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Equal and Exact Justice to all Men, of Whatever State or Persuasion, Religious or Political.--Thomas Jefferson.

THE CHRONICLE COMMENDED.

SANDERS STORE, May 12.--Dear Sir:--Your exposure of Secretary Kush's subtle effort to lead the agricultural classes to believe that their condition is caused by other than the real facts, deserves their warmest praise and commendation. Your comment is a timely one and unanswerable, and wins you a high place in the sturdy bosoms of the agricultural classes.

Yours, J. W. SANDERS. [Mr. Sanders represented Carteret, Jones and Onslow in the Senate of 1887. --EDITOR.]

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

People are becoming interested in establishing a Soldiers' Home. We are going to have it. Yesterday a wounded ex-Confederate soldier wrote us words of warm thanks for urging the people to do their duty and build a Soldiers' Home. He also added--and his words and acts ought to cause hundreds to follow his good example--

I am poor, as poor as a church mouse, and need a new wooden leg badly, but if you are going to open a subscription list, I'll go down for \$10 to start on and will do more if able and the thing goes on.

THE CHAIR OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY.

We publish elsewhere a short communication to the effect that HON. KEMP P. BATTLE is to resign as President of the University and accept the chair of History which is to be established. We have heard this from other sources, and it seems certain that PRESIDENT BATTLE has had under consideration the question of resigning and accepting the new and important chair of History.

The time has come in the career of the University when it must give broader and more thorough instruction in History. The spirit of the age demands it, and we are glad to see that the authorities of the University are fully alive to the necessity of filling the want. Not only ought the students at the University to be taught history; they ought to be taught to compile and write State history. Until the past few years, little or no attention has been given to a proper study of history among us. Lately we have had a revival of interest in the history of our State. It is incumbent upon the University, the head of the public school system of the State, to lead in this study and investigation and to make the University the centre and head of historical investigation and publication. This cannot be done without a chair of History--it ought to be endowed by one or more friends of the University--presided over by a man who by training and association would enter upon the work with competence.

If it is true that PRESIDENT BATTLE would be willing to take this chair, he would fill the bill and the question of the chair and the professor of History could be easily settled. He is easily among the most accurate students of State history, and his information is so large, and his culture in all lines is so broad, that he would do a great work in that chair for the State and add greatly to his fame.

The question arises: Who will succeed DR. BATTLE as President? The CHRONICLE answers: Let him have no successor if he resigns. There is no necessity of a President of the University that is supported by the State. DR. BATTLE has worked earnestly, and given his best love and energies to the duties of his high office. No one will say that he has been wanting in any devotion to or labor for the prosperity of the University. But now, after the enlargement of the faculty and the equipment of the University, there is really no need for a President.

The best managed university or college in the South, and the institution of the widest fame, is the University of Virginia. It has been the model upon which most others have been founded. As in matters of governmental policy, the wise men of the generations that have followed him, have turned to JEFFERSON for guidance in the proper management of universities. His wisdom planned and established the University of Virginia upon a basis so broad that it has ever, even in days of severe trial and poverty, kept its doors open and attracted students from every section of the Union. This great university has no President, and one of the professors acts as Chairman of the faculty, and the work of a President is performed by him as the agent of the whole faculty.

We believe that this is the best arrangement for our own University, and we hope that if DR. BATTLE resigns the Trustees will follow the plan that has worked with such satisfactory results in the greatest institution in the South. If, after a trial, it should be found that the new plan does not work smoothly and satisfactorily, there would be time enough to look about an elect a man to the Presidency. But we believe that if the Trustees will follow the example of our sister Commonwealth, they will find that it will work so well they will never elect another President.

At any rate, the chair of History must be established, and it must be in charge of a gentleman of prodigious industry as well as broad culture and love of the subject. And it ought to be established at once. It will do more by the publication of its investigation to give the State its proper place in the eye of the world than anything else that could be done. If the rumor in regard to DR. BATTLE is an error, then let the Trustees find some suitable man. But the chair must be established.

A DELIGHTFUL TOWN.

That is a pleasant picture which the staff correspondent of the CHRONICLE draws of the charming town of Washington in to-day's paper. Doubtless a better people and a lovelier town could have been made but it has never been done. There is a cordiality, a hospitality, a free-handed courtesy about the Washington people that makes their town one of the most delightful in the State. No place offers a pleasanter home or a more cultivated and refined society.

In the days before the war Washington had a large trade with the West Indies; it built ships; and was a prominent commercial centre. Twice was it destroyed by the flames during the war. No town suffered more terribly in loss of men and property by war and fire. Its business was injured, its ships burned; its men impoverished. It presented at the close of the war a scene where peace and plenty and happiness had been converted into war, want and unhappiness.

But its men were brave and had courage. They have fought against odds. They have rebuilt the town. They have shown public spirit and enterprise. The advantages of the place for manufacturing, for business, for trucking, and for the fish and oyster business in all its details, are many; and the day is near at hand when all these will be utilized, and when Washington will regain more than she has lost, and when it will stand out as a great and prosperous centre.

Hasten the day when dear, delightful Washington shall be all that its citizens have sought to make it! Around it cluster a thousand memories of noble men and women who have added lustre to the State of their love. In it reside men of action and men of progress. The future of the old town is bright, and its people are working with might and main to make it great and prosperous. Its aims are extended to welcome all who desire to engage in business or manufacturing in its borders. A cordial co-operation awaits them; and opportunities for making money abound.

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BE such a man, live such a life that if every man were such as you, and every life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise.--Phillips Brooks.

To Succeed Dr. Mangum.

[Special Cor. of STATE CHRONICLE.] I see the name of Rev. J. S. Cordon suggested to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dr. Mangum. I hear also the name of Horace Williams, a former graduate of the University, spoken of for this position.

