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## NOTABLE ADDRESS BY HILARY A. HERBERT

Large Audience Heard Him  
Monday Evening.

## BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTES TO BOYHOOD FRIENDS

With a Touch of Sentiment and Pathos  
and then of Humor, the Gallant Veteran Paid Beautiful Tributes to His Friends and then Drew Lessons from their Achievements.

The annual oration before the graduating class of the Laurens high school was delivered Monday evening before a large and cultured audience by Hon. Hilary Abner Herbert, who is a native of Laurens of whom all its citizens are proud, a veteran of the Civil War, congressman for eight terms from the state of Alabama, secretary of the navy under President Cleveland, and who is at present an honored citizen of Washington, D. C., with a long, splendid and spotless career behind him. Col. Herbert, by which title he is generally known, having been colonel of the Eighth Alabama volunteers during the great war, was enthusiastically received by the descendants of the friends and relatives of his boyhood days and the closest attention was given to him throughout his address. Though Col. Herbert was born in 1834, consequently being seventy-eight years of age, his voice was clear and, though hardly resonant, was distinct. His every word was understood and listened to raptly, for his speech dwelt principally around reminiscences of his boyhood days, his early friendships with the fathers and grandfathers of those present and the friends of many of the elders. Of those boyhood acquaintances, only one was in the house, Cresswell Garlington, Esq., Mr. Garlington occupying the seat of honor near Col. Herbert.

Col. Herbert was introduced by Mr. W. W. Ball, a son of his boyhood friend, the lamented Col. B. W. Ball. Mr. Ball introduced the speaker as first a soldier, one who had fought valiantly in the great battles of the 60's and then later during the reconstruction period; second, as a teacher, whose forebears were early teachers in this country; as a statesman, who as secretary of the navy under President Cleveland by efficiency and ability help lay the foundations of the great navy which swept the Spanish fleets of the sea, and fourth, as a native of Laurens, whom all of its citizens are proud to claim.

In the beginning of his address Col. Herbert recited his early experiences in Laurens, which he left at the age of twelve. Though, he said, "I could not say that I love the home of my childhood better than, or ever as well as I do my adopted land," he would say that since leaving, those verses have been clinging around his heart ever since:

"Sweet Clime of my kindred,  
blest land of my birth,  
The fairest, the dearest,  
the brightest on earth,  
Where'er I may roam,  
how'er blest I may be,  
My heart as instinctively  
turns unto thee."

Col. Herbert dwelt at length upon the experiences of his boyhood days, giving many pathetic and then humorous instances of those days and of his early youth. Then Laurens was but a mere village, where the court house was somewhat of a social center and the old Laurensville Female Academy, where his father and mother taught, was the educational center. At school, taught during the first years by old Davy J. Williams and in 1846 by Bob Garlington, he studied and played with the Todds, the Garlingtons, the Farleys, the Flemings, the Williamses, the Irbys, the Parksdales, Bud Ball, Chris Suber and others.

Turning from the reminiscences of his boyhood days, Col. Herbert reminded the class that the school children of the present have far greater advantages than those of his day, though it was a question in his mind whether some of the modern ways of teaching was right. Where the boys and girls of his day had before them what their ancestors had left them, the boys and girls of today have before them the achievements in every department of learning of two of the

busiest generations the world has ever known. "You are the heirs of all the ages that have preceded you and if you wish to be foremost in the files of time you must be up and doing."

Passing from his boyhood days, Col. Herbert dwelt upon the associations of his early youth, the friendships with the boys of those old and honored families of Laurens. Declaring that if he could name each of the boys and girls which he knew in his youth and then trace accurately his or her career in after life, such a plain unvarnished story would be one of the most pathetic, and at the same time, one of the brightest chapters in history. Col. Herbert singled out but one of his boyhood friends, Will Farley, and traced the long friendship from the time when Farley and his brother de-claimed in the old school house on rough the years at the University of Virginia, until they came together for the last time during the Gettysburg campaign, in the spring of 1863. Here they were together for awhile. Of this meeting Col. Herbert spoke at length and took the opportunity to lay such a beautiful tribute to the feet of his friend as has seldom been heard coming from the lips of any man. Major Farley was killed at Brandy Station a few days after seeing Col. Herbert.

