

THE SENTINEL.

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THE MECKLENBURG DISCUSSION.

We publish a fourth article to-day from the pen of Mr. Goodloe. In a day or two another one will follow which completes the discussion on his side. The space we have had to give to the discussion is greater than we were led to expect in the beginning. But we do not regret the time and space devoted to the investigation, and are willing that others should be heard if they have anything new to tell. We know that many of the most highly educated and intelligent of our readers are taking a peculiar interest in the discussion which has been conducted with dignity, courtesy and ability. A distinguished gentleman wrote to us the other day requesting us to preserve all the papers for him containing matter bearing upon the Mecklenburg Declaration, stating he was greatly interested, and might possibly have something to say when the intellectual combatants now engaged had completed their arguments. The Associate Editor of the SENTINEL is alone responsible for the introduction of the discussion into this paper, the Editor having nothing whatever to do with it. Mr. Goodloe had known from his early boyhood, and is glad to number him among those friends who "by adoption tried," he has ever found high-toned, honorable, and independent in his thinking. Mr. Goodloe asked to be heard through the SENTINEL that he might discuss the merits of the 20th May Declaration. Wishing to believe the truth, and being desirous to hear both sides of a controversial discussion never yet injured seriously by the truth, we told Mr. Goodloe that the columns were open to him for a brief article or two, with the understanding that the other side should have a hearing. We have hitherto published three articles on either side. Maj. Dowd will be heard in reply if he so desires and other gentlemen who may wish to review the discussion. Hence we wrote an editorial in the beginning, headed "Audi alteram partem."

Of course we could not anticipate all the bearings of the investigation. At first, we are candid enough to state, when we had only read Mr. Goodloe's three articles, we were satisfied that he had had no confessions that Maj. Dowd's articles have so shaken our first convictions that we are compelled to suspend our judgment. We shall await the issue, and then re-reading the whole controversy, including all that has been said by Dr. Hawks and other writers, or that may be said hereafter, we shall then form an opinion. As before stated, we only desire to believe the truth, and no conscientious man can desire to believe anything else. Nothing so hurts as falsehood. One of the greatest and most original thinkers of this century, Thomas Carlyle, says:

"A lie should be trampled on and extinguished wherever found. It is an odious fungus that fattens the atmosphere when it is not being trampled on, like pestilence, breaths around us."

Desiring then sincerely to hold the truth in every thing, we mean to investigate this matter for our own satisfaction. Born in Raleigh, receiving whatever of education we may have at our leading schools and at our now alas, defunct University, and residing all our days with the exception of some few months, within the State, we are as thoroughly North Carolinians as it is healthful to be. We have on a dozen occasions, and in six or seven papers, defended and upheld the good and glorious name of North Carolina. But in this discussion we do not consider our patriotism or State pride in the least involved. Our State has grand records that is above all research and all slander. We were in advance of all other States whether the final verdict of history be for or against the 20th May, for the resolutions of 21st May, 1775, remain undisputed and indisputable. But even though our State pride was appealed to, it is we such as the great poet laureate, of England, Alfred Tennyson, describes the Duke of Wellington, then TRUTH will be dearer to us than even love of State can be.

"Who never sold the truth to serve the hour."

"Truth-teller was our English Alfred named."

"Truth-lover was our English Duke."

We make these remarks, because we have noted a disposition to attack Mr. Goodloe's motives (and possibly our own) for publishing his elaborate and able articles. He too is a native North Carolinian, and we doubt not holds the honor of the State as dearly as any who may assail his motives or question his State pride.

The student of Niebuhr, Grote, Curtius and Mommsen, who spent their lives in exploring the rich historic mines of antiquity, know how many hitherto received opinions have been thoroughly and finally exploded. Even British historians, like Macaulay, Lord Mahon, Burton, Froude, and others who might be named, have ripped up and exposed the falsehoods of past generations, even when their country's honor was involved not seriously, and when the characters of even Kings and the first men of the realm, including Marquises, Dukes, Lords and Viscounts were closely concerned. It is surely a grand sight to witness such devotion to truth. It shows what a noble breed of men England and Scotland produce, who spare not the highest in the Kingdom when the truth of history is to be maintained and vindicated. He is a moral fossil who tests the truth for

TRUTH IS COWARDLY—TRUTH IS COURAGEOUS. Grote, the great historian of Greece, well appreciated this long before he published his twelve splendid volumes. As early as 1823, we find him referring to the entire uncertainty and worthless-ness of tales to which early associations have so long familiarized the mind, and writing "I am quite amazed to discover the extraordinary credulous and facility with which we assert, believe, and repeat, and are believed!" A civilization is not percent of its leading strings, when freedom of criticism upon public events and public men may not be indulged—and the fact would show either the despatch of a great man, or an oligarchy, to control this colossal, which require the length we have not intended, the Associate Editor of the SENTINEL for the discussion of so important a historical question. If the advocates of the 20th May succeed in clearly establishing the truth, as we sincerely trust they may, then we have been instrumental in strengthening the foundations and in instructing our people in a matter that concerns them. If on the other hand, the arguments and evidence advanced disprove the fact, then we have been instrumental in vindicating history, and "truth is truth to the end of reckoning."

We are compelled to publish to-day only a portion of Mr. G's article. The remainder will follow to-morrow.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.

