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## WHEN LA SALLE CORBELL MET GEORGE E. PICKETT.

LaSalle Corbell Pickett, who is to lecture here on Chautauqua on "Friends of Yesterday," is the widow of the famous Confederate general, George E. Pickett, who was a lieutenant in the United States regular army when she met him. In her book, "The Heart of a Soldier," she tells of their first meeting thus:

"Early in life's morning I knew and loved him, and from my first meeting with him to the end I always called him 'soldier'—my soldier. I was a wee bit of a girl at that first meeting. I had been visiting my grandmother, when whooping cough broke out in the neighborhood and she took me off to

## "FRIENDS OF YESTERDAY."

Lecture by Widow of Famous Confederate General to Be Given on Chautauqua.

Our Chautauqua program is to be graced by one of the best loved women of America—north or south—LaSalle Corbell Pickett. It was her husband, General George E. Pickett, who carried the fortunes of the Confederacy to their doom by his charge at Gettysburg, a charge that still remains as the greatest infantry attack known to history. Mrs. Pickett will bring to us "Friends of Yesterday," a lecture that is remarkable in many ways.

It is quite probable that "Friends of Yesterday" has done as much as any other one address to strengthen the ties of friendship between the states



"THE CHILD BRIDE OF THE CONFEDERACY."

Taken a few months after the marriage of General George E. Pickett and Miss LaSalle Corbell. Their marriage took place shortly after the battle of Gettysburg in 1863.

Old Point Comfort to visit her friend, Mrs. Boykin. I could dance and sing and play games and was made much of by the other children till I suddenly developed the cough, and then I was shunned and isolated.

"One morning while playing alone on the beach I saw an officer lying on the sand reading under the shelter of an umbrella. I had noticed him several times, always apart from the others and very sad. I could imagine but one reason for his desolation, and I pity for him I crept under his umbrella to ask him if he, too, had the whooping cough. He smiled and answered 'No.' But as I still persisted he drew me to him, telling me that he had lost some one who was dear to him and he was very lonely.

"And straightway, without so much as a by your leave, I promised to take the place of his dear one and to comfort him in his loss. Child as I was, I believe I lost my heart to him on the

after the years of gallant warfare. In this lecture she relates delightful personal reminiscences of many of the noted men and women of both north and south, people who played important parts in the heroic hours of the war between the states. It was her good fortune to be personally acquainted with these people, many of whom she knew before the war and others of whom she met afterward by reason of the prominence of her soldier husband.

Grant, Lee, Lincoln, Davis, "Stonewall" Jackson, McClellan, Beauregard, Johnston and many others of those who guided the destinies of the country in those years were her friends.

Her childhood was passed on a Virginia plantation, and it was while she was still a girl in school that she met the gallant George E. Pickett, then a lieutenant in the United States regular army. Today she is a woman of striking personal charm, gifted with all the

## STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, GOLDSBORO, MAY 4th TO 7th, 1915

The addresses of welcome from the town and the Goldsboro Women's Club was followed by the president's address, which was prefaced with the following:

"Recently I have been reading the diary of the company which came from Pennsylvania to settle in Wachovia, N. C. in 1753. It is interesting, full of incident and varied experience, and everywhere, between the lines, one sees the loyalty and self-sacrifice, the co-operation and sense of individual responsibility, which made a success of the undertaking. The country through which they journeyed for six long weeks, we cross in less than 24 hours, but the characteristics of these pioneer settlers remain forever the foundation of success in any joint enterprise." It is just this balancing of virtues, this equalizing of development that is the just important part of club life, more vital than the form of any program, more far-reaching than the best clean up day of any civic league. Miss Fries then sketched an ideal club woman, saying that it is assumed that every new member joins a club with at least a general intention of desiring benefit from it and of assisting in the promotion of its aims, and the club that does not foster these traits is a failure. The ideal club woman feels the responsibility for her attendance on every meeting; faithful performance of any duty whether it is to read a paper or serve on the refreshment committee. She never carries a "chip on her shoulder," never imagines slights. Loyal to the ideals of her club, to its officers and members.

Chicago Biennial. In Chicago, the North Carolina delegation formed itself at a great height where splendid attention was given, but it took half an hour to reach the auditorium. 9:30 comes very early when one has been up late the night before, but when it was learned that 9:30 meant 9:30 and the most important business was transacted the first hour and that North Carolina's vote counted for more than at any other hour in the day, the delegation resolved that North Carolina should be on time. The legislative conference Miss Fries considered most of a success from her standpoint, because it gave her something definite to take home. The social side was dwelt on, and the happy incident connected with the Pioneer Worker's Banquet, to which the State presidents were invited. Miss Fries said they gained a vision of comradeship in service, and inspiration for big endeavor.

Miss Emily McVae, dean of women in the University of Cincinnati, but formerly of the faculty at St. Mary's School, Raleigh, spoke of the pleasure it gave her to bring a greeting from Ohio to the State of her first and last love. The women's clubs have brought to women the true spirit of democracy making them see that neither party nor riches, matter, only the development of the human soul.

Mrs. Cotten, "the most wide-awake woman in North Carolina," objected to the subject of her report on what happened at the evening sessions of the biennial being recorded on the minutes "what happened between sunset and sunrise." She thought it reflected on her reputation as an old lady.

Mrs. Eugene Riely, of Charlotte, corresponding secretary of the general Federation of Women's Clubs, remarked that the Illinois delegation in their effort to show the finest courtesy to every other State had chosen for their place in the auditorium in the Chicago Biennial the seats farthest away from the platform in the highest balcony. The president's anxiety that they should hear everything that was going was oftentimes tested by the call "Illinois! Are you hearing?" Mrs. Riely added this epitomized to her the spirit of club life.

