

OUR NEXT CONGRESSMAN.

We are sanguine that the superior claims of Clarendon to choose the successor to the Hon. Geo. W. Dargan are recognized, and in the coming election will be acquiesced in every where in the 6th district. Four years ago at a convention in Florence, Clarendon's generosity extended so far that her choice was withdrawn, at a time too when the prospect of success was most flattering in order that a nomination might be reached free from passion or partisan zeal. Consequently, with the full assurance that Darlington, Marion, Williamsburg, Marlboro and Oree, will unite in endorsing the action, we nominate as Mr. Dargan's successor to this high and important office, B. Pressley Barron, Esq., of Manning. This gentleman's conspicuous attainments, together with his love of country and loyalty to the Democratic party are too prominent before the people to require extolling here. A lawyer of ability and extensive experience, eloquent and logical in argument and debate, with a mind cultivated and expanded by a profundity of knowledge and wide spread information, Mr. Barron, with committees or in the forum, would rank the equal of his most distinguished contemporaries.

For the last two terms of Congress Mr. Dargan has represented this district with credit, and there is no desire to reflect on his administration, but no office given by the electors of the country is vested as a lease for life. He has filled the place long enough to crown himself with the laurel wreath, if within his grasp, or if emoluments are the attractive feature, in this time it is expected his coffers are amply filled. Now let him with grace and dignity and a smile of satisfaction, retire, giving place to the gentlemen whose sacrifice four years ago was the prime cause of his election.

FARMER'S MEETING.

The increased interest exhibited by the farmers of Clarendon for their "agricultural society" is a happy evidence that for them are better days ahead. The meeting in the Court House last Saturday was attended by a larger crowd than we have seen before on a similar occasion. Noticeable too, was a general feeling of deep interest and earnest willingness manifested by the members to share experiences and impart information for their mutual benefit. The exercises consisting of the programme previously published proved unusually instructive and entertaining. Corn culture was first discussed. Mr. Childers, of the Santee section, a most successful one horse farmer, gave his views according with what had been previously said by Mr. Tindal, that corn should never be covered deep, although planted in deep trenches. Mr. Tindal stated in opening the subject, that in Ohio experiment stations had settled that one inch was the proper depth to cover corn in planting, and two workings sufficient; that a departure from this had cost the farmers in Ohio over 750,000 bushels of corn per annum. Messrs. Deschamps, Haynsworth, Plowden, and J. D. Rutledge, followed in short, sensible speeches, endorsing what had been said. The latter being asked his opinion about the harrow for cultivating corn, stated that he had not used it himself, but that his neighbor, Mr. J. S. Cantley, had with considerable success. Mr. R. said further that he believed the use of the harrow saved time and was far better than the ordinary plow.

The fallacy of "luck in farming" was thoroughly exposed by Mr. L. H. Deschamps. He took the ground and ably supported the position that success was never the result of "good luck" but was the result of perseverance, industry and close economy. A bountiful harvest was never reaped, he said, by him who wasted his time whining and waiting for something lucky to turn up, but to the manly, hard working man who depended and trusted to his own industrious efforts. Mr. Deschamps presented his ideas in pithy, apt illustrations that went home to his hearers.

Mr. Tindal read an essay on "Cultivating" from Capt. D. W. Brailsford, who was unable to attend, by reason of a wound received by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The points presented by the essay are as follows: After speaking of the general importance and advantage to the farmers of raising colts, he said that the first requisite was a small pasture for food and exercise, the exercise being as necessary to the health and growth of the colt as proper food. Mr. B. contended that eight months out of twelve, colts could be successfully pastured at little cost, on almost any of our cotton plantations. That to obtain a grass for early spring, the broom-ledge bottoms he showed, must be burnt off. That scarcely a farm in the county but what has some such land. In January burn off the sedge and the tender grass from the old stubble will furnish excellent food for the colt till June, when the oats crop will be harvested and he can then be turned into the oats patch, and from there to the corn fields, which in the meantime have been planted in peas. Within that enclosure the colt has the most magnificent pasture on earth of peas, crab and crow-foot grass, for at least three months, and thus we see the greater part of the year with little extra expense, except some oats. Mr. B. contends that the cost of a colt to three years old does not exceed \$75 when liberally fed and cared for—the expense depending entirely upon the cost of raising oats. The

