

Prof. Massey's Letter.

Special Cor. Home and Farm:

The letter in a late number from Mr. S. M. Jolley, of Cleveland county, in this State, (N. C.) sets me to thinking. Why should any one want to emigrate from the beautiful county of Cleveland, with its healthy climate and beautiful scenery, and a soil that is easily made as good as the best to be found elsewhere? Why is it that it takes four acres of the land to make a bale of cotton unless some fertilizer is applied? Is it not evident that there is something wrong in the methods of farming, when the lovely Piedmont country of the south side of North Carolina will not do better than that? And yet I know one man at least, in the same kind of soil and not many miles away from Mr. Jolley, who makes a bale of cotton per acre and thirty-five bushels of wheat per acre in a fair season, and does not put any fertilizer on his wheat either. Why is it that arid regions of the of the Southwest should be attracting emigrants from such a country as we have here in the Piedmont section of North Carolina? Right out in that same country, at a farmers' institute a week ago, I met a man fresh from Arizona, who was thanking God that he had at last reached a country where grass and trees grow green, and where the blessed rain falls on the roof. You could not hire that man to go back to Arizona. And yet right in the country to which he has fled for refuge, men tell us they are contemplating emigration to that same country from which he was glad to escape. At another farmers' institute in the Piedmont country we met another man, who with his wife and son had moved all the way from Wyoming to North Carolina, in wagons, making the trip in about six months. He did this in order to observe the whole country en route. He says that over the whole trip he found no section that he thought so favorably of as he does of North Carolina, and he has invested his money here, where there are no blizzards, nor hot winds, nor tornadoes, and where crops can be grown with plenty of natural rainfall.

And yet, towards the setting sun, are men looking from this land that flows with milk and honey for sensible farming, and wanting to leave the unnumbered blessings here for the miseries and difficulties of a new and untried section. The man who came here from Wyoming told me that in large sections of Western Kansas he found many farms utterly deserted and those with inhabitants had only women and children, as the men had gone elsewhere to earn money to get their families away from that arid region. He said too that in Eastern Kansas, where they could grow good crops, he noticed that it took five bushels of corn to buy what two bushels will buy here, and there is much land here that will grow as much, and all can be made to do it with good farming. He came through Indiana and Kentucky, and in his opinion, we can grow as good crops as in the Bluegrass region, if we farm as well, and on land that can be bought for less than the annual

rent of farm lands in the Middle Western States. Men are ever inclined to fly from the blessings they have, to troubles they know nothing of. We have been all over the West and Southwest, from Minnesota to the Rio Grande, and we have seen no country where a man practices the same economy, and who farms decently can do better than in the Piedmont country of North Carolina. I am daily getting letters from men all over the West who want to come to North Carolina to better themselves.

Our farmers, even under the slack system of farming here, are better off than the farmers of the great West. So I would earnestly advise Mr. Jolley and his friends to think a long time before they move away from the old North State. You have been for generations scratching over a wornout farm, and dosing it with fertilizers to get a crop, while right under the scratch of your little plow lies virgin soil, waiting for the man who has energy enough to take a subsoil plow and get into it and grow good crops. All over that lovely Piedmont country tillage and subsoiling will do more for the land than fertilizers. And yet the farmers of North Carolina have the present year paid between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for commercial fertilizers. Will the land be advanced in value anywhere near that amount? What a big slice of the cotton crop will be taken to pay the fertilizer bill, when half the amount judiciously used to promote the growth of peas and clover would have done more for the maternal wealth of the farmers of the State, and would have started the improvement of the land towards the point of practical independence of the fertilizer mixer. Said a good farmer up in that section to me last week:

"I carved this farm out of the woods after the war. I know the land is rough and hilly, but it is good, and I have fine society, and though I have often been tempted to sell and buy in a smoother country, I have hesitated to leave the associations here, where I can send my children to good schools, and try some other place where the surroundings may not be so pleasant."

When men from all over the West and North are coming to help us build up the old State, why should our people emigrate to the land from which they are fleeing? My advice then to Mr. Jolley and all like him is to stay by the old land, and try to farm so that a bale will be as easy to grow on your land as a fourth of a bale. It can be done if you farm, and get out of the old ruts, but it cannot be done so long as you depend on somebody's bag of fertilizer, and neglect the growing of forage and the feeding of stock and the saving of manure at home. It is absolutely painful to me to hear of men wishing to abandon a country where a little systematic effort will give them wealth and wanting to try a new country where there are not near the advantages we have here.

