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## ADDRESS OF ACCEPTANCE

Delivered by Mr. J. J. Gatling at the Unveiling of the Confederate Monument in Gatesville July 8, 1915.

Mr. Godwin and young gentlemen of the Confederate Monument Organization:

I thank my gallant young friend for the beautiful speech he has just made in the unveiling of this ornate and artistic monumental pile, and on behalf of the Confederate Monument Organization of Gates County and its presentation through myself, to the survivors of the Confederate Veterans. This beautiful expression of love in cold marble is the heart-gift of our noble citizens to perpetuate the memory of our heroic soldier boys of '61 and '65, both of the living and of the dead.

I thank you for the good words you have spoken of us, and about us; I thank you gentlemen of the C. M. O., for your untiring efforts in arousing our people to the importance of contributing to this work of love. We thank you for setting apart this, Thursday July 8, 1915, fifty years since the star of Our Southern Confederacy sank into final obscurity on the fated field of "Appomattox." We thank you for inviting and dining this big concourse of people here today, many of them descendants of our beloved heroes, and for procuring the ablest orator in all the country to speak to us, and by these means, showing to all the world, that Gates county loves her heroes, dead and living, just as well as she did half a hundred years ago when they were all young, bright, beautiful, gay and true as steel. Surely this is a great day for Old Gates.

When I received notification from your committee, Messrs. W. T. Cross and A. P. Godwin, that this monument was completed, and would be unveiled to the public and presented to the Gates county surviving Veterans on July the 8th, that I had been appointed to accept the same, on behalf of the survivors, and that this must be done in person, I revolted at the idea and said and felt, "No, I cannot," that I was neither worthy nor competent for such a high trust, and I shrank from the task. Then a still small voice seemed to whisper into my ears, saying "Stop! think! look behind you," and I had a vision—a day dream. In imagination, I saw my dead comrades rising up on innumerable and forgotten battlefields and firing lines, over the valleys and hills of noble old Virginia and West Virginia and of Maryland and Pennsylvania and waving their bony hands at me they seemed to say, "John, go forward and do your duty," For this reason and this reason alone am I here, commissioned by the dead as well as the living, to accept for them, this beautiful monument. God grant that, as it is a thing of beauty, it may be a joy forever. We accept it with joy and gladness and pray that it may bless the givers, bless the receivers and bless the artist whose fertile brain conceived and whose chisel chipped into harmonious lines the replica of the Confederate soldier on guard. All of these wrought wiser than

they knew.

Well, gentlemen, you have done a noble work, and these thirty veterans have come here in response to your urgent call to see what is to be seen and hear what is said. These you see here, this little remnant, I am persuaded, are nearly all that are left living out of the 600 or 700 brave, young, stout and lovely boys, that went out from Gates to meet the maelstrom of death. I do not really know how many companies in all were made up, but I do know that the "Gates Guards" of which I was a member, was the first one raised, "Gates Minute Men" was next. Then both of these companies were assigned to the 5th, North Carolina State Troops, and another company "F" from Bertie, under Capt. T. M. Garrett, one half of the men from Gates and the balance from Bertie county, Hardy Parker of Gates was Orderly Sergeant. Next came to us then at the front, the news of another company being formed, called "Panola Guards," with Capt. Tom Parker, and Biddick Gatling 1st. Lieut. Then the news was borne to us in the army, of the formation of Capt. Boothe's company, which enlisted as company "O" of the 1st, North Carolina Calvary. Then and last so far as I know, Capt. R. H. L. Bond's company, later Capt. Wm. M. Daughtrey, now living in Atlanta, Ga, this company enlisted as company "I" 68th, North Carolina. If there were any other I do not know anything about them.

Now, my old comrades, I am proud you are all here to enter into and enjoy the festivities of the day. It makes us happy to feel that our native people, whom we went out to serve, are so well satisfied with our records upon the battlefield and in the service generally, that it ought to make us happy, and thank God he has prolonged our lives to see many marvelous things come to pass.

Oh! how we sorrow for the loss of so many of our former friends on the battlefield and from sickness. They are dead, and their bodies are dust, their good swords, and their good guns are rust, their souls are in Heaven with God we trust.

Peace be to their souls, their immortal souls, and joy forever more; and as a further reward, I pray God to send His choicest blessings upon all of their descendants, "Until the last syllable of recorded time."

I believe that through the thin veil that separates us from their higher life, our heroic dead see and know what we are doing here today, and that their great hearts swell with pride and gratitude, to you for this beautiful memento and for your presence here today to do honor to their memory of their suffering and faithfulness unto death.