"My young friends, with memories of my childhood crowding upon me I have dwelt a long time upon the past, but I cannot find it in my heart to apologize. It is because of that past, which I have been calling to mind, that you are today what you are, and that to you have come down not only peaceful and happy days under self-government, but also the priceless memory of the heroism and patience and endurance of the generation that secured for you these blessings. Cherish forever in your hearts the images of Hampton and Butler, and R. H. Anderson and Gary and Kershaw and Evans, and Todd and Ball and Conway Garlington, and Farley, and the thousands of brave soldiers who stood by their sides in battle; and do not forget those survivors of the war who piloted South Carolina successfully through the horrors of reconstruction. Cherish in your hearts too, the memory of those blessed women from whom you are descended, women who gave up all that was dearest to them—father and brother and lover and husband and son. And then why and wherefore of all this the causes of that bloody war, the justifications of your forefathers—all these you should know. It should be taught you in your schools and by your parents at the fireside.

"I exhort this generation to study the principles that were at stake in that great war between the states. Study carefully the story of our Federal Constitution and the manner in which it was upheld by the statesmen of your section in the crusade that was being waged against the South, from 1831 to 1861. Mr. Ball in introducing me to you spoke in complimentary tones of a book I have recently written. My purpose in that book was to write an accurate history of the causes of our great war. If I have succeeded in this, then I have shown clearly to Northerners, who shall read it that the Southern States had good reasons for believing that they had the right to secede, and that it was their duty to fight for the independence of the Confederacy, and I have also shown to the Southerners, who shall read it, that the North had good reasons for believing it was right in fighting for the preservation of the Union. That great war was not, as has been sedulously taught in so many school books, a "slaveholders' rebellion." While on the one side it was a war for the preservation of the Union, on the other it was a war by slave-holder and non-slave-holder, standing together for the right of self-government handed down to them from the fathers, and during the war as well as afterwards in reconstruction days, for the supremacy of the white race that had been ordained by Almighty God. Slavery was an incident of the war, and it went down forever. We all thank God that it did. Secession was a disputed right. It is settled forever; so mote it be. The Union was triumphant; let it be perpetual. In spite of reconstruction white civilization eventually triumphed in the Southern States; so may that ever be. But just here, my friends, young and old, let me remind you that whenever we are considering this race question, which unfortunately will always be with us, let us never forget,

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## Space In Your Local Newspaper Is Valuable If Used Correctly

Buying a farm doesn't make a man a farmer.  
Buying space in your local newspaper doesn't make you an advertiser.

In both cases, cultivation counts.  
After you have bought a fine farm you must immediately begin to give it attention, to hold it to its present state of production and in order to increase its producing value.

When you take space in your local newspaper, you should begin to give it serious attention. Think how you can give the very best values in the space you have bought. Think how you can present those values in the most attractive manner in the space you have bought. Study the advertisements of the most successful stores in your lines in the larger cities. Note how they present their goods in the most highly interesting manner.

No class of publication is more closely read than the local newspaper. It is a platform upon which you can speak directly to all the people. With a little practice you can soon find the most effective way, to tell in type, your message to them so that they will listen and accept your propositions.

## GLEE CLUB PLEASURES.

Chicora Girls Attracted a Large Audience and Pleased Every One Present.

The entertainment given by the Chicora Glee Club, in the auditorium of the graded school Friday evening, was a success in every way. The program was tastefully selected to please an audience of lovers of classical music as well as those who preferred the lighter pieces. Not only in the selection of the program was the entertainment noteworthy, for the success of the evening lay in the artistic and delightful manner in which the pieces were rendered. The young ladies acquitted themselves admirably and the audience left the auditorium highly pleased.

The collection at the door was generous, a handsome balance of about \$50 being realized for the school library.

During their stay in Laurens the young ladies were the guests of Presbyterian families, where they were cordially and hospitably received. The people of the city enjoyed having them, the hope being expressed on many sides that it may be possible to have them here again next year.

## WATTS WALLOPS 'EM.

Laurens Team Puts It Over the Clinton Collegians in Baseball Conflict Last Saturday.

In a very successful but rather snappy game of ball last Saturday the Watts Mill team defeated the Presbyterian college team by the score of 8 to 5. There was plenty of good solid slugging but the excellent fielding of both teams kept things pretty exciting throughout.

The Watts Mill team at present is a strong aggregation and from all reports the management intends making it stronger. They are going to play a big bunch of games in Laurens during the season and if last Saturday's game was a fair sample, the games will be well worth attending. In all probability they will play a game this Saturday but nothing definite is yet known.

## SAUL TO FOUNTAIN INN.

Beautiful Cantata to be Sung in the "Border City" Next Tuesday Evening.

