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THE CREDULITY OF INFIDELS.

Thomas Carlyle and John Stuart Mill. Thomas Carlyle thinks that miracles are so inherently improbable that, despite the testimony, he will not believe them.

In his "Early Kings of Norway" he tells us of Harald Haarfager (fair-haired), who was Norway's first king.

He tells us of Harald's conquest of the island of Gylde, a then glorious and famous young lady of those regions.

She, however, "answered his embassy in a distant, lofty manner: 'Her it would not beseem to wed any jarl, or poor creature of that kind; let him do as Gorm, of Denmark; Eric, of Sweden; Egbert, of England, and others had done—subdue into peace and regulation the confused contentions of jarls round him and become a king; then, perhaps, she might think of his proposal; till then, not.'"

This reply only rendered fair Gylde tenfold more desirable in Harald's eyes, and he at once set about the business of conquest, which lasted him twelve years (A. D. 860-872).

"Sixty more years," Mr. Carlyle tells us, "were given him to consolidate and regulate what he had conquered, and he died 'a man of eighty-three.'"

Twelve years for conquest, and "sixty more to consolidate and regulate," made seventy-two, which taken from eighty-three, leaves eleven.

He was, then, eleven years old when he began his conquests. Of course, some time was necessary for him to get ready to prepare for war, etc., say three years; this would make him eight years old when he courted Gylde.

"A wonderfully youthful lover, and a marvellously youthful general. Then Gylde, being 'a glorious and famous young lady,' must have been much older than Harald; and it is extremely improbable, to say the least, that she would have answered the suit of an eight-year-old boy, as Mr. Carlyle says she did.

Miracles are, far, too wonderful to be believed, despite the great array of testimony for them, but this story of Harald is not too wonderful for Mr. Carlyle to believe, on the testimony of obscure Icelanders.

"The legs of the lame are not equal." John Stuart Mill, and the whole tribe of scientific infidels after him, refuse to believe in miracles.

In his autobiography, Mr. Mill tells us that he began the study of Greek at three years of age. When he was seven, he says he had read, in the original, "a number of Greek prose authors, among whom" (italics mine) he mentions the following: The whole of Herodotus and of Xenophon's Cyropædia and Memorabilia of Socrates; some of the lives of philosophers by Diogenes Laertius; part of Lucian and Isocrates' ad Demonicum and ad Nicodemum; and the first six dialogues of Plato.

UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

Real Estate in North Carolina Yet Owned by the British Crown.

Raleigh News, April 4.] About three miles from Louisburg, the county seat of Franklin county, on the main stage road leading to the town of Franklinton, is an old structure, antiquated in style, and but for its beautiful location, and evidences of careful preservation, would never attract the eye of the traveler.

Yet there is something in the old appearance of the building, with its ancient hip roof, dormer windows, and general olden-time surroundings that inspires into an observer a desire to know something of its history.

We were traveling to Louisburg court in company with the Hon. T. C. Fuller, of this city (a native of that county), and passing the old "Porterage" (the time-honored name of the old homestead), we casually interviewed this gentleman on the subject, and during the week interviewed several old citizens on the same subject in Louisburg.

The land upon which the old Porterage stands was the original grant to the great grandfather of Colonel W. F. Green, of Franklin, whose present plantation is a part of the original tract. The building was erected many years before the Revolution from solid heart cypress timber hauled from the lower Roanoke river.

Every piece of the original timbers are as yet sound, with the exception of the shingles, which have been often replaced. At the death of Mr. Jeffrey, the original owner, soon after the Revolution, the old Porterage changed hands.

A question of title arose during the life time of the second owner, and a suit in chancery instituted, which lasted during the lifetime of the party owning. The third owner inherited the suit, which clung to him through life. So it was through several succeeding generations, and the old Porterage suit became more famous than the Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce in Dickens' "Bleak House."

It is, however, strange, but nevertheless true, that during the progress of the litigation, in which the best families in the country took part, there was never known to be the slightest enmity created by it, or was it even mentioned in the social gatherings of the families engaged.

But through all the mutations and vicissitudes of the Porterage, the old church that stood across the field from the dwelling, surrounded by a grove of virgin oaks, remained sacred from the ax of the occupant. The church rotted down piece by piece, and all that now indicates the spot where it once stood is the few giant oaks and dense undergrowth on a little knoll in full view of the public road.

