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SAM JONES' LETTER.

Atlanta Journal.

This has been a busy and interesting week with me in my home town. I have preached twice each day with one exception, and I have heard others preach some of the best sermons I have ever listened to. Cartersville has no more valuable adjunct or piece of property that yields such dividends on the investment as her tabernacle. The tabernacle has brought to Cartersville for twenty years the best pulpit talent of this country, and an infinite variety of preachers. Among others this week we have heard Bishop Candler at his best, and that means no better preaching anywhere than he was doing for us. Bishop Candler is as strong as the strongest in his intellectual force. He has a great mind. Like Henry Ward Beecher, he knows intuitively many things that scholars have not learned. He has a great emotional nature. The tides of his emotional nature ebb and flow like the tide of the Atlantic. Coupled to these great forces there are scintillations and sparkles of the divine life and power that makes him a master in his calling.

We have heard Dr. Bradley, of Atlanta, and he is a great personality, charming and lovable and winsome. He is a student. In the pulpit, in the social circle, in close personal friendship, in all these places he wins and wins you. Our people heard him gladly and with great profit.

We have heard the blacksmith preacher, illiterate, yet a power. Preaching on Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi, he gave evidence that he possessed an imagination as vivid as John Bunyan. He drew the picture of Paul and Silas in the prison, hands and feet and necks in the stocks, and at midnight, with the stillness of the movement of the stars, Silas spoke up and said, "Brother Paul, are you asleep?"

"No," said Paul, "I can't sleep; every muscle aches and every nerve is on fire." Then said Silas, "Brother Paul, how is your back?" "It is very sore," said Paul. "How many times have they whipped you?" said Silas. "Three times," he replied. "They have beaten me with rods and left me once to die." Silas then spoke up and said, "Well, Paul, I am honest with you when I say that I have not been with you long but I have had about enough of this for awhile." Paul replied, "Well Silas, I would have given up long ago, but I am looking to the recompense of reward." These light afflictions, which are but for a moment, will work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," he said. "Silas, we can't sleep; let's have a prayer meeting." "No," said Silas, "if you go to raising a rukus down here this time of night they will whip you again."

"Yes," said Paul, "we may be whipped, but none of the things move me." And he said, Paul began to sing. "I don't know what song they sang, brethren, but if this song was in existence, maybe this was the song" and then the blacksmith, with his clear, rich baritone voice, began to sing—

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one,
And there's a cross for me."

And he said as under the influence of a great earthquake, instantly the doors of the jail were thrown open, and the shackles burst from their limbs and they stood praising God. The jailer, hearing the noise and fearing lest his prisoners had gotten away, rushed down in their midst and said: "What is this?" and St. Paul replied: "My friend, do thyself no harm. We are not trying to escape." "Well, what is all this and what does it mean?" said the trembling jailer. And St. Paul said: "This is but a visit of a kind Heavenly Father to his children when they had more than they could bear."

This is but a sample of his imagination and power. He is the only man I ever saw who was seemingly proud of his ignorance. He doesn't seem to be proud of his power but simply and only of his ignorance. God bless him in his military everywhere and give him great success.

Under the influences of this meeting many have been saved and many have been blessed. This meeting has been from beginning up to date great in its effect and the multitudes attending have been great.

Every town should have its tabernacle and every city its great auditorium. This country must have religion, whatever else it has or may not have. We must care for the moral life of men. For after all moral men furnish the only foundation upon which governments can stand and human existence is made endurable. Yours truly,
SAM P. JONES.

HYDE'S FIGURES ON COTTON CROP.

Statistician Writes to Jordan Regarding Acreage Estimates.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The attitude of the department of agriculture toward the Southern Cotton Association, organized at New Orleans last year for the purpose of bringing about a reduction in this year's cotton acreage, has been indicated in a letter sent to Harvie Jordan, president of the association, with headquarters at Atlanta by John Hyde, chief of the bureau of statistics of the department.