The Laurens choral society has received an invitation from Fountain Inn to present the Cantata Saul there. The invitation has been accepted and the cantata will be given next Tuesday evening.

This is the first of a number of trips which the society hopes to make this spring. However, last year the society presented one of the several cantatas, which it sings, at Fountain Inn and were so charmed with the hospitality of the Fountain Inn people that they have been looking forward for the second visit for some time. The entire society of about thirty-five members will be with the party. They will probably go up in automobiles.

## "SLICK" DUNLAP HURT.

Broke His Leg Sliding into Third Base in Game of Ball Friday Afternoon.

A very unfortunate accident occurred in the ball game between Woodruff and the Laurens high school Friday evening, when Richard Dunlap, the crack pitcher and heavy hitter of the Laurens team, broke both bones in his left leg sliding into third base. Exactly how the accident happened is not known, but it is thought to have resulted from the resistance of the grassy turf to the leather shoes, causing the foot to double up beneath his body. Both bones of the leg were broken just above the ankle. Doctors were immediately called and he was soon carried home.

In reply to a telephone message to his home yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Dunlap stated that Richard was getting along as well as could be expected, only being a little restless as a result of the confinement. His greatest sorrow, she said, was because of the fact that he had to miss the commencement exercises at the graded school, where he graduates this year.

## TO REPEAT SAUL.

Beautiful Cantata to be Sung Thursday Evening, May 23rd, by the Laurens Choral Society.

Announcement has been made that the Laurens Choral Society will repeat the cantata "Saul of Israel" Wednesday evening, May 23rd. Where it will be given has not yet been decided. The proceeds will be devoted to some charitable purpose.

This cantata was presented in the early part of the year and attracted the most favorable comment that any musical event ever given in Laurens. It was a pronounced success in every particular and with the assurance that all of those who took part in it the first time will be present at this presentation, a musical treat is expected.

## OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL.

Commissioned Officers of the Traynham Guards Gone to Atlanta to Take a Week's Course.

Capt. W. R. Richey, Lieut. T. R. Simpson and Lieut. G. P. Irby left Saturday for Atlanta, where they will spend about a week attending the officer's training school. About fifty officers from the national guard of the state are in attendance, besides a number of officers from Georgia. The Laurens officers are expected back Sunday.

Returning home Sunday, Capt. Richey will leave the same day with his rifle team for Charleston, where they will take part in the rifle match to decide upon the team which is to represent the state at Camp Perry, O. With Capt. Richey will go Sergeants Smith and Roper, Corporals Elchberger and Sumner and privates Russ and Weathers.

## Solid Car Load.

A solid carload of tin is what Dwyer Bros have just gotten in. They are big buyers of this class of material and always keep large quantities in stock.

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED FRIDAY

Exercises Presided over by Col. H. Y. Simpson—Old Veterans Presented with Crosses of Honor.

The annual custom of decorating the graves of the departed soldiers of the Confederacy was observed Friday, when the children of the graded school, the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Veterans, Veterans, the Traynham Guards and the citizenship generally gathered at the cemetery, where a few simple exercises were gone through and the graves of the dead decorated by the children. The people gathered at the graded school building and marched from there to the cemetery, led by the school children, each little girl having a wreath with which to decorate the graves. Reaching the cemetery, Rev. L. P. McGee opened the exercises with prayer, after which some of the children sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," while the others decorated the graves. Col. H. Y. Simpson then spoke a few words eulogizing the soldiers of the Confederacy, declaring that it was not only to pay a deserved tribute to the departed soldiers that they had gathered, but it was equally to perform the duty of keeping alive in the minds of the growing generation and perpetuating in history the fact that the South fought for principles which she considered right and which she held most dear. It is the duty of the elders, he said, to teach the growing generation that their fathers fought for what they considered their rights and further he said it was the duty of the elders to see that the histories taught in southern schools should bear testimony of this fact. Col. Simpson then read that touching poem, so well loved by veterans and their descendants, portraying the heroic death of Sam Davis, the intrepid scout who gave up his life rather than disclose a secret of his commander.

After Col. Simpson had paid his tribute to the soldiers of the war, another patriotic song was sung and then the following veterans or their representatives were presented with crosses:

J. S. Bozdel, S. Coker, A. J. Smith, P. Cannon, J. Y. Culbertson, W. H. Fowler, J. B. Jones, W. B. Parsons, G. M. Langston, J. W. Moore, J. B. Peden, R. Y. J. Ellege, G. A. Miller, A. Y. Motes, Joseph W. Moore, E. Pinckney Jones, William N. Wharton.