NORTH CAROLINA VISITORS.

A Large Number of Them in the City Yesterday as the Guests of the Norfolk & Carolina Road.

[Norfolk Virginian.] One hundred and ninety-eight prominent business men from Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Suffolk, Tunis and other points on the Norfolk & Carolina Road, arrived at Pinner's Point yesterday morning on a special Norfolk & Carolina Train. These gentlemen were the guests of the Railroad Company, who desired to show them what a fine road they had built through the Old North State and the Old Dominion, and to bring in close business relation the residents at opposite points along the route.

The train having on board the guests consisted of six coaches, and rolled into Pinner's Point at half-past ten. The steamer Luray, with with representatives from the chamber of commerce, business men's association and cotton exchange, landed at the point a few minutes after the excursionists, and then there was a general introduction of the business men of Norfolk and Carolina. The visitors embarked on board the Luray, and the steamer poked her nose down the river, going as far as Craney Island before turning round and coming back. During the short voyage Mayor E. M. Henry made a very happy speech of welcome to the visitors, which was responded to by Mr. Dorsey Battle. When the Luray touched at the Boston wharf, all came ashore, and the visitors spent the day and evening visiting the different points of interest in the city, and attending to business. The train which carried them home left the Seaboard road depot, Portsmouth, last evening at 6 o'clock.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

A Correspondent Entirely Misunderstands the Chronicle.

[Special Cor. of STATE CHRONICLE.] RALEIGH, N. C., May 15.--The CHRONICLE of this date contains, in an editorial upon the proposed Soldiers' Home, the following language:

RESOLVED, That we will never be guilty of the hollow mockery of observing Memorial Day again until the Soldiers' Home is thrown open to care for the needy and wounded ex-Confederate soldiers; and this is proposed as a resolution to the people of the State.

[In fairness our correspondent ought to have added that the CHRONICLE also said: "If that resolution could be adopted, the door of the Soldiers' Home would be thrown open before another May 10th rolled around."

This clearly shows that the CHRONICLE only desired to secure the Home. We know that the celebration of Memorial Day ought and will be continued. We favor it and honor the noble women who belong to the Memorial Association in the several towns of the State. But we also know that if they would stir up the men we would have a Home within twelve months.--EDITOR.]

In the entire article, as well as in that of a previous date there is a strain of criticism approaching contempt, if not reproach for the efforts of those who cherish this sacred institution, and maintain its observance, the Ladies' Memorial Association, of Raleigh, and other towns of the State. [Our correspondent errs and again does us injustice.--EDITOR.]

When the bodies of dead Confederates were threatened with being cast upon the highway by the Federal officials who had taken the ground of their bloody resting place, the ladies of Raleigh, of the Memorial Association, with whatever names they could procure, removed them to their quiet hillside, marked their graves in lasting granite, erected a shaft to their memory, and as far as their scanty means would allow, have kept those graves as becomes a civilized people. And in addition thereto, they have solemnly commemorated the virtues of their sons and brethren lying there, and of those from Bethel to Appomattox whom these represent. They are now annually collecting and placing in the State archives the richest treasures of history and contemporary biography, of the best and bravest of North Carolina in her supreme struggle.

The foremost soldiers and statesmen in our borders have responded to their call to honor immortal heroes and an immortal cause.

They will not consent, at this day, to abandon their task under whatever specious motive. To every well-directed effort to establish a Soldiers' Home, they will say God speed, will do what may be in their power to help and from a full heart.

It should be understood that there are no accumulated funds in the control of the association. The annual care of the graves is the primary object of the dues contributed, and more than nine out of every ten dollars ever used for Memorial Day have been expended upon the cemetery.

Suffering among the living ex-Confederates is a source of anxious solicitude to those who keep alive the memories of the past. They sent a representative to plead for increased pensions before the last legislature. But they believe that to neglect the dead will in nowise contribute to help the living. Nor do they believe that any Confederate hero worthy of his sleeping comrades, would have the little pittance withdrawn that keeps the rank weed and wild briar from that comrade's grave.

The tendency of such remarks upon memorials in editorials, as the one referred to, we deplore, because their real effect is the opposite of the apparent intention, (whose sincerity we do not question.) They encourage the careless and indifferent, and if heeded, would result in such apathy as to stamp us a race of ingrates, unworthy to guard the sacred dust in our charge.

Let no man imagine that the surrender of our memorial observances, would add one jot or tittle to the undertaking to secure a home for the noble veterans. On the contrary it would assure the world of such a moral atmosphere of ingratitude, that the maintenance of the Home could not long be assured, even if once established. To do that love of country, patriotic State pride; love and regard for the dead and living, must all be appealed to. It is that pride and that love which, besides the days sacred in our holy religion, leaves none other so consecrated to us as Memorial Day.

Nor do we intend, for any cause whatever, to be faithless to a duty which is a tribute to the past, a reminder to the present of what it owes the veterans, and a lesson to our children for the future.

[We give space to this letter because it is from the pen of a lady who has unselfishly and nobly lent her intelligent energies to a proper celebration of Memorial Day and been always ready to aid in every good cause. The CHRONICLE would not detract from her labors and their value. But we believe that there are thousands who do NOT AID IN CELEBRATING Memorial Day who ought to help open a Home for the living veterans. We ought to honor the dead, but we ought to feel the duty much more of providing for the wants of the living. That is the platform of the STATE CHRONICLE.--EDITOR.]

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May-15-17 Jud. Ex. Com. 4th, Dist.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as the executor of the last will and testament of Mrs. S. J. Hunter, late of Wake county, this is to notify all persons having claims against her estate to present them to me, at Forestville, N. C., on or before the first day of May, 1891, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery, and those indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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