value of the colt at three years old is dependant upon his formation and color, but he ventures the assertion that one well raised, well developed, at the age of three years will bring the owner at least \$150. He had raised four colts from one mare, bestowed upon them every care and attention, and at twelve months old they were worth \$100. He subsequently received a bid of \$250 for one when three years old, and has to-day a bay mare four years old for which he has declined \$200; says the above stock is mentioned to show what can be accomplished by care with our native scrub variety. In conclusion, Mr. B. said: "I trust, Mr. President, that my humble efforts to interest my brother farmers in what is really a part of their calling, and not foreign to it, will induce some to make a venture in a modest way, so that even a failure will bring but little loss. What I have said has been at the request of the Executive Committee, and is my individual experience. I cheerfully give it for what it is worth."

The essay was a full and intelligent article and we regret not being able to publish it verbatim.

The resolution of the late convention at Columbia, recommending the planting of more grain and less cotton was freely discussed. Those who spoke on the subject warmly endorsed its practical adoption on the farm. In this instance the Tillman convention was not without good, if through it the farmers are aroused to consider in its true light, this vital question.

Mr. Tindal spoke at some length, advocating the resolutions of the Farmers' Convention. We have on hand an abstract of the speech which will be published next week.

The next meeting of the society will be on the first Saturday in July.

Monumental Association.

Full report of the meeting on last Saturday.

MANNING, S. C., June 5, 1886. In pursuance to notice, the meeting of the Monumental Association was held in Court House at Manning this day, 10 o'clock A. M. Jas. E. Davis acting as Chairman and Jno. S. Wilson acting as Secretary. Meeting was called to order and proceeded to business as follows:

Minutes of two previous meetings were read. Committee on Constitution made report, and on motion of J. F. Rhame report was taken up by sections, a treasurer and Secretary to hold office until the purpose of the Association shall have been accomplished. Provided the Association shall have power to remove any officer for cause.

The constitution as reported, was finally adopted in toto, except Art. III, which was amended so to read as follows: "Art. III. The officers of this association shall be a President, Twenty-one Vice Presidents— which shall consist of one from each township in the County except Manning township which shall have three—and said Vice Presidents shall be numbered as 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and so on until the last be numbered 21st V. P."

The association adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M., at which hour it reconvened.

By-law offered by Dr. G. Allen Huggins was adopted on motion of J. F. Rhame.

On motion of J. F. Rhame, Mrs. Sallie Maybin Harvin was unanimously elected President of the Association; and on motion of Dr. G. Allen Huggins, the Secy, was instructed to notify Mrs. Harvin of her election and to furnish her with copy of Constitution and By-laws.

On motion of Dr. S. C. C. Richardson, Dr. G. Allen Huggins, of Manning Township, was elected 1st V. P.

On motion of J. F. Rhame, Maj. H. H. Lesesne, of Manning Township, was elected 2nd V. P.

On motion of B. P. Barron, J. E. Davis, of Manning Township, was elected 3rd V. P.

On motion of J. S. Wilson, T. H. Harvin, of Friendship Township, was elected 4th V. P.

On motion of B. P. Barron, Col. H. L. Benbow, of Concord Township, was elected 5th V. P.

On motion of Dr. S. C. C. Richardson, Mrs. Susan M. Sprout, of Santee Township, was elected 6th V. P.

On motion of B. P. Barron, Maj. C. S. Land, of Drewington township, was elected 7th V. P.

On motion of C. L. Witherspoon, Miss Veruella Broughton, of Fulton Township, was elected 8th V. P.