The number for the week ending Aug. 23rd, is very readable. Here is the table of contents: I. The Personal Life of George C. Grate, Westminster Review. II. Innocent—A Tale of Modern Life by Mrs. Campbell. Part XII. Graphic. III. The Painter, Mrs. An essay by a Gentleman. IV. The Bishop of Winchester and Lord Westbury—Saturday Review (London). V. The Sultan and the Khedive. Saturday Review. Part IV. Lay Me Low—All the Year Round. Parted. Spectator. The Humming Bird. James Maurice Thompson. Friendship. Spectator. Of these articles on Grote is worth a great deal. It is a general and admirable critique upon one of the greatest scholars and thinkers we have seen of the greatest historians that England ever produced. This is a very highly enjoyable. The serial novel, from the pen of a famous writer, Mrs. Parr's first novel, "Dorothy Fox," was a charming performance. We do not read any of the stories now publishing serially. For more than twenty years we have been at times familiar with this admirable publication—beyond all comparison the best Edition in the world, altogether better than those published in New York, and containing more than twice as much reading matter. Its articles are mainly taken from the leading British and Continental periodicals and are selected uniformly with rare judgment and taste, giving a most desirable variety. It has received the highest endorsement of the most eminent literary men and some of the foremost statesmen of our country. It is an old publication, the number being published in 1851, and the volume being 118. It is a Weekly, each number containing 62 pages of reading matter, each page being about equal to about one column of the SENTINEL set solid. Price \$8 a year. It is, aside from its very great value, the cheapest publication we know of. For example, the Edinburgh Review contains yearly not quite 600 pages, price \$4. Little's Living Age contains 3224 pages, or four times as much, price \$8. It contains more than any two of our American publications, and the matter is incomparably superior. We most cordially commend this publication to every reader who has taste and sensibility enough to appreciate the best literature of our times. Little & Gay, No. 17 Broadfield Street, Boston.

SUGGESTIVE STATISTICS.

For five years the writer has been trying to persuade the planters to put only two-thirds in cotton of the usual area devoted to its cultivation. We have been so impressed with the suicidal policy pursued, raising cotton and buying almost everything else, even corn and hay, that we have several times written upon it. A few weeks ago, the writer (the Associate) in a somewhat elaborate article, endeavoring to show, by an appeal to reliable statistics, that whenever the cotton crop was large the price was low, and vice versa. The statistics for the last ten years show that. We argued that if the planters universally would only produce two-thirds of the usual crop, that they would realize more clear money than by a larger crop. We pointed out the saving in expenses, including negro hire, horse, food, fertilizer, bagging, trouble, &c. We also argued that the farmer should make his own supplies. By curtailing his cotton area he would have abundant time and land to make his stock, for grain and hay.

We find some statistics in regard to Georgia that will copy. What is true of Georgia may be true of North Carolina. Governor Smith recently made a speech, to an agricultural convention which met at Athens. He said, among other things:

"What, then, was the solemn truth in regard to our cotton, industrially considered? Take the item of corn production—and it was logical to place first the naked question of bread—and what do the returns show? Why, that in 1859 the State of Georgia produced of an amount of 6,000,000 bushels of wheat, nearly 1,150,000 bushels of rye, nearly 54,000 bushels of oat, 3,800,000 bushels of barley, 11,000,000 bushels of clover, 11,000,000 bushels of timothy, 1,700,000 bushels of hay, 2,444,912 bushels of rice, 115,342 bushels of oats, 1,231,817 bushels of but-

ter stable the account of 1870? We made that year but 17,045, 450 bushels of corn, showing a falling off in one decade of more than three millions of bushels, and of wheat we made about 2,100,000 bushels, a falling off of 400,000 bushels, of oats, 1,904,000 bushels are to be set off against a crop of 3,820,000 bushels in 1859. This, said the speaker, is a bad showing indeed for a people who are, and must ever remain, essentially an agricultural people. An agricultural people buying or begging bread tells a tale of mismanagement and unthriftiness that needs no gift of prophecy to see to the bitter end of what is coming."

Now we ask every intelligent farmer who reads this, if these figures do not condemn the present policy of the planter. Is not Gov. Smith correct when he says that "an agricultural people buying or begging bread tells a tale of mismanagement and unthriftiness that needs no gift of prophecy to see to the bitter end of what is coming?"

If you want to go into many counties—excellent farming sections at that—in our State, you would find a mass of farms covered over with mortgages given to merchants for supplies, such as fertilizers, pickled pork, flour, corn and hay—to enable them to make a crop of what? Of something to eat and wear? By no means, but of cotton. So each year farmers get deeper in debt, and finally "the bitter end" is reached, and hopeless bankruptcy has come. A wise farmer will certainly raise his bread-stuffs and his food for stock. He will make, too, all the home manures he can, paying out as little for foreign fertilizers as is consistent with judicious farming.

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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT.

LEWIS LUTHERLOTT, vs. J. M. STEINMAN and W. A. DOWDY in their own right and as Executors of Thomas Dowdy, deceased, James Dowdy, Thomas Dowdy, A. L. Dowdy, Allen Dowdy, Mary Melvina Dowdy, wife of N. H. Hill, Sarah, wife of James Steadman and Nathan Dowdy. Hearing to the court that Mary, wife of N. H. Hill, James Dowdy, Allen Dowdy, A. L. Dowdy, Thomas Dowdy and Nathan Dowdy are non-residents of the State, it is ordered that publication be made in the Raleigh Sentinel, a weekly paper published in the city of Raleigh, for six weeks, last time proceeding to be published in the Superior Court of Chatham county for the purpose of making the real estate of Thomas Dowdy, deceased, assets for the payment of his debts, and that they may appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for Chatham county, within twenty-one days after the service of this summons by publication, to answer to the same, and to be taken pro confesso as to their judgment. Witness, S. T. Petty, of said court, at office in Pittsburg, the 26th May, 1873. S. T. PETTY, C. C. C. may 31-66

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