when he begins organizing the Prohibitionists of that State into an order for the purpose of demanding that the forthcoming candidates of that state declare themselves in favor of, and obligate themselvet. , support, any and all legislative measures which

will tend toward the suppression of the liquid traffic. We believe Mr. Stuart to be on the right track, and we tender him our prayers and bid him Godspeed in this noble enter-The fountain head of this sweeping

foe lies (as all will agree) in legalizing legislation, and until the source of this destructive stream is purified by deep radical legislative purification we will have, and may expect, just such scenes of carnage and bloodshed as is constantly confronting us. I shall always believe there are enough Christ-like God-fearing men who are prohibitionists in this grand Old North State to start a prohibi-

tion ball to rolling, and to roll it with such force as to astound our enemies and bring joy and gladness to the thousands who are helpless under the crushing weight of intemperance. It here for prohibition Democrats and prohibition Republicans and proaside these fruitless, unavailing politifor one grand consolidation of our prohibition forces, and hoist to the destruction. breeze a North Carolina Prohibition flag, and under it fight and pray unthe sea, shall hear that long longed

anny of this bloody king. and believing this coveted end will true mother's heart. I entertain serithose demands.

portance relative to this question is those who receive of its bounty. Northen has convictions of right and that which grows out of the federal There had been such a change in the moral courage to execute them. The economic question. In the first place charity ball. The very name it bears everybody else.

to require that a large proportion of

It is admitted that high license is nurseries for the germination and growth of crime in a greater degree than so-called first-class bar-rooms. sold license for one dollar per week and the "dives" flourished and crime "dives" were frozen out. High not available, i. e. would not be acfact puts the hope of any federal legis- their allies. How much longer will lation in our favor among improbabilities. It remains for us as prohibitionists to enter forever our protest distasteful, and who they know will against the traffic by a consecrated vote and use their influence for the consolidation of all our prohibition interest of the liquor traffic? Why I have heard that some folks in forces, and, after the plan of Mr. not put ourselves in a position that Stuart, of Tenn, or some other equally as judicious, begin laying a broad foundation for active permanent prohibitory laws, and by unity you following Christ, when, for the of effort and purpose and God's help wipe the liquor blot from our otherwise fair pages of North Carolina his- for the devil's interest? God forbid; tory. Who will be the first to issue a and yet that is just what we keep docall for all prohibitionists of the State | ing. to unite and get about the work? If there can be any help seen in this plan let us get to work.

## The Ball was Postponed.

A Chicago daily recently made the following announcement with reference to the social and religious affairs of a near-by city:

The date of the charity ball has been changed. This change was made necessary by the fact that the week of prayer has been changed, and it was deemed best not to have the charity ball come in the same week.

How considerate! Of course it would never do to have the "four hundred" of this city praying for the charity that "vaunteth not itself" one evening, and then the next evening dancing itself into weariness in the name of that sweet charity which "doth not behave itself unseemly." Even these devotees of pleasure saw the inconsistency, and by postponing their performance told again to the world, what it has long since known, that indulgence in these pleasures, even though done under the cloak of charity, is not in harmony with the highest principles and does not conduce to the building up of the loftiest moral character. It is no excuse that pretending Christian men and women patronize these affairs, nor that seems to me that the time is about in the present instance a member of our church is one of the leaders. This may lend an air of respectability, bition Populists to call a halt and lay but it cannot detract from the harmfulness of the performance. Rather cal cudgels and make one grand move | it increases the evil by making more attractive to young people the way to Then this whole charity-ball busi-

ness is an utter farce. It is one of the til this State, from the mountains to baldest exhibitions of hypocrisy the social life of our day can present. for thunder of salvation from the tyr- Think of the "upper crust" dancing and making merry over the poverty Some are hoping (vainly I think) and destitution of the lower classes. Is not this the refinement of sarcasm? be brought about through woman To be poor is bad enough. To be suffrage. When viewed as a human compelled to beg is worse. But to right it would appeare that any and have those who are blessed with a all good and true women should have larger portion of this world's goods make your poverty and distress the gall of bitterness. That is not true Mitchell with their abettors and sym- endure. But the question arises as serving and uncomplaining poor the hand should not know what its right be whipped in this country by an out- am inclined to believe the effect the "for revenue only" principle, landish slugger? If a United States would be demoralizing. Prohibition but is glad to make sacrifices in its officer of any grade were present to legislation in other States was brought | purpose to consider the poor. It scorns witness the contest, the government about just as it is our privilege to to compelits beneficiaries to contribute ought to disrobe him of his authority, bring it about by a demand for the to its pleasure. It finds its greatest enand public moral sentiment should right, and an unswerving fidelity to joyment in relieving distress in a quiet and unobtrusive way that does The feature of greatest national im- not compromise the self-respect of

Away with the hypocrisy of a

have turned to the Lord, and at our could say: "Where thirty years ago knowing Gov. Northen to be a pious, nue from the ninety cents per gallon port of the followers of Him who common meetings loud cries and a living minister and a living Chris- intelligent member of the Baptist tax callected by the authorities of the showed the world the true way of disshouts of praise are heard. It is not tian could scarcely be found, now Church, and a more social, kind- Internal Revenue Department. The pensing charity. The devil must assist him at this business, and who seem to think that thus they are doing God's service.—Epworth Herald.

> For the ADVOCATE. My Platform.

BY B. H. WOODELL.

The availability of men as candidates for office is being discussed already, and will be more so, as the time draws nearer for the election. I have known some of the best men of the country Christian men allow party leaders to compel them to vote for men who are will compet party leaders to consider our opinions when they are discussing availability? We can if we will. Are sake of party, or fear of a little ostracism you stifle conscience and vote

I don't want any more political parties, we have too many now, I fear, for our good, but I lay down the following as my political platform and creed from now on, and I ask as many as wish to, to get on it with me and we will see whether we are to be counted in the future:

I will vote for no man for any office who sells intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who is using it as such, to excess; nor for any man, in whom I haven't implicit confidence, to believe, that in case the test comes, he will vote on the side of morality and virtue, and for the suppression or riddance of the present system of the liquor traffic in North Carolina.

If all men who have the courage to stand by their honest convictions of every name and order, will get upon this platform with me and give this, or any other paper which publishes it, their names, we will have better men to vote for in the future than we have in the past. Mark the prediction. Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 5th, 1894.

> For the ADVOCATE. Historical Fiction.

BY REV. E. A. YATES, D. D.

"The Prince of India." Lew Wal-"The Captain of the Janizaries."

J. M. Ludlow. These vols. are recent, and can be ordered from Rev. T. J. Gattis and Son, Durham.

They are more than worth the cost. And inasmuch as historical fiction as a general thing exceeds in value pure fiction, unless pure fiction be of a high moral type, these vols are of special value to the young Christian thinker because they deal with his-

tory that is largely religious. Both vols. deal with the causes of the establishment of the Moslem power in Europe, and the romance is woven into the incidents connected with the taking of Constantinople by

They are very readable books, and are calculated to stimulate historical

As far as I am able to judge, both works, though by different authors, are presented to the public very nearly at the same time; but the reader will perceive that it is difficult to clear one or the other of these authors of plagiarism; for there is remarkable identity in some of the incidents.

"The Prince of India" does not equal "Ben Hur," but perhaps this criticism may not be entirely just, since a "Tale of the Christ" must always be more attractive than a "Prince of India.

The moral of both vols, is eminently good.

If there were no troubles to talk about some people would be always silent.

No man can get any nearer to God than he is willing to try to bring