On motion of B. S. Dinkins, Dr. A. J. White, of St. Mark's Township, was elected 9th V. P.

On motion of J. D. Alsbrook, Mrs. M. R. McFaddin, of Midway Township, was elected 10th V. P.

On motion of Dr. S. C. C. Richardson, D. W. Gamble, of New Zion Township, was elected 11th V. P.

On motion of Maj. H. H. Lesesne, J. E. Tindal, of Calvary Township, was elected 12th V. P.

On motion of C. L. Witherspoon, R. M. McKnight, of St. Paul's Township, was elected 13th V. P.

On motion of Dr. H. H. Huggins, Capt. J. M. Knight, of Mott's Township, was elected 14th V. P.

On motion of J. F. Rhame, W. D. McFaddin, of Sandy Grove Township, was elected 15th V. P.

On motion of Maj. C. H. Benbow, C. H. Pack, of St. James's Township, was elected 16th V. P.

On motion of Dr. G. Allen Huggins, Miss Carrie Durant, of Plowden's Mill Township, was elected 17th V. P.

On motion of Dr. H. H. Huggins, E. R. Plowden, Jr., of Harmony Township, was elected 18th V. P.

On motion of J. S. Wilson, T. A. Bradham, of Summy Swamp Township, was elected 19th V. P.

On motion of J. F. Rhame, W. J. Tuberville, of Douglas Township, was elected 20th V. P.

On motion of J. D. Alsbrook, Thomas Wilson, of Mt. Zion Township, was elected 21st V. P.

The names of J. S. Wilson, A. Levi, S. A. Nettles and B. S. Dinkins, were put in nomination for Secretary, and each of the nominees declined and tried to have one of the others elected; but after four elections without a choice, numerous motions and considerable pleasant parliamentary squabbles, finally, on motion of Dr. G. Allen Huggins, A. Levi was elected Secretary by acclamation.

On motion of J. S. Wilson, J. H. Lesesne was elected Treasurer, by acclamation.

On motion of B. P. Barron, Secretary was instructed to notify all persons elected, of their election.

On motion of Dr. G. A. Huggins, it was decided that the committees on subscription heretofore appointed do continue, and are requested to report at next meeting.

On motion of J. F. Rhame, it was decided that the association shall meet again on 2nd Saturday in August next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Dr. G. A. Huggins, Vice President was requested to co-operate with the committees of subscription and Secy, instructed to inform the Vice Presidents of this.

On motion of J. F. Rhame all members are requested to pay in the membership fee (\$1.00) by next meeting.

On motion of Dr. G. A. Huggins, Secy, was instructed to prepare rolls for membership.

On motion of J. F. Rhame, association adjourned to meet again in the Court House at Manning at above stated time.

J. S. Wilson, Tom Secy.

Death of Rev. D. W. Cuttino.

On Saturday afternoon, May 29, 1886, the Rev. D. W. Cuttino departed this life, after an illness of little more than a week. His death was very unexpected, as few knew of his sickness. On this account he was deprived, during the last hours, of the presence and ministrations of nearly all of his children. Only two of his sons reached home in time to attend his funeral. The funeral services were conducted in the Santee Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of an immense congregation, that had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to this devout soldier of the Cross. The quivering lips and the tearful eye of many, showed how deeply they felt the loss of their beloved pastor. His body was reverently laid to rest in the little cemetery, adjoining the church. There to await the second coming of our Lord Jesus, when the mortal will be clothed with immortality. Mr. Cuttino was in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and for thirty-five years had been an active worker in the Baptist ministry. For about fifteen years he has been the pastor of the Santee and Coriuth Baptist Churches, situated in this county. The first twenty years of his life were spent, very mainly, in Clarendon county. In 1874, the members of the Charleston Baptist Association, showed their love, for and confidence in him, by electing him Moderator of that large and influential body, and continued him in that position until his death. In 1876, he was one of the principle leaders in the organization of the Orangeburg Baptist Sunday School Convention, of which body he was the first and the only President, for the brethren had such implicit confidence in him that they continued to re-elect him from session to session. He entered heartily into every movement which had for its object the improvement of his fellow-men. He was well fitted by nature, grace and culture for the high and responsible position he occupied, having received a thorough education at the South Carolina College before the war and continuing a devout and painstaking student of God's Word till the day of his death. His heart was full of love for God and for man, it seemed to bubble up in him as a perennial fountain, that made him the delightful companion, the sympathizing friend, the faithful pastor and the zealous laborer in the Master's vineyard. He has fallen at his post on the great battle-field and has gone before us to his reward. No doubt, he is already enjoying the blessed communion of the sainted dead and has heard the voice of Jesus saying: "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

We extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy, with the fervent prayer that the Holy Spirit may comfort their hearts with the "exceeding great and precious promises" of God's Word.—Orangeburg Democrat.

A Plea for the Citadel Academy.

[From the News and Courier.]

South Carolina cannot live and prosper by farming alone. For the thorough development of the different resources of the State, and for their effective use, the co-operation of all the trades and professions is absolutely indispensable. Only in the intelligent co-working of the different members of society is there the assurance of healthy, vigorous and progressive life. The farmers of South Carolina understand this. They cannot fail to comprehend it. No thoughtful farmer in the State can handle the plough, guide the mow, gin his cotton, or clothe and feed his family and himself, without realizing his beneficial dependence upon others, who, in their turn, depend on him. There is a whole history of efficient co-operation in the glowing pages on biscuit that the busy housewife places on the farmer's table. We are, then, confident that the farmers of South Carolina—the white farmers, at all events—have no desire to thrust down the merchant, the lawyer or the doctor. The opportunities they require and claim for themselves, they will, as just and honorable men, concede to others.

The Farmer's Convention gave special attention, as was proper, to the different means of advancing the agricultural interest of the State, and dwelt with much force and emphasis upon the reasons for founding an Agricultural College. This is well enough. The Convention also expressed the desire that the South Carolina College, at Columbia, should be harnessed and directed. This also is well. At the same time the Convention urged that the Citadel Academy be abolished, and that a State college for females be opened in its stead. This recommendation regarding the Citadel Academy is, in our opinion, wholly inconsistent with the main aim and purpose of the Convention. There is no reform in it; there is no economy in it. There is no justice in it.

The change which is proposed is not in the line of economy, for the proposed Industrial College for females would inevitably cost more than the Citadel Academy costs. But there is another objection. The obligation to educate the girls of the State at the public expense, if obligation there be, is wholly different from the obligation to educate the boys. The boys must be educated because when they grow up they will control the State, and by their own character and worth, will determine the nature and value of the Government. With the girls it is entirely different. They, also as a rule have better private schools than the boys have. And if it be contended that what is needed is better education for women, we say that this is no time for expensive experiments in that direction. Our affairs and freights are safe and sacred. No reform is needed there. Nowhere in the world are women more pure, more true, more self-sacrificing than are the mothers and daughters and wives and sisters who are Carolina's crown of jewels, more precious than jewels. Bring the men of the State up to the level of the women, and we shall have a noble people of any sort, whether industrial or social.

The proposition then to root out the Citadel Academy is, in plain words, a proposition to increase the expenses of the State Government, by destroying a necessary and valuable institution which has proved its usefulness, and substituting for it an entirely new concern of doubtful necessity and uncertain value. The farmers assuredly would not have given their consent, had they had the right to do so. If they had made themselves familiar with the facts of the case.

The Citadel Academy is not a manufactory of "dudes," whether military or literary. It was established to meet the practical needs of the times, which were not met by the college of the State in general. It took up an entirely new educational work, occupying middle ground between a purely classical curriculum on the one hand, and an exclusively military and technical education

on the other. The purpose was to prepare the young for the duties of life, to fit them for scientific as well as liberal pursuits. So was given to the educational system of the State a mathematical and scientific impress that served greatly to enhance the fortunes of a commonwealth which, in order to develop its material resources, needed something more than the wisdom of the ancients.