The church was built by the Elder Jeffrey, and by him deeded to the Crown of England. It was the established church of England, and therefore the Government retained possession of its church property. In the course of the subsequent litigation, it was observed that this property was not embraced or recognized in the general confiscation act. No future owner could possibly secure a title, our Government never took possession to transfer the title, and to-day it is still the property of the English Government, as it has the only deed for the land.

There are many interesting traditions of the old Porterage and church that would make an interesting chapter in the unwritten history of the State, and we would be glad to see some of our Louisburg friends at the task. And we know of no subject more prolific for the basis of a story, than some of our Louisburg ladies could so elegantly handle, as the old church and Porterage.

The Key West Yellow Fever Story.

Fleet Surgeon James Suddards, of the North Atlantic Fleet, writes to the Navy Department, under date of Port Royal, South Carolina, April 13, 1875, in regard to the health of the crews of vessels attached to the fleet and the existence of yellow fever at Key West, as well as at Havana, that the wind constantly blew from the eastward, so that there had not been a single norther during the season when they are the most prevalent. The average temperature of Key West from December 1, 1874, to March 31, 1875, has been more than six degrees above the average of that season of the year. In all probability the good health of the squadron at Key West at all times during the past year may be attributed in a great measure to the strict sanitary regulations observed.

Surgeon Suddards then speaks of the departure of the Colorado and Plymouth from Havana on the 29th of March, upon learning that the yellow fever existed there, and their arrival at Key West, where a board, consisting of Surgeon Adrian Hudson, of the Worcester; Acting Assistant Surgeon R. J. Perry, in charge of the medical stores at Key West, and Surgeon Suddards, investigated the circumstances attending the reported appearance of yellow fever there. They found that three deaths had occurred from yellow fever of the most pronounced character; while of several other cases the issue was still doubtful. During the few days that the fleet remained off Key West no new cases in the town were reported.

Surgeon Suddards says: "All this time, however, a strong northeast wind had been blowing, cooling and purifying the air. When the hot weather returns, which may be expected from day to day, I very much fear a fresh outbreak of the disease. It now only remains to state the general probabilities of health and disease on this station during the summer. I have heard but one opinion expressed. Since early in the winter all the old residents of Key West with whom

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I came in contact invariably expressed as fearful of a very sickly season. In Havana, too, I made a point of asking the opinion of almost every one I met on this point. It was the same—a general apprehension was felt, and even the most conservative were compelled to acknowledge their fears.

In concluding his report he says: "The increased temperature of the past winter being six degrees above the average, the undue prevalence of southerly and easterly winds and the absolute absence of northerly during the whole winter, the general opinion existing among those who have had the best opportunities to observe and form a judgment, the actual appearance of yellow fever so early in the year both at Havana and Key West, all combine to favor the belief that any protracted stay of a large naval force at either of those places might have a most calamitous result, and would therefore be in the highest degree imprudent."

A Petrified Goose.

The Yolo (Cal.) Mail, some days before the 1st of April, told the following story: "While hunting in the tule near the sink of Cache creek on Monday last Abe Green, an old hunter, discovered a petrified wild goose, standing upright, with legs buried one-half in the adobe soil. He thought at first it was living, and creeping closely up, fired his gun at it, but the bird did not budge an inch. He thought it very strange, and walked up to it. He found it dead, and in trying to pick it up, was astonished at the immense weight. It had turned to stone, and a mark on its wing, near the forward point, showed where the shot had struck it, knocking a piece off. He managed to raise it up out of the ground, and when he laid it down a piece dropped from its breast, disclosing a hollow inside, from which pure, clear water commenced running. Its feathers were very natural, and its appearance was calculated to deceive—so life-like. He took it to his cabin, down the canal, a few miles back of Washington, where it can be seen by those who wish to see such a strange and unusual sight."

At Port Jarvis, a few days ago, a dog plunged into the Delaware river and swam under the new bridge at Saw Mill Rift, while ninety men were at work there. It was unable to get out of the water, owing to the walls of inclining the banks. The water was very high, and it swam down the river half a mile, seeming at times to be in danger of drowning, but finally landed on the New York side and made its escape. The animal had probably been chased to the river by dogs.

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