

# "Bread Upon The Waters."

Written for the TIMES, by "W"

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

Col. Linton, two years after Jimmie left his home, having a considerable amount of spare money, went to Petersburg, Va., and opened a large mercantile establishment. He still lived at Oak Hall, he spent a part of his time in Petersburg. He had many friends in the south and did a enormous business. He seemed to prosper at first, but after five years, there came a panic in money affairs, and with a half million dollars owing him, he could not collect, he found he was hopelessly bankrupt. To meet his debts, he had to mortgage his farm, slaves and everything he had, even to the household furniture, to raise the one thousand dollars to pay him. Ordinarily Col. Linton could have made this money in a few years and paid up these mortgages, but everything seemed to be going against him at this time, and he was forced to sell the will. The holders of these mortgages lived in Richmond and Petersburg, at last they were held by certain banks, and when the time became due, they advertised the property to be sold in thirty days. It was a sad, sad time for the big hearted Col. Linton and the saddest task of all was to inform his wife and light haired Mirtie, who had just graduated and returned home from St. Mary's, Raleigh. But Mrs. Linton had anticipated this trouble, and did all she could to console her husband, but while she was bright face, there was deep trouble in her heart. She had always been wealthy, and never knew the want of a dollar. And poor Mirtie who had grown into such a handsome woman, was then preparing to go to Greenbriar White Sulphur Springs to spend the summer. How could she bear to tell the dear child that all was gone and that she was left in poverty. However on a visit to a friend in Louisburg, she was told the whole story at Mrs. Linton's request. She seemed, to the surprise of all, to take the matter with less concern than any of them. When she reached home she threw her arms around her father's neck and begged him not to care one bit, that they could continue to be happy. That Dr. Smedes had offered her a large salary to take charge of the music in the college; that she had in her own right \$5000.00 and that she could buy "Daddy and Mammy" and have enough left to buy a nice little home in Raleigh, where they could live in ease and comfort.

"But, my dear child," said Col. Linton, "your mother and I would be living on your hard labor." That's all right father, nothing could make me feel happier than to know that I was contributing to your and mother's support. You would have no trouble on your mind, nothing to do and could visit around among your friends and be happy.

"Trol la la, I am so happy," and she flitted away to the flower garden, singing at the top of her voice.

The day of sale was fast approaching. Negro traders from all over the country were coming in, expecting a picnic by buying these poor slaves at a very low price and taking them to cotton plantations down south and selling them for an enormous profit. The day before the sale there arrived at the hotel among others, a well stylishly dressed young man, with dark auburn hair, heavy auburn mustache, and every appearance of a man of large means.

After registering his name and taking a seat in the body, he was approached by the proprietor who said to him, "I suppose sir, you have come to attend the big sale to-morrow."

"What sale do you mean sir? I am a stranger in these parts, have heard of no sale, and have come to Louisburg to visit old friends whom I have not seen or heard from in ten years."

"I mean the sale of Col. Geo. E. Linton's property. Everything he has on earth will be sold to-morrow. He failed for over a hundred thousand

and dollars, and negro traders and speculators are here from all over the country to attend the sale."

"The mortgages are held by banks in Richmond and Petersburg, and Mr. Lyon who is stopping with me is their representative. The people around here are so fond of Col. Linton they tried today to raise money to stop the sale, but on account of the money panic, they were unsuccessful. If you wish you can walk over to the court house and read the announcement of the sale on the boards."

The young stranger seemed to take no further notice of the sale, was shown to his room and after arranging his toilet, was seen to walk over to the court house and into the Clerk's office. On returning to the hotel, he asked to be shown Mr. Lyon's room. He remained in Mr. Lyon's room about two hours, and there were many speculations about the meaning of it.

The mysterious stranger came from his room and took a seat on the front porch, and entered into conversation with the guest about matters in general, but did not mention the sale. This seemed strange to everyone, for nothing else had been talked about for weeks. Col. Linton passed and when the stranger saw him, he jumped from his chair as if to speak to him, but he resumed his seat while the Col. passed on. The mysterious stranger went to his room early after supper, but he was up early next morning and stood on the court house square as Col. Linton's 98 negroes marched in from the farm, each with his little bundle—all he could carry with him. There were in the number old and young, all weeping—even the little children were crying. It was a sad sight, and nearly all who looked upon the scene were moved to tears.

The town was soon full of people, and at 10 o'clock the auctioneer came to the front door of the court house and made the usual announcement. There was a crowd in front of the court house. Col. Linton was near the door with bowed head, tears streaming down his face, while his friends were trying to console him. Says he, "I care not so much for myself and family, but these dear old colored people who have been so faithful to me have to be scattered and will find cruel masters. Oh, it is so hard to bear."

