

Christian Life Column.

THE B-ST MEMORIAL

He built a house; time laid it in the dust; He wrote a book; its title now forgot; He ruled a city; but his name is not...

SIN IN THE UPPER STRATUM.

We are truly glad that the grand jury of the last criminal court in Charlotte, embodied the following in its report: "We deplore the seeming increase of crime in our country, and we believe this increase is due largely to the desire for gambling that seems to permeate all states of society, from the highest to the lowest."

God for the grand jury! We feel like taking off our hat to them. They have spoken the truth. We have never been able to see that gambling in the game of progressive euchre in clubs, and parlors, is any less sinful than gambling in the saloon or on the "creek bank."

BLANK WALLS AND THEIR PROMISE.

Circumstances that seem darkly discouraging may prove to be luminous with hope. One is often impressed unfavorably with the dull, unwindowed walls that so often complete a block of houses. There are vacant lots at either end; often there are most inviting prospects; and it seems a serious waste of light and beauty that these walls should not be pierced with cheery casements.

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Children's Column.

THE CROATANS.

Men have been divided in opinion as to what became of the lost Colony of Roanoke. Some believe they were all murdered by the Indians. But the truth probably is, they joined the tribe of Hatteras Indians, who lived on Croatan Island.

The Indians were always moving their homes. Croatan, which the Indians called Croatan, is a barren, sandy strip of land, between the ocean and the sound. It cannot furnish much food, and many persons cannot live there. So the Hatteras Indians and the colonists moved their home to the mainland.

Though no white person ever saw these colonists again, the English had news of them. Sixteen years after John White's last visit to Roanoke, the English planted a colony at Jamestown, Virginia, under Captain John Smith. One of the Indian kings near there told Captain Smith that there were men living south of them, who dressed like the English.

Some of the Lost Colonists heard that Englishmen had settled on James River, and they tried to go to Jamestown. But many of them were killed by Powhatan (the king that after war, captured Captain John Smith) and the other chief of the southward.

About one hundred years later, John Lawson explored the eastern part of North Carolina, and wrote a book about the country and people. He said that the Hatteras Indians, who formerly lived on Roanoke Island, told him that some of their ancestors were white people, and could "talk in a book." Many of the Hatteras Indians had gray eyes. All other Indians have dark eyes.

For a while the Hatteras Indians lived on Neuse River near Seven Springs. Then they moved to Black River in Sampson County. There is now living in Robeson county a people called Croatan Indians. They have been there over two hundred years. The Croatan Indians believe themselves to be the descendants of the Lost Colonists.

The Croatans have men of all shades from black to white. Some of them cannot be distinguished from pure-blooded white people. They have straight black hair, and high cheek bones, as all Indians. There are some beautiful women among them; they are graceful, have good figures, and their dresses are beautiful.

Though most of the Croatans are in Robeson county, there are others scattered over all western North Carolina. After the white people settled North Carolina, some of the Croatans moved to the Great Lakes, and their descendants are still living in Canada, west of Lake Ontario. Others have moved to other places in the west. The latest removal was in 1890, when a party of Croatans went to Kansas.

At one time the Croatans were known as Redbones. There is a street in Fayetteville by this name, because some of the Redbones once lived on it. The Croatans are proud and high-spirited. They are hospitable to strangers, and ever ready to do a favor for the white people. They live by themselves, away from the public roads. Like the Indians, they never forget a kindness or an injury, and they march also in Indian file. But unlike the Indians, they are cleanly in their habits, and they are great road-builders. The Croatans have some of the best roads in the State. One of them is the Lowrie road from Fayetteville through Cumberland and Roberson counties, to the Piedmont River. This road is over a hundred years old.

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Believing that no more important measure has been before the people of North Carolina for a score of years, we give in full herewith the proposed Constitutional amendment, which we expect to keep standing until the election in August of next year. It is not necessary for us to say that it should be carefully considered and that the voter should not allow prejudice to influence him in deciding whether or not he will support it.

That article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

(Section 1) Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

(Section 2) He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for 2 years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

(Section 3) Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

(Section 4) Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language, and before he shall be entitled to vote he shall have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax as prescribed by law for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

(Section 5) No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1908, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State unless disqualified under section 2 of this article: Provided such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

(Section 6) All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce. Section 7 Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this Article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain in the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as _____. So help me God."

(Section 8) The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt on indictment, or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or of any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the right of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

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