This thought was repeatedly brought out at the State meeting, not merely hurling it to those in attendance at Goldsboro, but for the call to every woman in North Carolina to help serve in the great awakening for the individual, the county and the State.

"Facing the Situation." Mrs. Thomas Ingle, presiding Civics Conservation and Social Service. Mr. W. C. Crosby, secretary of the committee of community service made a strong appeal for the Moonlight School movement, to wipe out adult illiteracy. Fourteen per cent of the adult voting population cannot read their ballots. The speaker said the work of eliminating adult illiteracy is a man's job, but it would take the women to do it. Miss Edith Royster pledged the co-operation of the educational forces of the State.

Mr. R. B. Watrons, secretary of the American Civic Association, spoke on the subject of "Meeting State Needs," and gave a sketch of the association work telling how it arouses cities and towns and rural communities to realize this duty of improving civic conditions, how it assisted in preventing the ruining of Niagara Fall and further the establishment of National parks. "So far as I have been able

## TREE COTTON

The kapok, or tree cotton, is beginning to be grown extensively in the Philippine Islands, owing to the great demand for the product for upholstery purposes. Many plantations are being devoted to the tree.

This tree has been grown for some years in Java, Sumatra, India, and the Philippines, but until recently has been used principally in local manufacture. Recently, however, kapok has been exported to manufacturing centers in considerable amounts, for experiment. It has been found exceedingly serviceable in making mattresses and pillows and in upholstering automobiles and carriages, and many pronounce it more serviceable than cork in the manufacture of life preservers.

In the Philippine Islands, the tree bears pods of kapok two or three years after planting. When grown from cuttings, some pods will be produced in two years; when grown from seed and transplanted, three years are required for the production of seed. The tree grows to the size of the ordinary forest tree and will live and produce tree cotton almost indefinitely. It is known that some of the trees in the islands were producing kapok when octogenarian residents were children.

## DON'TS FOR THE SICK ROOM

1. Don't cry in the room—ever.
2. Don't, every few minutes, ask the patient how she feels.
3. Don't let her know her sickness is an added expense, perhaps heavy.
4. Don't walk on tip-toe, if not necessary.
5. Be considerate, pleasant, off-hand, but, don't fuss.
6. Don't forget to see she has bits of interesting news from the outside world each day.
7. Don't let everybody crowd into the room at once, or stand in the doorway with long faces.
8. Debar depressing relatives, who "mean well," but are lacking in tact. Use force if necessary.
9. Avoid all friction from any source. Never under the most trying circumstances allow the patient to feel for one moment that she is a hindrance.

to judge," he said, "there is a stronger spirit of civic interest on the part of North Carolina women than those of any other State in the Union. Because of your advanced work, I am here to give you some ideas for further work." He warned the clubs against clean up weeks that were only called for once or twice a year fearing the people would get in the habit of letting things go for fifty-one weeks in the year. He also urged a continued campaign against bill boards. He mentioned seeing one fence with "57 varieties" on it. The advance rate advocated was comprehensive city planning for all of North Carolina.

Dr. Clarence Poe discussed social service in its broadest meaning, the same fine appeal that he made to Asheboro's community when he spoke here at the county commencement. He emphasized the responsibility of women as keepers of the people's ideals. The spirit of civilization is an index of the women, and urged the women to set that ideal high. Work should be the expression of life. All civilization is the result of work and labor. He again laid stress on Carlisle's expressions "Oh it is great, and there is no other greatness than to make some nook of God's creation a little better and more worthy of God." In his appeal for planning for the future he spoke of parks and said "We could have made North Carolina famous the world over if, twenty-five years ago, each member had planted a tree," and called attention to a small town in France that was rooted for a long line of Lombardy poplars, a haunting beauty, he called it. He expressed his pleasure at the efforts the Federation is making to banish adult illiteracy. The future is for purposeful men and women, for the workers.

The social features were exceedingly pleasant including an automobile ride all around the city. The luncheon each day, and the reception one evening and banquet the last night.

One of the most gratifying incidents was the knowledge gained in regard to the club's protege, the little girl placed in the home for the Feeble Minded at Kinston. Dr. McNairy, who is in charge of the school as well as Miss Sallie Shaw, one of the surprises reported she was doing admirably, was learning nicely, and was in a position of trust with the matron, caring for the other girls, clothes in distributing them and putting them away after they are ironed.

The Federation was urgently invited to visit the home but it was not convenient for them to do so. Dr. McNairy, a most enthusiastic worker in a good cause, made an appeal for the prevention of feeble minded children and said it depended on three things—segregation, education and sterilization. He very kindly offers to come to our town to talk to our club. J. A. T.



"FOES ONCE, BROTHERS NOW."

Reunion of Pickett's men and the Philadelphia brigade at "high water mark" of the Confederacy. Mrs. Pickett and grandson in the center.

spot. At all events I crept from under the umbrella pledged to Lieutenant George E. Pickett, U. S. A., for life and death, and I still hold most sacred a little ring and locket that he gave me on that day.

"It was under that umbrella in the days that followed that I learned, while he guided my hand, to make my first letters and spell my first words. They were 'Sally' and 'soldier.'"

It was three years after their first meeting that she saw him again. He had just been commissioned captain and was sailing for Puget sound, where he was to be stationed at Fort Reliance.

eloquence for which her Virginia is notable and with a voice that easily carries to the required distance, though it never loses its musical tone. She has achieved a phenomenal success upon the lecture platform, and her success in the field of literature is no less marked. As a writer of both poetry and prose she is justly celebrated for her brilliant and graceful pen, and in her writings on war subjects she is known especially for her accuracy and unprejudiced courtesy.

The coming of Mrs. Pickett should be a matter of more than passing moment to our people, and doubtless it will be.