

# THE CALL OF THE AGES.

Below is given the oration delivered by Ellison M. Smith, of Oconee, at the State Oratorical Contest in Greenwood, on the delivery of which he was awarded first place among the contestants. The article by Mr. Smith is considered by competent judges to be of more than ordinary merit, and, with the addition of his rare ability as an orator, a masterpiece:

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(By Ellison M. Smith.)

We are living in an epoch-making and a wonderful age. We are standing at the apex of hundreds of years of civilization. A new dawn is breaking upon us and is being ushered in with all the splendor that accompanies the ushering in of a new day. The past has unfolded its annals to us, and through them we have seen empires rise to dizzy heights of civilization and, for years, tower above the smaller nations as the mighty eagle, which, with pinions outspread, soars high above the smaller birds. Yet we have seen these powerful nations crumble beneath the weight of problems that rested upon them, and fall like meteors into an abyss of chaos and oblivion, only to be replaced by a yet stronger and more ambitious people.

We have seen cities whose magnificent structures lifted their graceful forms high into the air, whose streets served as the thoroughfares for busy feet for centuries, and in whose tribunals were annually debated the problems that confronted their people. But with the lapse of a few centuries we find these beautiful cities smoldering in ruin, while still more beautiful cities have sprung out of their ashes.

The same is true of man. We have seen men rise to eminence, make their contributions to civilization, and pass out of existence, only to be followed by greater men.

Thus it would seem that the whole of history has been a struggle of individual against individual and nation against nation for supremacy. Each nation has entered upon the arena of civilization, has played its role, and has passed off the stage, only to be followed by another whose ambition was to play a greater role than the preceding one, until at last a super-nation has actually aspired to a place in the sun.

As we study this continual struggle of nations and individuals for supremacy we ask ourselves this question, What is it that, through all the long years of history, has prompted men to action? What has been the cause of this struggle of nation against nation and man against man for pre-eminence and power?

In prehistoric days this was a conflict of tribe against tribe for self-preservation. Men fought for personal aggrandizement, for selfish aims, for the loot of war, for the love of battle. It was a deadly dual in which might vanquished right, in which the strong dominated over the weak. The desired man was the fighting man, with a brawny arm and a war-like spirit. But through the evolution of the ages men ceased to go to war merely because of the love for fighting, for personal interests and pecuniary advantages. Out of the ferment of the past men have heard a greater call than that for mere warriors. This call has been—is to-day, and forever will be—the call for MEN, for real men, for uncrowned men, who are able to solve the problems that daily confront nations; men who can fight battles of peace as well as those of war; men who will stand firmly for the right amid taunts and jeers; men who fear God and who fear doing wrong, but who fear nothing else, who are willing to lay aside personal ambition and selfish aims and work for humanity, work to leave the world in a better and happier state than that in which they found it; men who are able to look beyond the unrest and ignoble strife of class against class, and catch a vision of a better world and struggle to make that vision real.

Yet, regardless of the universal appeal for men, there are those in the world, and many in our own native land, who have turned a deaf ear to the call of the ages, and who would obliterate in a single day all that former generations have achieved, who would maliciously destroy precedents, laws and institutions.

This is THE CALL OF THE AGES, and we find it exemplified in the history of every nation. It was this call that inspired men of the great Roman Empire to become Romans, to make Rome the Eternal City. Typical of them was Marcus Aurelius, who at a youthful age heard Rome's call for MEN. We see this great soldier and statesman go forth into fray and return with his victorious legions along the Apennine Way. Yet all his victories and the everlasting presence of war about him never tempted him to sink into a mere fighting man. Above the noise and smoke of battle Aurelius caught a glimpse of a greater Rome, a Rome with a more enlightened and a less oppressed people, and we see this great man, who had attained all the dignities of state, thirsting after knowledge, attending schools with his subordinates and laboring night

and day for the promotion of civilization. Marcus Aurelius heard the call and Rome became a better state because he lived. There were numerous other Roman citizens who did their bit for advancing civilization, and whose lives were a blessing to the Roman Empire.

