

FIFTY YEARS OF AGE.

Former Camden Pastor Writes of His Anniversary.

(By A. T. Jamison)

It is fifty years ago today since my mother looked into the eyes of her first-born and said he was "a goodly child" and destined to be a preacher. How does it feel to be fifty? It surely brings no special physical sensation. The trouble is with the calendar that stubbornly states the fact.

How is my faith at fifty? Stronger, thank God, than at twenty, or at thirty, or at forty. Religion is a richer and a fuller thing than it was in days ago. Many vagaries of earlier years have been outgrown, but my faith in the simple Gospel is firm. Have read much in lines that some would say were orthodox, but at fifty I can stand squarely for and by the eternal verities. God's word is much sweeter than it was in the days of elementary things. I am a happier Christian than I was in earlier manhood. Life is very much more significant. God is so much more a real friend.

How about my wealth at fifty? My wealth is in my friendship. The people whose love I bear and who have faith in me constitute my treasure. Money wealth? I have it not. Men with no greater business ability than I believe myself possess have grown rich in Greenwood during the last sixteen years. But I could not serve two masters, and therefore have had no time to think about making money for myself. Albeit, a decent life insurance has been kept up.

How about my health at fifty? It is perfect. I have not a physical ailment. Eight hours' sleep, rising at five-thirty, copious water drinking, daily physical culture exercises followed by cold bath, and a religious leaving tomorrow's troubles until tomorrow, give health of body. A sound constitution inherited from my honest country parents is at fifty unimpaired.

Many as have been my mistakes, I testify at fifty that my motives have been godly. I have many regrets, of course, and look back upon many acts of folly that I should be glad to disclaim; but they are mine and none other's. Alas! In God's forgiveness I rejoice, and my heart is happy.

I confess sometimes to have been tempted to regret that I could not fulfill my ambition to become a scholarly preacher, but at fifty am free of such a regret, for I realize that if I had been more of a student I could never have accomplished my work at Connie Maxwell Orphanage. This home and school is my joy and crown. God gave me two children of my own. One, now a married woman, lives near me. The other has gone to heaven to live. But these hundreds of children about me seem almost to be my own. They are very precious in my eyes. Though I came to the Orphanage in 1900 with reluctance, and even against my personal wishes, I now thank God that the Baptists of the State ever sent me here to father these boys and girls. Their bright faces outshine anything else that shines at all. Their greetings and love are worth more than could be bought with dollars and cents. As I move in and out among them I love them more and am happy.

to be assured that they love me. I testify that my half century has not been spent in idleness. If it shall ever come to pass that my history shall be written, I am sure of one thing: It shall not be put down in the record that I was a drone. I do not claim always to have worked wisely, but I have worked. Sixteen of the best years of my vigorous manhood have been given to the Orphanage. They seem rapidly to pass as I walk and work hand in hand with her whose gracious qualities of mind and heart tempt me always to speak of her in the superlative.

At fifty I stand for a moment to try to look into the years that are before. I am not specially anxious about them, and it is all blank, of course. The day is coming when I shall be laid upon the shelf, my work having been accomplished. I am not so affected as to deny that I hope that day may be long deferred. However, down the future somewhere I imagine I see the choice of my successor being determined upon. I predict that the trustees will search the country for a trained child psychologist, a man of elaborate education and specialized training. He will be no self-made, all-round man, but an expert. The newer day will demand the best for our large and constantly growing orphan family. At fifty I count it a joy to feel that I am helping to lay the foundation for the superstructure that this coming strong man shall build. It is a high satisfaction that I am a David, gathering the material for the use of the on-coming Solomon.

Personal is all this? Certainly. It must be so if I am to tell how it feels to be fifty. Egotistical? Perhaps. My apology will be interested in such a message. Greetings to them every one; and I exhort them: "Grow old along with me; The best is yet to be. The last of life for which the first was made."

Upon the celebration of his 50th birthday Dr. Jamison's associates at the Orphanage wished him every joy and happiness in the following note: Connie Maxwell Orphanage, March 5, 1916.

Mr. Jamison:

Upon this, your birthday, the undersigned wish you every joy, happiness and blessing. We value most highly the great work you have done and are doing; and feel that you have succeeded because of your efficiency, devoted services and trust in God. Many have risen and will rise to call you blessed. Your life radiates brightness, purity, truth, nobility and the Christ-like spirit of unselfish love and trust in God and man. May many birthdays be given you only to bring renewed strength and usefulness, and may the joys and rich blessings of heaven always attend you.

Attempt Flight Across Atlantic.

New York, April 1.—In a new aircraft, to be equipped with six motors of 300 horsepower each, capable of making a speed of 100 miles an hour carrying six persons, Rodman Wanamaker will renew the attempt to fly across the Atlantic ocean which he abandoned in the summer of 1914 when his flight commander, Lieut. John C. Porte, was called to England by the

European war. This was announced tonight by Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America.

It was expected the attempt will be made sometime this summer. The designs for the new craft, which will be named "America" after the old one, have been prepared by Glenn H. Curtiss and W. Starling Burgess. It is entirely different from any hitherto constructed. Mr. Wanamaker says in a letter to Mr. Hawley, explaining that the machine will be especially adapted for alighting on and arising from rough seas. The aeroplane when completed will be tested at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station at Newport News.

HOG GRAZING CROPS

Information Concerning Several Crops Valuable for Grazing.

Clemson College, April 4.—As soon as a farmer has his cotton and corn well under way, he should get about planting grazing crops for his hogs. Most of these crops are admirably adapted for planting at just the time when the average farmer has a little breathing spell after getting his corn and cotton stands, and this is the time to put in the grazing crops which are to feed the hogs and make meat for the farm or money for the market.

The following are a few of the crops that make excellent hog grazing crops: Cowpeas, sow May to July, one to 1 1/2 bushels per acre, broadcast or 1 to 2 pecks in drill. Time before ready for grazing, two months; grazing period, four weeks.

Soy beans, plant May to July, 1 to 2 pecks per acre in drill. Time before ready for grazing, two to three months; grazing period, four weeks.

Sorghum, sow May to July, four to eight quarts in the drill. Grazing period, four weeks.

Peanuts, plant May to July, 1 1/2 to two pecks shelled or 5 to 7 pecks in hull, drill. Time before ready for grazing, four months; grazing period, all fall.

Potatoes, plant May to July, two to three feet rows, 16 to 18 inches in drill. Time before ready for grazing, four months; grazing period, all fall.

Rape, sow in late summer, three to six pounds per acre, drill or broadcast. Time before ready for grazing, two months; grazing period, three months.

Chufus, plant in April and May in three foot rows, one peck tubers per acre. Time before ready for grazing, five to seven months. Grazing period, during fall and winter.

Mangels, plant in April and May, six to nine pounds of seed per acre in drill. Apply good application of stable manure before planting. Ready for feeding by September and October.

Five "radical" bonds of \$1,000 each, issued by South Carolina during Reconstruction times and signed by governor R. K. Scott, have been forwarded to a Columbia bank by its Philadelphia correspondent for presentation to the comptroller general.

J. O. Smith, an alleged safe-cracker who is believed to be the man wanted in Greenville in connection with the robbery of several safes in that city recently has been arrested in Lynchburg, Va., and brought back to Greenville.

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