For our beloved women, who reared and trained these heroes, living and dead, and who like the Spartan mothers sent them forth

to battle with the injunction "To bear their shields with honor, or be borne back upon them," who suffered and prayed and denied themselves the ordinary comforts of life in a way the world can never know; for them I thank you for this splendid mark of love and appreciation.

This shaft also commemorates the few faithful colored people, our servants, in the darkest hours of our country's distress. When all of our able bodied men, fathers, brothers and sons, had gone to country's call, and were far away from home and fireside, the faithful slaves remained true. Many of them refused all offers of freedom and labored on to help feed, clothe and protect our dear women and children at home, and this monument will keep alive the memory of these few faithful negroes.

Now, my beloved old comrades, and I address these remarks to every Confederate veteran of whatever section, county or state, that is here today, let us be proud of our county and of our Southland; for our people have done the best they could for us, and especially for those of us who are needy. We are the rear guard of the vast caravan of dead heroes, who going ahead of us, have passed over the dark river of death, into that country from whose bourne no traveler returns. We have reached and passed the three score and ten, declared by the Psalmist as the allotted lifespan of man on earth, and in the nature of things, it cannot be long ere we too, all of us, shall close up to the river of death, and like our immortal Stonewall Jackson, who fell in the very zenith of his glory, and left his loving country in tears, we trust we shall be able and prepared to "Cross over the river and rest in the shade of the trees," by the side of our immortals who have gone before us.

## A Short Sketch of the Council

On the 17th. of May the Woman's meeting was held in the Parish house at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Mrs. Staton presiding. Mrs. Cox, the secretary, called for the Diocesan reports alphabetically. There was a manifestation of interest and progress, while many good reports showed good work done in the parishes. The financial statements were very encouraging.

The meeting was opened with a hymn, prayer, and an address by the Rev. T. P. Noe.

Mr. Lay, of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, was also asked to speak. His address, in substance, dwelt upon the importance of Christian education for the girls throughout the Diocese, who would soon take their places in society, happier and better for the advantages of Christian training. He laid great emphasis upon the influence of Church and Chapel upon the young, the lasting associations of these things throughout life: He made an urgent appeal to parents to send their children where they could get the best training.

Mr. Smith of Thompson Orphanage gave a short talk in which he told of the great help the vari-

ous voluntary contributions were to his work, that often when he was feeling very depressed a gift of \$40.00 would come, and so on until it made him "feel good all over."

After a few more Diocesan reports were read Mr. Huske very cordially invited "guests, visitors, hosts, hostesses, and friends to Glenbirnie Park for supper, to be served there by the ladies of New Bern."

Previous to this it was voted and carried that a Contribution fund should be raised for a scholarship at Valle Crucis as an appropriate memorial to the late Bishop Strange.

It was also voted and carried that the various Church societies throughout the Diocese raise a fund of \$50.00 for a Music Course to be taken by our young Missionary student, Miss Venetia Cox.

While speaking of the "Emergency Fund" Mrs. Staton said, that she would give a little more than a day's income, \$100.00, to that cause.

Tuesday morning there was a rising vote of thanks to the Standing Committee for their attention and courtesy during the time of the late Bishop's illness.

Later about 12 o'clock, M. in the Church, a large assembly present, the "Resolutions" for our beloved, honored Bishop were read by Dr. Drane, while the whole congregation rose and remained reverently standing.

Arch deacon, Noe, read a report of his work throughout the Diocese.

Afterward during the afternoon session of the Woman's meeting in the Parish house, several papers relating to Diocesan interests were read, and one of these entitled "Christian love" was especially interesting when read by the author Miss Venetia Cox.

The early Holy Communion service was solemnly celebrated in Christ Church that same morning in the presence of a large gathering of women who thus held their corporate Communion. The "Bishop's Fund" was presented, and it was afterward, acknowledged by the Bishop himself, who said it was \$510.00.

There were many other interesting features of the Council but it is hoped that this short synopsis will convey a dim idea of the New Bern Council.

M. A. WARREN.  
Delegate from St. Mary's Guild,  
St. Paul's Parish,  
Edenton, N. C.

## Attention, Farmers!

Some years ago the Commissioner of Agriculture drew a bill, which was unanimously passed by the Legislature, to reduce the cost of legume inoculating material from the exorbitant price of two dollars an acre to a price at which he felt the average farmer could use it. The effect of this bill was to reduce the price of this material not only to the farmers of N. C. but to those of the entire South as well, and a number of the other southern states have since followed the lead of N. C. in reducing the price of this material to their farmers also.