What was true of Rome has been true of other nations. Greece had her Pericles, her Aristotle and her Plato, who spent their lives in an effort to make Greece the fairest land of all the earth.

France had her Charlemagne, who not only increased the territorial bounds of France, but brought about a revival of learning in his dominions, the effects of which placed France on the map of great nations. She had her LaFayette, who heard the cry of thirteen small colonies for liberty, who braved the mighty deep to fight in their defense, and who later returned to his native land to answer the wailings of his own distressed people. Finally we see him with the destinies of France at his command, yet refusing all the honors which his people would gladly have thrust upon him.

England had her great Wycliff, the morning star of the Reformation, who spent his life in the cause of humanity; her Sir Thomas More, who dreamed of a world at peace, of a Utopia whose happy citizenry had wrought out an ideal commonwealth.

Turning to our own fair and happy land we recall the name of Washington, "the father of our country," who withstood the hardships of war for those seven years that cost many souls, but who always kept his eyes on the goal—a Free America. We can also see the tall and sturdy form of Abraham Lincoln, with mall and wedge, splitting rails in the forest, yet rising from the depths of poverty to the heights of national greatness; we see him endeavoring to unite a divided people, and finally succeeding. These are a few of the many who have heard the call.


Thus we see that from time immemorial nations have been laboring to attain the heights of civilization, and out of this struggle has come the summons for men. Nor has the call died away, but to-day it is appealing in a more persistent manner than ever before.

The world needs men to-day who are broad-browed and far-sighted; men of a cosmopolitan and altruistic spirit, men who recognize the world as their home, and every man as their brother; men who wish to fight in order that posterity may not have to fight, who wish to bequeath to generations yet unborn a still richer and nobler heritage than that which they now possess. The world needs men to solve the paramount problem of the age—that of the League of Nations, a problem that has been laughed at until it has almost become a public joke. But, thanks be to God, there are a few brave men left who do not take this great problem, which concerns the whole world, as a joke, but who are willing to risk their all for its establishment. We cannot but admire Woodrow Wilson, the living martyr, who has given his most strenuous efforts and sacrificed popularity for the accomplishment of this one supremely great cause. The day will come when our country—when the world—will realize, as forty-two nations have realized, the need of the League and Covenant, and Woodrow Wilson's name will go down in the solemn verdict of history as a man who caught the vision of a world at peace, and who labored to make this dream real.

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which have been hallowed by age and cast them aside as debris. There are men who fight prohibition because it interferes with their personal liberty, who oppose the League of Nations because it is contrary to their so-called Americanism, Americanism that is that narrow is not Americanism at all. There are those who would haul down the Stars and Stripes and hoist in its place the red flag of Bolshevism—men whose sole object is to stir up class against class and to breed discontent; who wish to tear down the ideals that have made possible the founding of a great republic like ours, and inundate the world with their new ideas, false doctrines and propaganda. So long as there are those in the body politic who advocate such policies the very foundation of civilization is threatened. Are we, as loyal Americans, who do not wish to see the onward march of America checked, going to stand idly by and see all that has been accomplished by the noblest minds of generations destroyed? Or shall we not, by our example of loyalty, heed the call for MEN?

Young men of America, the call comes to you—you who inhabit the greatest country in the world, who possess the richest heritage of all peoples, who have at your disposal the greatest opportunities to be found. The summons comes to you to lay aside every petty grievance and every selfish ambition and go forth with a brave heart to fight for humanity, to make safe the great principle for which thousands sleep to-night in Flanders Fields—to make the world safe for democracy. Prepare yourselves for the heroic tasks that await you. Your country needs you, Bolsheviki Russia needs you, devastated France needs you—the world needs you. Develop your God-given faculties and go forth to serve humanity. Fadeless laurels and the gratitude of millions yet unborn await him who does this. The paramount call of America to-day is for real men. God give us men—men who will struggle in order that liberty and democracy, the priceless heritage of America, may be given to all the world!