In a letter to Mr. Hyde, some days ago Mr. Jordan said that the Southern Cotton Association had undertaken to prepare full, complete and correct reports on the acreage. Requests for authoritative information had been sent to secretaries and correspondents throughout the belt, he said, and in many cases house to house canvasses had been made. Bankers, merchants, manufacturers, buyers and others, including a very large number of farmers, had been asked to furnish facts, and the presidents of state and territorial divisions had been asked to meet at New Orleans on May 30 to turn in their reports and have them consolidated and published. Mr. Jordan supposed, he says, that Mr. Hyde was busy getting information on which to base his report, to be issued June 25, and he impressed on the statistician the importance of obtaining as complete a report as possible and having it as nearly correct as possible. The association would gladly co-operate with the department, he said, and in turn desired the department's co-operation and assistance. Farmers were going quietly ahead and reducing their acreage, he asserted, and he urged the statistician to get as much of his information as possible from the farmers themselves.

To this letter Mr. Hyde sent the following reply:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, suggesting the co-operation of your association and this department in the work of ascertaining the newly planted acreage of the cotton in the southern states. You do not, however suggest any means by which such co-operation could be rendered effective, and I note that the meeting of the presidents of the several state and territorial divisions of your association to be held at New Orleans for the consolidation of their reports and the preparation of the whole report for publication has been called for a date only three days in advance of that set for the publication of the report of this department.

"I may perhaps be permitted to remark, however, that in the public utterances of the officers of your association there has been a manifest disposition to prejudice the situation that is entirely incompatible with the spirit in which this department conducts its investigations.

"With regard to your suggestion that this department secure as much information as possible from people who are planting cotton, I beg leave to state that full 90 per cent of the department's county and township correspondents are farmers, and I venture to express the opinion that if notwithstanding its most earnest endeavors, it should fail in ascertaining the exact relative to the new acreage planted, whatever error is made will, as usual, be one favorable to the farmers."

Warning to Rockefeller.

MALONE, N. Y., May 24.—Pacards have appeared at different points on the big estate of William Rockefeller near here threatening him. Some of them read:

"A \$50,000 bullet will stop William Rockefeller the minute he sets foot upon this property."

What the "\$50,000 bullet" means is an enigma.

It was in this very neighborhood and only so short a time ago as February, 1903, that Orlando P. Dexter, a wealthy New York landholder, was shot and killed. Both men obtained great tracts of land, and to protect their game and fish preserves attempted to drive out the native woodsmen.

Orlando Dexter was killed after a long series of attempts to landholders who refused to sell and to prosecute the woodsmen who poached on his preserves. Rockefeller, it is said, has angered the people by taking an active interest in the search for the assassin of Dexter.

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WHAT IS DOING ON THE Isthmus OF PANAMA.

Youth's Companion.

So many Panama Canal plans have been discussed that few people have a definite idea of what is doing on the isthmus. Mr. John F. Wallace, the chief engineer of the new canal commission, consequently did a public service when he said in Chicago the other day that the work of building the canal was going forward under definite plans and with satisfactory progress.

The work is conducted, he explained, in accordance with the plan recommended by the first canal commission, headed by Admiral Walker, which provided for a canal with locks to raise boats thirty feet over the Culebra divide. The cost is to be approximately one hundred and ninety million dollars. Unless Congress authorizes a sea-level canal—that is, a canal without locks—or otherwise changes the plans, the work will be carried on to completion as at present begun.

Secretary Taft has also recently removed some misapprehensions that prevailed concerning the railway across the isthmus. He says that the railway was taken over by the government, to be used as an instrument in the construction of the canal. The railway company owned three steamships that ran between Colon and New York. These ships are to be operated, to prevent a combination among owners of other ships to keep up the freight rate to the isthmus. The government has no intention of running a line of ships from San Francisco to Panama or from San Francisco to New York. Such freight rates across the isthmus by rail are to be charged as will pay a fair return on the money invested, and no favors are to be shown to one shipper over another.