Surely there is even more need of such education and training now than there was forty years ago! In the mines and on the railways, in the factories, in the laboratories, in the myriad walks of business life, there is a call for young men who have just such training as the Citadel Academy gives—young men who have been trained in habits of obedience, who have learned to work systematically, who have been taught self-restraint and self-control, whose physical development permits them to dare fatigue and danger as industrial pioneers, whose literary attainments are sufficient to enable them to hold their own in any circle, and who, have, at the same time, scientific and practical training which arms them for the rude conflicts of life. South Carolina needs such men. The whole South needs them. The Citadel Academy will supply them with increasing rapidity and growing excellence.

Just before the war broke out, the Citadel Academy, by reason of the quality of its work, was so popular that the number of applicants for the cadetships, on the part of those who were ready to pay for their education, went far beyond the ability of the institution to accommodate them. What the Citadel was it will soon become again.

It has been said that it is waste of time and money to give young men at the Citadel a military education, because the war is over, and military tonifery is out of place. It is true that one great war is over. The Confederate war ended more than twenty years ago. But since then there has been, on two occasions, a condition of war in the Northern and Western States, and there has been actual war in the South. Let Pittsburg, Chicago, and St. Louis speak for the North; and Galveston, Conchahe and New Orleans for the South.

The millennium has not yet come. Who shall say that the colored people, who are so ignorant, so jealous and suspicious, will never be led away by some cunning Anarchist. There is a fair field in the South for every form of professional and military training. For a young man, whose education is not confined to the shape of the Citadel Academy, the Citadel cadets, whatever their occupation in civil life, are competent to drill and command the militia, or any raw levies that the exigencies of our State or country may call into the field. And it costs nothing—all this—inasmuch as the military instruction of the Citadel cadets in no wise detracts from the completeness of their literary and scientific and commercial education.

There is much more that could be said on this subject, but we have said enough, we think, to be sure the little ground there is for any opposition whatsoever to the Citadel Academy. Its base is broad, and its foundations are deep. We have no idea that, after half a century of diversified usefulness, it will be cut down, or allowed to wither, at the very time when the need of the Academy is greatest, because there is more room than ever before in the Southern States for such work in the development of the country as the Citadel graduates old and now, are fully competent to undertake and accomplish.

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ON AND AFTER THIS DATE THE following schedule will be run: Leave Charleston, No. 43, 12:05 P. M. Leave Charleston, No. 47, 12:25 A. M. Arrive Florence, No. 43, 4:10 P. M. Arrive Florence, No. 47, 4:11 A. M. Leave Florence, No. 40, 1:35 A. M. Leave Florence, No. 42, 12:5 P. M. Arrive Charleston, No. 40, 5:00 A. M. Arrive Charleston, No. 42, 4:5 P. M. Nos. 40 and 47 will stop at way stations.

Nos. 42, and 43 will stop at all stations. No. 49 will stop at Kingstree, Lanex and Monk's Corner.

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Leave Charleston, 7:20 A. M. Leave Lanex, 8:30 A. M. Leave Manning, 9:05 A. M. Leave Sumter, 9:33 A. M. Arrive Columbia, 10:40 A. M.

No. 52. Leave Columbia, 5:27 P. M. Leave Sumter, 6:45 P. M. Leave Manning, 7:10 P. M. Leave Lanex, 7:45 P. M. Arrive Charleston, 9:05 P. M.

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GOING NORTH—No. 47, DAILY. Leave Columbia, 9:55 p m. Arrive at Sumter, 11:55 a m. Leave Florence, 4:26 a m. Leave Marion, 5:09 a m. Leave Lake Waccamaw, 7:00 a m. Arrive at Wilmington, 8:20 a m.

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