

**REFLECTIONS FROM SOLDIERS' HOMES**

By Henry Blount.

A cold, dreary, dismal week, with skies choked with clouds that leaked with chilling rain, gave way on Saturday night to a reign of aural effluence, and a glorious Sabbath morn with asky, ay brilliant as the flashing of celestial splendor was born, for from the stem of rayless night there budded into fullest blossom, and grew into richest radiance the brilliant flower of effulgent day, whose every petal emitted waves of radiance as sparkling as cornicinations from the throne of God, and which made resplendent as a Sabbath in Heaven, and all enjoyed its beauty and its brightness, its holy hush and peaceful quiet, for the grating, discordant billows of strife and acrimony were calmed, and blessed and there was a peacefulness like anyone spread her soothing balm that which dwells above the nursery of harmony, and the birth place of love.

And notwithstanding the glad melody and the rippling streams melody that poured from the ful throats of joyous birds that leed each twig with a wreath of a dark cloud of sadness ed o'er the sunlight, and left mists of melancholy for death on Sunday morning passed over the home, and under its shadow, the soul of E. W. Townsend, a brave soldier of Co. B, 29th Battalion, a good citizen of Buncombe county at the ripe old age of eighty years "crossed over the river" and found "rest under the shade of the tree" that grow upon the fragrant banks of the sparkling river of immortality. And on Monday afternoon his comrades laid him down to eternal sleep in that windowless palace of rest, over whose sodded roof the weeping stars like sincere mourners, drop their silver tears of trembling grief and around which the evening zephyrs breathe their tenderest whisperings as a soothing lullaby and a requiem to the saved and the blest.

And there is another honored veteran, A. M. Gilliam, a most excellent man and most highly esteemed by all, is bordering on the shore and the invisible vessel may come at any moment and bear him safely "on the bar" and land his soul in the harbor of blissful rest, where he will find a rest as sweet as the odors that sleep in the petals of the rose. And we regret to note that our good friend, J. M. Bryan, highly cultured and refined, a perfect type of a polished gentleman, is quite sick in the hospital. But under the fine medical treatment of the highly skilled Dr. McCaskey, and the faithful ministrations of most admirable nurses four of the sweetest and most lovable ladies that ever gave glory light to womanhood it is to be hoped that he will soon be restored to health to friends who have so edly missed those brilliant conversation beams in the glistering bosom of powers that are as sparkling as of a tropical sky.

And now a word of commendation for this admirably kept Home, for under the wise and tactful management of the humane and big-hearted and well-policed Capt. L. Ingham, so efficiently aided by his noble wife one of the best women we ever knew, the stream of affairs is flowing down the smooth and unobstructed channel of a wholesome discipline and most admirable management, and there is not a ripple of discord to mar the tranquility of its placid flow. Along its banks the sweetest flowers of good cheer are blooming, and breathing their exquisite odors of delight and the merriest birds of joyousness are singing their sweetest carollings to feed the roar of the river of death. Yes, the veterans have every far in life's richest blessings they comfort, and do not have a care, have their share.

And we have rich spiritual blessings for some of the ablest preachers in the city give us fine and eloquent discourses every Sunday after noon. We were particularly impressed with the very able and most powerful sermon of Elder W. A. Simpkins on Sunday night, who is, with the exception of Elder P. D. Gold, the very ablest Primitive Baptist preacher we have ever heard. And the sermon of Mr. Simpkins on Sunday night was as fine as we have ever heard from the God-gifted and powerful Gold, for it had in the irresistible logic the force of an avalanche down a steep mountain side and was overwhelming in its sweeping power. He is indeed a great preacher.

And he is not only a most able expounder of Biblical truths, but he is one of the most generous and big-hearted men we ever knew, and in his elegant home over which the handsome wife, a magnificent type of resplendent womanhood presides with queenly grace, he makes that home circle a haven of peace and hospitality which makes that home circle a shrine of enchantment. Beautiful daughters throw over the scene the

**In Memoriam—William Wilson Finley**

The Board of Directors of Southern Railway Company having assembled in special meeting this first day of December, 1913, and being advised of the death, at his home in Washington on November 25, 1913, of William Wilson Finley, for the past seven years President of Southern Railway Company, adopts the following minutes to be spread on the records of the Company and to be published in the newspapers of the South.