It is likely that there will be much further talk about the railway and the canal situation, but if Companion readers will keep in mind the conditions as outlined above, they will be able readily to distinguish between what is actually to be done and what some one, not in authority, would like to have done.

Just Wouldn't do Any Way at All, Catawba County News.

Last Monday morning when the jurors for the second week of the court now in session here were called by the clerk to be sworn, it noticed that one gentleman did not place his hand on the Bible. His Honor, Judge Council called the juror to his desk and asked him if he objected to taking the usual oath. He said he did and cited James 5:12 as his reason. He was then requested to raise his right hand, but he objected to that. Judge Council read the affirmation or oath from the Code, but this did not move the juror one iota. The judge informed him that it was absolutely necessary for him to hold up his right hand. He replied that he was sorry but he could not do so. This was the climax of a scene as novel, perhaps, as was ever witnessed in the Catawba court house. An intimation to the effect that he might be sent to jail produced no result, whereupon the judge gave the juror a lecture and dismissed him.

Familiar.

A Mobile man tells the following story on an old character in that town who for many years has done a thriving business in hauling ashes. One day, says the Mobile man, he chanced to be in the rear of his house when the darky in question was preparing to depart with the customary load. "I've seen you haul away a many a load of ashes," said the owner of the house, "but, my good man, during all these years I've never had the least idea of your name. What is it?"

"Mah name is George Washington, sah," replied the old man, with a duck of his head.

"George Washington eh?" reiterated the questioner. "It seems to me," he added, with a smile, "that I've heard that name before."

"Reckon you have, sah," came the answer in all seriousness, "cause I've been hauling 'away ashes from yo' house for more'n ten years."

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Lady Henry Somerset reviews a recent book on India by Sir Frederick Treves, the distinguished physician. Among other statements quoted from the book is one that sticks in the memory. Speaking of the people in India, the author says:

"A smile, except from the face of a child, is unusual."

What a picture of miserable conditions. These people always exist, says Sir Frederick, "a little below the most meager comfort, a little above the nearest reach of starvation." This is one reason why in that country only children smile.

What wonder the people are fatalists? What wonder they almost court and welcome death? Fate cannot be harsher in another world.

Surely half the world does not know how the other half lives—and sometimes the first half little cares.

In this connection one is reminded of the attack of Professor Starr, of Chicago University, on foreign missions and missionaries. He says it is nothing less than presumption on our part to interfere with the religious beliefs of other people.

It may be. And perhaps we can never quite understand the Oriental mind. But cannot we give them glimpses of a better viewpoint? We can give desires for better living. We can ameliorate conditions.

It is easy enough for a professor in pipe and slippers to criticize foreign missions. Some of them may not do much good, but many of them are self-sacrificing and plucky to the verge of heroism. Most of them are the stuff of which martyrs are made.

"The Light of Asia," so praised by Arnold, is but a dull gleam in a fog. It lights up no face save that of a child.

Is it not possible that we may do for Asia what we have done for Japan?

Open the shutters and let the light stream in.

Cow's Sneezing Sign of Rain.

There was an old negro slave on my uncle's farm down in Tennessee who was a peculiar chap, and of whom the youngsters about the place—white as well as black—stood in fear," said Senator Carmack in conversation with a group of friends.

"This aged Senegambian, Uncle Tom by name, could give all the modern weather sharp cards and spades and beat them, for he could predict with almost unerring accuracy what the element would be doing. One day I was standing out in the cow pen beside the old man, when he suddenly exclaimed: 'Did you hear that?'

"'Hear what, Uncle Tom?'

"'Hear that speckled cow sneeze, Sho' as you am libin', boy, it agwine ter rain bef' morning, kase whenever you hear a cow sneeze dat means rain.'

"Sure enough, it poured down from the skies, as Tom foretold. Prior to that I had never taken note of a cow's sneezing, and there may be skeptical folks who would doubt that this was a bovine habit, but my own belief in it is firmly established, and I am equally sure that old Tom had good cause to establish a connection between it and wet weather."

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