At first the Commissioner placed a cost price of fifty cents an acre on the material with the determination to reduce the price

lower and lower as the demand increased. During 1914 the Department distributed nearly 8,000 acre bottles from Aug. to Dec, thus effecting a direct saving to the farmers of the State of over \$10,000 in less than four months. During the past six months the distribution has reached around 1200 acres and the season has hardly opened. The Commissioner feels, therefore, that the time has come to make another cut in the price, and he now plans to reduce the cost price of the material from fifty cents an acre to forty cents an acre, beginning July 1, 1915.

Approved:

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Commissioner of Agriculture.

## How Fresh Air Cures Tuberculosis

A patient in a tuberculosis sanatorium writes to the State Department of Health to ask "What is the effect of fresh air upon the germ of tuberculosis in the lungs?"

Reply.—There is probably no direct effect of fresh air upon the tubercle bacillus in the lungs. The fresh air affects the patient and makes it easier for him to fight off the disease.

The healthy human body has its "fighting edge," which enables it to hold its own against the tubercle bacillus if it is given a chance. Great numbers of people become infected with tubercle germs who do not develop actual disease because the germs cannot gain any foothold. It is the people who live in overheated rooms and breathe the air of dusty factories and get too little food and sleep who fall victims to tuberculosis. Dissipation and attacks of other diseases also prepare the way for it.

Life in the open under medical advice, breathing fresh, cool air and surrounding the body with fresh, cool air—these things somehow stimulate the system to resist the invading germ, build up its vital resistance, so that the patient who has just begun to develop tuberculosis succeeds in overcoming the germs and at last gets well.

In every case of tuberculosis and in most other disease as well there are two sides, as there are said to be to a quarrel. It is just as important to strengthen the body as to weaken the germ, and this is what fresh air does. Indeed, we cannot by medicine or in any other way attack the germ of tuberculosis.

## Farmers Should Cooperate With Their County Papers

The Record-Advertiser, published at Houston, Va., is urging its rural subscribers to do just what we should like for our farmers to do—give us the news from their farms—to make our paper a sort of clearing house of ideas for farmers of this vicinity.

Farmers do not use their local papers enough, and yet the papers afford the best and quickest ways to build up their farms and

communities. Every farmer should tell his local paper about his successes on the farm and how they were achieved. We are always glad to get a "farming story" for it enables us to spread the news of progress in our vicinity. And no one needs a flow of eloquence to tell of his success. The facts of a farming success are eloquent in themselves. So write us. The editor can rearrange the wording of it if such need be done.

No farmer should be too indifferent or too engrossed in his own work to pass a good idea along to his fellowmen, thus giving them the benefit of his experience. Such articles are always an inspiration to others. We well know the true and lasting advancement of our community can come in no other way than through the upbuilding of our farms and so it is not political and social news from the farms.—Walterboro Press and Banner.

## Save The Manure Crop

The secret of profits in all great manufacturing concerns is to utilize fully all the by-products—see that nothing goes to waste. This is good sense and good business. Farmers should do likewise and suffer nothing to waste.

One of the most important of farm by-products is manure. Let us remember that the refuse from cows, horses and hogs is worth often \$1 per month.

My plan is to use ample litter to catch liquids and to apply it to the soil each week, spreading it thin. The use of cottonseed meal as feed adds much to the value of the manure. Manure is ideal plant food, and supplies what all soils need—nitrogen and humus.

It is a shameful exhibition to see manure exposed to the weather or allowed to leach or fire.

In applying manure it is better to spread it on top rather than to plow it under.

Even hen manure is worth much attention, as each hen should contribute 25 cents per year.—Ira M. Hawkins, in The Progressive Farmer.

## Cisco Holds Cowpen Neck Scoreless.

Cisco and Cowpen Neck played their first match game of baseball Saturday July 10 on Edenton diamond.

Bunch, who pitched for Cisco, held Cowpen Neck scoreless throughout the game, while Waff for Cowpen Neck was hit hard and often with poor support. The score was 18 to 0 in favor of Cisco.

Batteries for Cisco: Bunch and Brinkley.  
Batteries for Cowpen Neck: Waff and Smith.

Umpires: Smith and Monds.  
Cisco and Ryland will play at Cisco Saturday July 17 at 4 o'clock P. M.

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