The Woman's Exposition of the Carolinas, which was held at Charlotte, N. C., cleared \$1,782,22.

Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle.

For the Enterprise.

At about this time every year for the last three or four years I have had something to say about the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle—of what it is, what it has done, and what it is doing now—of the great influence it is having in various ways on American life. Whether these articles have done any good or not I do not know; but I am going to keep on writing them. I know what the Chautauqua Circle is, and I know it to be a good thing—know its course of study would be of incalculable benefit to any who would take the course and conscientiously do the work mapped out—and that's my apology, if any apology were needed, for writing about it.

This year's course is called the German-Roman year, which means that the course of reading is for the most part concerning Germany and ancient Rome. The books on Germany are "Imperial Germany", by Sidney Whitman, a well known Englishman of letters, and "A Short History of Medieval Europe", by Prof. Thatcher, of Chicago, who tells how modern life and civilization were gradually formed out of the straggles of the dark time specified in the title of his book. The books on Rome are "Roman Life in Pliny's Time", by Maurice Pellison, a distinguished French writer and scholar, who describes the life, customs, habits, and so on, of the Romans; and "Roman and Medieval Art", by Prof. Goodyear, one of the leading art critics of the country. The work on science takes up a branch that is comparatively new—the science of human institutions—sociology. It is entitled "The Social Spirit in America", by Prof. Henderson, of Chicago, and is, as its title indicates, a study of the spirit and tendency and progress of the times—in our own country.

These books are all by specialists on the subject they treat, and they are all written in plain, understandable, and entertaining language. They are well printed, from large type, on first-class paper, beautifully illustrated where illustrations are needed, and splendidly and artistically bound in maroon cloth stamped in black and gold. Merely to look at them creates a desire to read them—which desire does not end with the first taste you take of their contents.

The reading course described above is supplemented by that contained in the twelve numbers of the Chautauquan magazine, each of which is itself a book—about half of which follows along the lines laid down in the books.

Anyone who would like to know more about the C. L. S. C. can apply for information to John H. Vincent, Buffalo, N. Y.

JUNES.

October, 1897.

The laying of the corner stone of Anderson's new Court House will take place on Oct. 20th. Elaborate ceremonies are being prepared for this event.

The Graded School of Anderson opened with 450 pupils.

A FARMER'S SAD FATE.

Prominent Citizen of York Dies of Heart Failure Trying to Save His Property From Fire.

Yorkville, October 4.—Special: The gin house, flour and corn mills, and other machinery belonging to the Hon. L. K. Armstrong, of Bethel Township, in this county, were destroyed by fire early this morning, entailing a loss of about \$1,500.

The fire occurred shortly after the machinery, which was propelled by steam, was put in operation. Mr. Armstrong and his employees worked manfully to extinguish the flames, and shortly after the buildings had been consumed Mr. Armstrong died of heart failure, brought on by excitement and over-exertion. He was a prominent man in his neighborhood, a successful farmer, a leading Reformer and a member of the Legislature. Mr. Armstrong was about 50 years old, and leaves a wife, but no children.

Sunshine.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn how to tell a story. A good story is as wholesome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you can't see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but they are out of place in real life.

A Story of Hamlin.

Frank Sanborn recalls the following amusing anecdote in his Boston letter to the Springfield Republican:

Hannibal Hamlin in his own Maine town, half a century ago, was a gold Democrat, and his party was at almost as low an ebb as the Maine Democracy now is. He called a caucus to choose delegates to the Maine conventions, state, county, and congressional, two persons came, Hannibal himself and John Smith. They elected a full list of delegates; but when it came to their credentials a difficulty arose. Hamlin was chairman of the caucus, and Smith secretary; but how was the gathering to be described? Hamlin said: "Mr. Smith, write, 'At a large and respectable caucus of the Democrats of H., so-and-so were chosen delegates to the state convention,' and then put the names."

"But, Squire Hamlin, can we call this caucus large and respectable, only you and me?"

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