

# Writer Is Perfectly Satisfied With Old King James Bible

WALTERBORO, Dec. 14 (Special)— At this time more than usual attention is given to the Bible. The Christmas season focuses more than the ordinary interest in this best seller and the new revised version has its friends and foes. This writer is perfectly satisfied with the King James version and if the plan of revising the Bible every few decades continues, hopes at some future date to find her collection of the King James version to be listed among collector's items.

There is a fascination in seeing the various versions of the Book and the Historical Foundation at Montreat, N. C., has some rare volumes which date back to 1478 and on to the King James version of 1611. Most of the early Bibles were massive volumes. Not having been pruned it was all there and it took many pages to hold the printed matter. Then, too, most family Bibles, as they are best known, contained blank pages in which could be recorded births, marriages and deaths. This added to the size of the volume.

One Bible in the Montreat collection is the Great Polyglot of 1599. The text is printed in 12 languages in six parallel columns. This, as its name implies, carries the Bible in reach of all people. For a printer in that stage of history to have the necessary type for that many languages, is in itself noteworthy.

We saw a small Bible recently called the Polyglot but the fineness of the type prevented our finding out if more than one lan-

guage was used in the printing but we will go back at it with a magnifying glass some time.

A very large Bible came to our attention the other day. It was printed 201 years ago. The type is large and the columns broad, adding ease in reading. The family record pages were used to advantage and profit for future generations. It carried the family record of the Fords and Sanders. The earliest recording is that of the marriage of William Sanders to Ann Broughton the 8th day of July 1760. The Ford record begins with Malachi Ford, son of Thomas and Susannah Ford, born 29 April 1762. Malachi Ford was married to Margaret Ann Sanders April 5, 1787. Their son, Malachi Ford was commissioned by Governor Thomas Bennett in 1822 as Captain of the Horse Shoe company of the 13th Regiment in the Third Brigade.

The Fords lived in the Sanders Hill section of the county. Family burying grounds were on the two properties, the Sanders and Fords. The former are still there, altho the recent hurricane toppled a large stone over on its face. This caused a visitor who has spent time and money on old cemeteries to say pathetically: "I can't look after all the old cemeteries." It is beyond the power of any few. The Ford burying ground was not so fortunate and the stones which marked the graves are gone as the property passed from hand to hand.