### Oconee S.-A. Singing Convention.

The Oconee County Semi-Annual Singing Convention will meet with the Wolf Stake church, three miles northeast of West Union, on Sunday, May 1st. All churches and Sunday schools are urged to send delegates and all good singers and lovers of music are invited. Come and bring well-filled baskets and let us have a good day of prayer and praise to the Lord.

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### LIFE SENTENCE FOR THE NEGRO

Louisiana Sheriff "Forgot to Hang," Pardon Board Makes Change.

Shreveport, La., April 21.—The death sentence of Lonnie Eaton, the negro whom the sheriff of Ouachita parish forgot about when the day set for his hanging came around last month, was sentenced to life imprisonment by the State pardon board yesterday, according to advices from Baton Rouge, when the board considered the negro's case at their regular meeting.

Eaton was convicted of murder several months ago and was brought from Ouachita parish to the Caddo parish jail for safe-keeping. Governor Parker set the date for the hanging, but the sheriff forgot all about it until the legal date had passed. As he afterwards wrote to Governor Parker, he was so busy with other affairs in his office, he forgot the day he was to hang Eaton.

When the omission was discovered attorneys for Eaton held that, as he had been in jeopardy once, his execution would be illegal. Governor Parker secured opinions from members of the bar, but the Attorney General held that, as Eaton had been sentenced to be hanged, the law required that sentence be carried out unless executive clemency was extended. The matter then was allowed to rest until the meeting of the pardon board.

### French Honor 2,800 American Dead.

Cherbourg, France, April 20.—An impressive ceremony took place here yesterday, in honor of 2,800 American soldiers, whose bodies have been assembled and are waiting transportation to the United States. Patriotic societies saluted the caskets and a battalion of marines rendered honors. The president of the French War Veterans lauded the heroism of the American soldier in an address. The American commander of the base responded fittingly.

### COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES.

**Club Members Enrolled.**  
Eighty-two club members have been enrolled in the corn, pig and cowpea clubs, which are conducted by the County Agent, there being about twenty-two more club members enrolled than last year. Listed by schools and clubs, they are as follows:

#### South Union.

Corn Club—Raymond White, Bruce Ivester, Luther Fousek, Reece Cathey, Billie Keesee, George Massey, Ross Gibson, Harry L. Goodman, James Burriss, Lawrence Burriss, Hubert Waters, Lealand Wiggins.

Pig Club—Felton McGuire, Louise Robinson, Mary Fousek, Warley Gibson.

#### Flat Shoals.

Cowpea Club—Lloyd Bell, Claude Brewer, John Sloan, Irby Crow, John P. Cowan.

Pig Club—Clarence Crow, Jesse Sloan.

#### Blue Ridge.

Corn Club—Johnny Adair, Joe Kerr, Milton DuBose, Turner McCall, Louie Brandt, Odell Madden.

Pig Club—Karl F. Brandt.

#### Tokenn.

Pig Club—Schubert McPhail, Mary Nell Shirley.

Cowpea Club—Guy King, Frank Gibson.

Corn Club—Nelson King.

#### Oak Grove.

Cowpea Club—Ernest Arve, Prue Gibson, Neil Saunders, Joe Rogers, Geer Pritchard, Derrill Broom.

#### Laqueena.

Pig Club—Charles Craig, Jessie Hunnicutt, Grace Craig, Lois Hunnicutt, Mildred Cantrell.

#### Keowee.

Pig Club—David Bennett, Jessie Bennett, James Lanford, Harry Neal.

#### Neville.

Corn Club—Manuel Keaton, Norrice Chastain, Alfred Stephens, Henry Cox.

#### Richland.

Pig Club—Mildred McDonald, Burgess McDonald.

Corn Club and Cowpea Club—Boyd Gambrell.

#### Ebenezer.

Pig Club—Hazel Tollison, Bertha LeCroy.

Corn Club—George LeCroy.

#### Earle's Grove.

Corn Club—Forrest Smith, Wade Callahan, Hubert Callahan.

#### Oconee Creek.

Corn Club—Rufus Murphree, Richmond Owens.

#### Tabor.

Pig Club—Burriss Dickson, Ed Ballenger.