WILLIAM WILSON FINLEY was born at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on September 2, 1855, and entered railway service in New Orleans in 1873. During the succeeding twenty-two years he had a varied experience, earning steady promotion and a growing reputation in the traffic departments of several railroads and in charge of traffic associations, in the west and southwest. In 1895, soon after the organization of Southern Railway Company, he began, as Third Vice-President in charge of traffic, his service for this Company in which, with an interval of a few months in 1896, he continued until his death eighteen years later.

He became President of this Company in December, 1906, at a moment when the work of gathering in and welding together its lines into a consolidated system had been done. The map had been made. There are no more miles of railroad included in the system today than there were when he became President. His task was, therefore, complementary to the work already done and the history of the development of the property during the past seven years is the history of how he conceived and accomplished that task of conservation and progressive development. During his administration the revenues of the Company increased 30.95 per cent (comparing 1913 with 1907), but what is even more his achievement, the balance of income available for dividend (but largely put back into the property) increased 209.07 per cent.

This record of material success is in no small measure the result of Mr. Finley's policy and practice of building and strengthening a working organization of the Company so far as concerns personnel. He inaugurated and steadfastly enforced a rule of promotion to fill vacancies within the organization, by recognition of demonstrated merit, with the result that he secured and conserved that loyal identification with the interest of the South and of the Company, and that sense of personal responsibility in all ranks of the service, which is one of the most valuable assets the Company has today.

On the public side of his responsibility Mr. Finley developed largely during the past seven years. Convinced of the duty of accepting the changed conditions in respect of the administration of industry incident to the governmental policy of regulation of the railways by public authority, he was nevertheless keenly impressed with the apparent lack of understanding on the part of the public of the problems of railway management. He, therefore, devoted much of his time to the discussion of such questions before representative audiences in all parts of the country, but chiefly in the South, and the effect upon public opinion of his

frank, straightforward and manly utterances and patiently iterated doctrine has been long recognized, but was remarkably demonstrated by the expressions which have been received since his death from public bodies throughout the South. He did much in this way to correct a sentiment from which all railway property has suffered in recent years—a sentiment which has found its expression in an erroneous belief that a railway takes from the public more than it gives, and his effort in word and deed was to restore a just balance of understanding of the economic necessity, to every citizen in his daily life, of a well maintained, honestly administered and prosperous transportation system.

In other ways also he gave expression to a broad view of the identity of interest between the welfare of the railways and that of the public. He lent active co-operation to the chief educational, industrial and commercial interests of the South, and a moral support to every movement which is making for the welfare of the South, but perhaps his greatest service of this nature was his successful campaign for the promotion of better agriculture.

Gently born and gently bred, it was Mr. Finley's fortune to be thrown upon his own resources at an early age and without the advantages of a university training and experience usually enjoyed by his associates: it was, therefore, a peculiar satisfaction to him and to his friends that in 1910 he received, with the assurance that it was no mere decoration, a degree of Doctor of Laws from Tulane University at New Orleans, the principal seat of learning in the community where he had spent his youth.

On the personal side, Mr. Finley was essentially a gentleman: he demonstrated on many occasions the combination in his character of those qualities which may be expressed by the words modesty and courage. He was fair and just in all his dealings, courteous to all men, slow to anger, but fierce in his resentment of injustice in others. Partisan in his love for and belief in the South and its future and in the Southern Railway as an important factor in that community, he convinced his associates that he never allowed partisan feeling to colour his judgment to such an extent that he could not always see the other side; but a policy once determined he set about its accomplishment with a characteristic belief in the potency of persistence and an unhesitating use of all the power at his command.

He had at all times the confidence, the respect and the good will of this Board and of every member of it, and in his death the Board and every member of it feels the loss of a friend of charming personal qualities as well as an official associate of commanding ability.

The Secretary is directed to express to the surviving members of Mr. Finley's family the respectful sympathy of this Board and to transmit to them a suitably engrossed and attested transcript of this minute.

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Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as administrators before W. C. Hamm, Jr., Clerk of the Superior Court, on the estate of W. L. Bouldin, Sr., dec'd, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the first day of January, 1914, of this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are expected to make immediate payment and settlement. T. S. BOULDIN, Administrator.

NOTICE. NORTH CAROLINA. Randolph County. Taken up and ordered on the Book of Strays Book No. 13, page No. 21, of Randolph County, according to law, by J. A. Wall, living about house of said county in New Market township, a certain stray black horse mule about 15 years old; no marks. This the 9th day of Dec. 1913, twelve miles northwest of the court. GEO. T. MURDOCK, Register of Deeds.

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