

JACKSONVILLE AND THE REUNION

Veterans Will Find a Modern, Progressive City

Many Points of Historic Interest To Be Visited By Survivors of Gray Army During Week.

Jacksonville, Fla.—When the Confederate veterans and their friends assemble here for their 24th annual reunion, they will be introduced to a city and community, proud of the present and loyal to the ideals of the old South.

Jacksonville is a city of 85,000 population, with handsome business blocks, modern skyscrapers, commodious hotels and residence sections that compare favorably with the best in the country.

Jacksonville of to-day is in all respects a thriving center of trade and commerce, much of its commerce going across the seas into foreign countries on ocean steamships.

And while the visitors are enjoying this view and prospect of modern business and community thrift, they will be given an opportunity to look down the past three hundred and fifty years. All of this territory was in dispute three and a half centuries ago between the French and Spanish, with the wild Indian holding the balance of power between the combatants.

The first white man to enter the mouth of the St. Johns river was Jean Ribault, in command of a company of Huguenots, who had left France because of religious persecutions.

In 1664, one year after the departure of Ribault, Rene Laudonniere, who had been with Ribault on the first expedition, came to the mouth of the St. Johns with another colony of Huguenots, and ascended the river as far as the present site of Jacksonville, camping probably on the south side of the river on territory now covered by South Jacksonville.

During the reunion, steamboat excursions will be run to all these points of historic interest on the St. Johns river. It is but twenty-seven miles from Jacksonville to the mouth of the St. Johns, where the government has constructed, with the aid of Jacksonville, and the State of Florida, a system of jetties, deepened the water on the bar and otherwise protected navigation.

While Jacksonville has not advertised itself as a large manufacturing city, of recent years many large industrial plants have been established, giving employment to 5,000 wage-earners and turning out \$14,000,000 to \$15,000,000 worth of products per annum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson IV.—Second Quarter, For April 26, 1914.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke xv, 1-10. Memory Verses, 8-10—Golden Text, Luke xv, 10—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

There was something in His teaching which reached the hearts of these publicans and sinners who were so despised by the self righteous Pharisees. He was full of grace and truth; they knew the truth that they were sinners and they needed the grace that was in Him.

The word here translated "receiveth" is generally translated "waiting or looking for." Weymouth's rendering is, "He gives a welcome to notorious sinners." Not only does He receive sinners when they come to Him (John vi, 37), but He is on the lookout for them. He came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke xix, 10).

Their murmuring led Him to speak the threefold parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son, in which we see the love of the Son as the shepherd, the love of the Spirit and the love of the Father. The love of God is the greatest topic in all the Bible and was specially manifest in His giving His only Son for us that we might not perish, as it is written, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him."

Woman is a type of the church, both true and false, but here she represents the true church in the power of the Holy Spirit seeking diligently that which is lost. The sheep set before us one phase of the condition of the lost, as when we read, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep." "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. liii, 6).

Like the good Samaritan, He finds us helpless and wounded and tenderly cares for us and puts us in His place and brings us to a place of rest and continues to care for us (Luke x, 33-35). Like Paul in the case of Onesimus, He says to His Father concerning the sinner, "Receive him as Myself; if he hath wronged thee or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account" (Phi. xvii, 13).

In the story of both the sheep and the piece of money, note the conclusion, "Joy in heaven." Joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (Luke xv, 10). Does it not seem that if we really believed that we who are saved would have a greater desire to have others know and share the great salvation?

How much of the spirit of Christ have we if we have not His heart of compassion for the lost? He became poor for us and suffered in our stead for our sins. How are we proving that we are His disciples? "He that winneth souls is wise." They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. "It was Paul's ambition 'by all means to save some' (1 Cor. ix, 19). What does the Lord see in our hearts in this matter?

The Educational Need of the Hour.

It seems to me the State was never more astir with educational interest and educational hope. The work seems moving on apace along all lines. The people are behind it; great organizations like the Farmers' Union 35,000 strong, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics 31,000 strong, the woman's clubs, many thousand strong, and others, are giving it united and enthusiastic support.

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