"Now gentlemen," says the auctioneer, "I offer for sale for cash, the property of Col. Linton, the home place known as Oak Hall, containing 3000 acres of land, 98 negroes of all descriptions. The negroes can be seen on the grounds. After sale of the above, we will repair to Oak Hall when all of the personal property will be sold. I offer first Oak Hall, with 3000 acres of land. How much am I offered?"

About this time the handsome, well dressed stranger with silk hat in one hand and a bundle of papers in the other, was observed pushing his way through the throng, from the clerk's office, and walking beside the auctioneer, said:

Mr. Auctioneer, can I have the privilege of saying a few words?"

"Certainly sir," says the kindly auctioneer. "You have the privilege of making any remarks you wish."

"Gentlemen," says the mysterious stranger, "I forbid the sale of this property. Col. Linton owes me a cent on this broad earth. I am just from the clerk's office where I find every mortgage and note has been canceled, and I hold the canceled mortgages and notes in my hand."

Col. Linton advancing towards the stranger, and looking him in the face, inquired, "What does this mean, I don't understand it?" A stillness and surprise invaded the vast throng, as the stranger said:

"Col. Linton, do you remember ten years ago in driving home from church you found a poor sick, delirious boy lying at your front gate? Do you remember how you and your good wife took this sick boy to your home and nursed him back to life? Do you remember you did this without price not even expecting any reward? I am that boy, dear kind Col. Linton. I am Jimmie McDonald, whom you nursed back to life and treated so kindly. Thank God, I am now able to partly repay that kindness." Col. Linton now rushed

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up to the young man embracing him, but was too full to speak. "But this is too much for you to do for me" says Col. Linton. "I don't deserve it."

"You do deserve it my dear Sir, and ten times more if you needed it. I am fully able to do this, I don't say it boastfully, but I am three times a millionaire, and what I have done for you is a mere trifle. I deposited a large amount of money in Richmond banks to invest in this section, and gave Mr. Lyon checks on the Richmond banks which he readily took, as I exhibited to him certificates of deposit.

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"Repay indeed, I had rather give you a million than to ever take one cent from you."

"Send these dear old colored people back to their cabins. They are still yours, and will be forever."

The good news had pervaded the vast throng and then there was shouting and rejoicing with all. The negroes had changed their wailings to shouts of joy. Everybody was happy, but Col. Linton, whose face had brightened up, was the happiest of all as he ordered his negroes back to their cabins. They left shouting and singing—a happy crowd.

"Now, Mr. McDonald," says Col. Linton, "Call me Jimmie, Col, it sounds sweeter." "Well Jimmie, we will now go up to my friends house where we will find my wife and daughter. They will be as delighted as I am to see you and hear the glorious news." But the good news had preceded them, and Mrs. Linton and Mirtie met them at the gate. Mrs. Linton for a while was too full to speak. She fell on Jimmie's shoulders and wept like a child—for joy. Jimmie informed them that he knew nothing of their trouble until his arrival here, that he came to Louisburg especially to pay them a visit, but thanks be to God, he came just at the right time.

"Thank God, thank God! Bread cast upon the waters. I always told Master and Mirtie that boy would turn up some of these days," exclaimed old black nannay as she rushed in to greet Mars Jimmie, as she called him.

To make a long tedious story shorter, I will state there was one of the grandest weddings at Oak Hall a few months after this that was ever known in this section.

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Personal.

Mr. J. H. Whitfield went to Henderson yesterday.

Rev. T. B. Justice went to Youngsville yesterday.

Mrs. C. F. Best and Miss Nellie Whitfield went to Louisburg yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Harris, of near Forestville, is visiting her people in town this week.

Mayor C. W. Conway went to Wake Forest Saturday to see his daughter, Miss Mattie, and incidentally to see the ball game between Wake Forest College and the A. & M. College, of Raleigh.

Among those from here who attended the ball game at Raleigh Monday between Philadelphia and the A. & M. College were Messrs. A. H. Vann, E. J. Cheatham, Miss Mabel Vann, and Mrs. J. W. McGhee, on automobile; and Messrs. B. W. Ballard, Burnice Britt, A. O. Perry, W. J. Ballard, Dr. S. C. Ford.

Good Roads Mass Meeting.

Everybody is invited to come out to a mass meeting at the Opera House in Franklinton next Saturday at 2.30 p. m. The road law will be discussed. This will be your last chance to get together before the election. There will be some good speeches. It is hoped that there will be a large crowd present.

List of Letters.

Remaining in the Franklinton postoffice uncalled for:

J. U. Allen, Mrs. Sallie Beckwith, L. Chester Cole, (2) Isaac Yarbrough.

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