After these were presented the Honor Roll was called, this being a regular feature of all memorial days in Laurens. Following this the Traynham Guards fired a salute, after which the exercises were closed.

## CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET.

New Postoffice Building Is to be Finished by August 1st, 1913.

Postmaster C. H. Hicks has received word from the Treasury Department that the contract for the Laurens postoffice building has been let to James De Vault, of Canton, Ohio, the contract price being \$45,354. This company was the lowest bidder when the bids were opened recently. The contract calls for the completion of the building by August 1, 1913, a few months more than a year from now.

Although the contract does not state when the work is to commence, it is understood from "circumstantial evidence" or via the Grape Vine line, that operations will be started at an early date.

## ESCAPE FROM CHAINGANG.

Two Negroes with only Short Time to Serve Escape from the County Chain Gang.

Buster Miller and Frank Williams, two trustees on the county chain gang took French leave Sunday night and have not been caught. They escaped from the camp near Davis spring early in the night and although it was soon after discovered that they were gone, they made good their escape.

Both negroes were trustees. Buster Miller only had about twenty eight days of a two year sentence left while Frank Williams only had a few months of service.

## On to District Conference.

The district conference of the Methodist church is being held this week in Greenville. The sessions begin today and will probably last throughout the week. Besides the pastor, Rev. L. P. McGee, the other delegates from the Laurens church are Messrs. J. F. Bolt, W. L. Gray, R. E. Babb, J. F. Tolbert and Dr. W. H. Dial.

## STATE CONVENTION IN COLUMBIA TODAY

Blease and Jones Issue to Come Up.

## SEVERAL CONTESTS IN DELEGATIONS

The Jones Majority is Almost Large Enough to Guarantee that there will be no Fight on the Floor Between the Two Factions. Blease Candidate for Seat in Baltimore Convention.

Columbia, S. C., May 14.—Plans for the State convention of the Democratic party of South Carolina, to be held here tomorrow, will be arranged at meeting of the State executive committee, which has been called by Gen. Willie Jones, State chairman, to be held in the office of the secretary of State at the State house tonight. The State convention will be held tomorrow at noon in the hall of the house of representatives. There will be 336 delegates present in the convention from the various counties of the State.

Interest in the meeting of the executive committee tonight centres in the election of a State chairman. Gen. Willie Jones, who has been the chairman for 14 years, announced several weeks ago, that he would not ask reelection. He has been officially connected with the party for 30 years, having served as secretary for 16 years before election to the chairmanship. It is expected that the friends of Gen. Jones on the committee will tonight put up his name for reelection. It is said that the name of W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw will also be put up for election. Mr. Stevenson is a member of the general assembly from Chesterfield county. Thos. G. McLeod, former lieutenant governor, will be put up for president of the convention by the supporters of Judge Jones. No opposition has developed to Mr. McLeod.

## To Elect Delegates.

Eighteen delegates to the national convention, to be held in Baltimore on June 25, will be elected by the State convention. There is much interest in the election of the four delegates at large and several candidates for the places have already been announced. The Jones forces in the convention will support Senator B. R. Tillman and Senator E. D. Smith for delegates at large. Among the candidates for the other places as delegates at large are: Lowndes J. Browning of Union, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house; P. H. Weston, member of the senate from Richland county; John Gary Evans, former governor; R. I. Manning of Sumter and A. F. Lever, member of congress from the Seventh district. In addition to the four delegates at large the convention will elect two delegates from each congressional district.

## Decide Contests.

Charleston and Georgetown counties will send contesting delegations to the State convention. The contests will be submitted by the convention to the committee on credentials. There is a difference of opinion as to whether the executive committee from Charleston and Georgetown will be seated by the State convention or the executive committee. Gen. Jones has given the opinion that the contest as to the committee will be decided by the convention. This question will very probably be brought up at the meeting of the committee tonight.—The State.

## Meeting of Missionary Institute.

The Laurens County Missionary Institute will meet in the First Presbyterian church Thursday morning and will last throughout the day. The ladies of the church will serve a lunch at the church to the visiting delegates, who are to be here from different parts of the county. Mrs. J. O. Reavis, of Columbia, is expected to be present to deliver an address. A successful meeting is anticipated.

## Some Spring Specials.

As noted in their ad elsewhere in this issue of The Advertiser, Davis-Roper Co. are putting on sale some excellent bargains in the way of spring goods. This company, otherwise known as "Outfitters for all Mankind," are always after the business and their "special bargains" usually attract many buyers.