

The Easley Messenger.

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OUR TRIP NORTH.

In our letter of last week written from the great "National Metropolis," we went through with the events of Sunday and closed our correspondence. Time and space forbid that we should give a detailed account of the remainder of our trip, and in consequence of which we will touch only upon the most important features thereof. Monday and Tuesday of last week was spent solely in the city of New York. Tuesday was a more important day to us than the one preceding. A part of the morning was spent in visiting some of the printing material establishments. We feel repaid by our visit to them, and our visit North shall certainly serve as an impetus in our publication of the MESSENGER. In the afternoon of the same day we visited again Central Park. We know of none elsewhere that seems to us so beautiful. Nature has done much for it, and what she has not accomplished, the artistic touches of the tasty Northerner have added great beauty and embellishment to this lovely scene. Think of over 800 acres of land beautifully laid out in white walks and magnificent drives, along which grows thick blue grass and shrubbery with their rich color of gorgeous green. This place is the resort of pleasure seekers, who find it in walking over these magnificent grounds, in visiting the Museum and Menagerie, and sailing upon the placid waters of the beautiful lakes, that every now and then grace this extensive park.

On Wednesday morning we rose early preparatory to a trip up the Hudson River as far as West Point. Not unfrequently had we heard of the grand scenery in part upon the banks of this great river. Hence we were somewhat prepared to take it in. Beautiful towns and elegant mansions are to be found on the one side or the other of this Mountainous stream—Mountainous, because it kisses the feet of Alpine peaks from where it takes its rise to where it loses its name in the bay. We had associated with us in this trip the very affable Mr. A. G. Means, Jr., of Anderson, S. C., and the pleasant Mr. Elisha Bomar, of Clifton, S. C. Our trip together was truly an enjoyable one. We stopped at the prettiest of all towns that we have ever seen. It was West Point, beautifully situated upon an ele-

vated plain and a surrounding mountain and cliff.

THE Military School of America finds its existence here. It was our pleasure to see the buildings and to meet two of their best students, Messrs. John Towers, of Anderson, and Henry Jervay, of Charleston. We returned home about 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The evening was spent in visiting. It was our pleasure to meet Mrs. Edward Herring, formerly of Baltimore, and who, with her kind husband and brother-in-law, added much to our enjoyment.

Thursday afternoon we left for the "Monumental City." We reached there about 9 o'clock and made our way to the "Entaw House," where we were comfortably quartered. Among the first acquaintances that we met while there was Capt. Hale, of Ninety Six, who was a member of our late Congressional Convention, and a clever gentleman too. It was our pleasure to share here, the very kind hospitality of an old friend, in the person of C. Keener Mount. He did much to make our visit pleasant. We shall never forget that extensive drive through Druid Hill Park, one of the chief attractions of Baltimore. Like that of the Grand Central Park in New York, it is composed of hundreds of acres of virgin forests and cultivated territory. The rambling of beautiful deer add intensity to the attractions of the resort, and the extensive lake, with which the city in part is furnished with water, presents a scene of living interest.

From Baltimore we made our way to the National Capitol. Here we had much to interest us, not only in the line of sight-seeing, but in the social walks of life.

After visiting the Treasury Department, Corcoran's Art Building, the White House, and the Ordinance Museum, we repaired to the law office of our friend, Maj. Wm. E. Earle, formerly of Greenville. In his quarters we found a warm welcome, and he spared no pains to make our visit both pleasant and profitable. Maj. Earle is one of the most thoroughly educated and refined gentlemen that claims membership to the strong bar of Washington. The success with which he has met since moving there, is sufficient evidence of his very sterling ability. But then with this fact our people are well acquainted. His family circle is such as to charm every one that enters it. We found it both entertaining and edifying. It could not be otherwise, when we

remember who Maj. Earle and his charming family are. His wife is no less than the daughter of Ex-Governor Jas. L. Orr, South Carolina's second Calhoun, and who has inherited exceedingly much of his great mental ability and his extraordinary social nature. With pleasure we renewed our acquaintance with his only daughter. Like that of Mrs. Earle hereditary powers of entertainment and great mental worth are among her enviable characteristics. We shall not forget our pleasant visit to their happy home, and the great kindness they extended to us.

While in Washington we visited the Engraving Bureau, the Smithsonian Institute, National Museum, the Great Capitol and the Navy Yard. In each of these departments or places we found much to interest us, and our brief stay in Washington was one productive of so much pleasure and benefit that it shall long live in our memory. We left on the Saturday night train for our home in Carolina, and reached it after a ride of less than twenty-four hours.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

The very able editor of the "Greenville Daily News," that prosperous and much sought for journal, on whose face is conspicuously stamped enterprise and an impetus to progress, has the following to say in regard to the MESSENGER:

"THE EASLEY MESSENGER announces that it is eleven months old and that during its brief life its success has been so great that it was compelled to double its size. It has a circulation of more than 800, and Mr. Hagood, its editor, is now in the north arranging for new machinery wherewith to further improve his paper. THE MESSENGER has been remarkably successful in the face of many disadvantages, and the continuance of the energy, enterprise and spirit that has characterized it so far will make it one of the leading newspapers of the State. Brains and industry in abundance mark its every line."

We will say in connection, that with the first or second issue of the October numbers the MESSENGER will appear in a much enlarged form, and will continue to cost our subscribers only one dollar per annum. We desire to give our readers a still more readable paper, and would like to see it in still many more households. Our kind brother will please accept our grateful thanks for the compliment he has paid us.

—HON. CHARLES J. FOLGER, Secretary of the Treasury, and one of the most upright and honorable

men of the Republican party, he showing up a clear record in the United States Treasury, died at his residence in Geneva, N. Y., on the 4th September, aged 66 years. He had held several prominent positions, and was candidate for Governor of N. Y., against Cleveland, two years ago, and was defeated by 192,900 majority.

THE State Campaign opens on Tuesday next, 23rd inst., at Pickens Court house, on which day no doubt, a large crowd will be in attendance. Let every one who can, attend and give encouragement to the speakers.

[COMMUNICATED.]
From Six Mile.

MR. EDITOR: Rev. T. P. Phillips, who left this County about 14 years ago and went down in the lower edge of this State, and who is known as a Methodist minister, preached at Six Mile Baptist Church last Thursday night. The minister at that place was so much taken away with the sermon that he requested him to preach again on the Sunday night following, at which time the people began to gather early, and when the hour came for preaching the house was full, and was illuminated with brilliant lights. Mr. Phillips went up into the stand and took for his text, St. Mathews 22nd chapt., 42nd verse: "What think ye of Christ." I don't think I ever heard such a sermon come from a minister's mouth, and it seems that it left a great impression on the minds of the people. I heard it remarked by a great many that they did not believe they ever heard such a sermon preached by either Methodist or Baptist. If he continues to improve like he has been in the past, he will be an Elder before five years.

Mr. Phillips and wife are now visiting relatives and friends in that community. II.

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