#### Providence.

Corn Club—Frank Lowie.

Cowpea Club—Clerey Freeman.

#### Fair Play.

Pig Club—Lige Marett.

Cowpea Club—Benman L. Lovingood.

#### Fairview.

Corn Club—James Peebles.

Pig Club—Albert Smith.

#### Oakway.

Cowpea Club—Henry L. Prater.

Corn Club—Curt Bearden.

#### Picket Post.

Corn Club and Pig Club—Francis W. Galloway, Berry Galloway.

#### Fairfield.

Pig Club—Mary C. Fowler.

(Note.—W. H. McJunkin, a progressive Duroc-Jersey hog breeder of Westminster R. P. D. 3, offers a prize of ten dollars for the best Duroc in the club work.)

#### Experience with Velvet Beans.

There is at least one farmer in the county who has had some valuable experience with velvet beans, and it is well for others who have been "running away from velvet beans" to stop now and give those wonderful soil improvers a good trial.

R. D. McDonald, of Richland, states that he sowed one and one-eighth acre in velvet beans, which kept five animals in feed, grazing on them for seventy days. The animals were one cow, one horse and three yearlings. This was a poor, gullied hillside. How far does this beat hauling Western hay?

He also showed the agent a field containing approximately three-fourths acre, which was also on an old hillside where sassafras and wild plums used to grow. On this field four crops of velvet beans had been turned under and only the ears of corn pulled. Last year he raised 33 bushels of corn on this small patch, with no fertilizer. Velvet beans were planted in every row of corn, and in the middles between was a row of peanuts, and about forty bushels of peanuts were gathered. And yet some of us wall and gnash our teeth over fertilizer prices and weep over our poor, run-down hillside because we haven't the nerve to get out of the old rut.

On an acre field of cotton, where velvet beans and corn had been planted four years and the vines turned under, he stated that last year thirteen hundred pounds of seed cotton was picked from that acre.

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No fertilizer was used, he stated, except one distributor full.

Mr. McDonald says his cow relishes the beans and produces a good quantity of milk from them. Even his horse has been taught to eat them, and now prefers them to corn. Mr. McDonald states that he was influenced to start planting velvet beans some eight years ago when G. M. Barnett was County Agent and came around and asked him to give them a trial.

Others are asked to tell the agent their experiences.

Geo. R. Briggs, County Agent.

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### \$800,000 Church Destroyed.

Montreal, Canada, April 20.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Church of the Nativity here during last night. The loss was estimated at \$800,000.

The church, one of the largest in the city, was a reproduction of the Cathedral in Florence, Italy. Its spire rose to a height of about two hundred feet.

### Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

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### CAN'T DEPORT ANY MORE RUSS

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Riga, Latvia, April 20.—The United States no longer will be able to deport its undesirables or send its willing Russian residents to Soviet Russia without previous negotiations and the consent of the Soviet government in each individual case, under the provisions of a Soviet decision made public to-day through a note to the Latvian government.

The note says that, effective to-day, the Soviet authorities will not honor any transit visas granted by Latvian representatives abroad for emigrants or deportees bound for Russia unless they also have Russian visas.

The Latvian government has notified its consul in New York to abide by this ruling and similar instructions have been sent to England. For a long time past Russia has admitted without Soviet visas, deportees and others from the United States after questioning them at neutral ports of debarkation. The effect of the new ruling, so far as the United States is concerned, will be the prevention of further deportations from that country to Soviet Russia unless a list of those deported has been submitted officially to the Soviet government and the latter's permission for the entry of such deportees into Russia gained.

During the last few months Americanized Russians among the emigrants and deportees entering Russia have caused much difficulty there and in many instances are said to have been leading factors in revolts. In addition, many of them have been anarchists, whom the Soviet authorities also are unwilling to admit.

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### Gin and 97 Bales Cotton Burn.

Bennettsville, April 20.—Fire destroyed the gin and about 97 bales of cotton on D. K. McColl's plantation, on the edge of this town, to-day. It is reported that the cotton was long staple. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

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