

JOHNSON'S LETTER NO. 10

My last letter was written from Coronado, California, and I then promised to take notes of the return journey by way of the Canadian Rockies, and cast these notes into letter form on my arrival home.

It is true the great masters, like Burns, are not tied down to these limits, and some of Burns' best thoughts are born of the very exuberance of joy.

It is good to travel by long journeys, but it is also good to get back home. It is good to be missed at home when we travel, but it is not good to stay away till we are forgotten.

"Many a lad I loved was dead, And many a lass grown old."

In Sir Walter Scott's Chronicles of the Canongate, it is put into the mouth of Crystal Croftangry to account for the friends of his youth in this whimsical manner:

"Some frequented public assemblies, and were pushed aside by younger men; some bestrode a rocking-horse, and no matter how violent their exertions, never advanced a foot; some went into devotion, as the French term it, and others, I fear, went to the devil; a few found resources in science and letters; one or two turned philosophers in a small way; some took to reading, and I am one of them."

But all this piffle is beside the question, for I was gone from home just seven weeks; and I must ask forgiveness for this burst of garrulosity. I just had to spin around a little to get a running start.

We left Coronado, California, on the morning of July 7th, on the auto bus for Los Angeles. Leslie went with us to the station, and saw us safely encased just in the rear of the chauffeur, there placed so we could ask him questions on the way.

I must pause here to say a word about the fine roads of California, and the two other Pacific coast states, Oregon and Washington. Most of my readers have seen the beautiful asphalt streets in Southern Pines—and be it said to the honor of Moore county folks, instead of ugly jealousy, there is universal pride that our good town of Southern Pines has these beautiful streets.

We are to bear in mind that they have no hot weather on the Pacific coast,—indeed it was almost too cold for comfort, notwithstanding the latitude we are now in is much lower than that of North Carolina.

We started out from San Diego at 10 o'clock in the morning, on the great old road that the old Spanish monks called the King's Highway, that runs by Ramona's Marriage Place, mentioned in a previous letter, and this part of the great paved road is more than three hundred years old, but the asphalt paving is less than a decade old.

For the first fifty miles or so, the country was rather uninteresting, except when we were in sight of the "wild and wasteful ocean," with its

waves dashing against the well-worn and caverned rocks, and falling back with a deep groan that seemingly made the solid earth tremble under us. But when we left the coast and plunged into the heart of the great Southern California Fruit Section, the wonders began to multiply.

In North Carolina, such evidences of wealth and opulence would at once raise the question of how we could control labor to carry on. This same question has been raised in California, and they have answered the question by inventing a machine to take the place of man-power.

We passed through the town of Anaheim, the town where co-operative marketing has reached its pinnacle of perfection in the United States. It has reached the point where every store, and every industrial establishment in the town is the property of the town.

Co-operation may be right, and the correct idea, but it seems to me that it destroys the principal of supply and demand. If it does this, it tends towards Socialism, and we have but to look to Soviet Russia to determine whether Socialism is right or wrong.

We arrived in Los Angeles about four o'clock in the afternoon, and after we were dumped out, we paid a dollar to be carried to our hotel, the Savoy, a pleasant, and yet an inexpensive hotel that had been selected for us by my friend Judge S. P. McConnell, who went to Los Angeles from Carthage, and who treated us with great kindness and courtesy.

As we were passing through Los Angeles on our journey to San Diego, I gave the town some passing notice, and in that notice I was not too complimentary, and I promised to amend so as to give the great city a better send-off if the facts should permit it. I did, indeed, see more of the city, and saw many pleasant things that

I had not seen in the first glimpse. The splendid residences are all that a body could wish; the shops are the finest we saw on our whole jaunt, excepting only the stores of San Francisco. Remember I am not excepting the great Chicago stores, and there are many commercial buildings that rival New York; for instance the Bank of Italy building, in which Judge McConnell's Law office is located, is worth a half-day of sight-seeing any time.

Judge McConnell tells me that Hollywood is regarded as a "joke" by the city, but to me it is not a joke. I would have more faith in the city of Los Angeles if there was no Hollywood. We spent several hours in Hollywood, and saw most of the see-able sights, and I am sorry to say the impression it left on my mind was that the place is completely given over to the devil.

But for all this the people of Los Angeles are the greatest boosters of their own city I have ever seen. The question that arises in my mind is: How can this city continue to live? It is only the inflow of surplus wealth that inflates the city now, and the history of the human race shows us that all these things come to an end.

I stated my opinions something like they are given here, to a lady who lives in Los Angeles whom I met after we had left there; but she held up her hands in horror, and was sure that despite all the terrible wickedness of Hollywood which was fully recognized, the influence of the churches of Los Angeles was a power that overcame all, or much of this evil.

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The boll weevil ly and profitably c six applications d which was dusted night by special states Dr. R. W. J. A. Harris, is e various lines in c Richmond, and M effort to find out a of holding the ra in check. Both th entomologists and the N. C. Agric Station and Sta maintain a labora which they study weevil in speciall also they conduc ments, find out h weevils lay each grubs and pupae, and bolls, and a on the biology of edge of which the fighting the insect

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Alongside this sweetened poiso of cotton of the fertilizer. Two a received no poiso ever, while the has been poisoed poison being ap the dew is on t two mule drawn three rows at t the poison. Th made at intervals Dr. Leiby's assi counts of the pu bolls while the These examinatio and according to squares and abou in the untreated tured by the we ton has been d percent of the s ble percent of th One thing was c writer, and that top blooms on th and the abunda dusted 16 acre booms on four r oned and unpoi field made a we showed 1/18 bio in the poisoned blooms on the ur Leiby says the acre of cotton nine douars. He least 400 pound acre over the ur at 22 cents per \$20.00 an acre poisoning work.

Mr. Robert St of his cotton w He is convinced trols the weevil work is not as might prove to make nearly or acre where he ton. He has t dusting machi row mule back r

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