

# WORTH READING.

Full Text of the Speech of Dr. S. J. Summers at

## CLEMSON COLLEGE.

He Tells Why Farmers Should be Educated, and What Good Use a Farmer Can Put an Education to, Every Young Man Should Read It.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Realizing, as we do, the exodus of our young men from the country to the towns and cities, and the low esteem in which farming has been held since the Civil War, let us consider the causes. When the cry of war went throughout our Southland our men both old and young responded nobly and as this great struggle continued and our ranks were thinned, our boys answered to the call filling in the trenches caused by the death of their fathers, brothers and friends. After the war, the survivors returned to their homes, to find them in ruin and destruction. Their buildings were dilapidated; their lands had grown up in bushes and briars, and their ditches filled in. The negro was free and demoralized. Little, if any stock was left and farming implements scarce.

In view of this spectacle is it at all remarkable that the survivors of the Lost Cause became discouraged? And yet, with that determination which made them fight as never men fought, they determined to bring order out of chaos.

After struggling for years, trying to support their families and, at the same time, give their children such educational advantages as possible, they made little progress. Reading was neglected; homes began to lose their attractiveness and farming was considered a drudgery. Feeling that all they could earn was necessary for the support of the family, their boys and girls were not allowed any pocket money. Besides they neglected to plant those crops which were necessary for the support of the family, and largely upon cotton to furnish means by which they could buy grain, hay and meat. This lack of diversification and also the large fields of cotton, without organization and protection and placing all of it on the market very naturally brought the price so low that it was impossible to make ends meet. With these facts staring them in the face, they decided that fathers and mothers, who loved their children and wished to have them relieved of such burdens and hardships, induced them to leave the farm and enter the professions or seek employment in the cities. The cities with their many attractions naturally lure the boys and girls, and they continued to go until the country was almost deserted.

But the times have changed. The farmer after dear experiences, has learned to diversify. He is farming from a rational and reasonable standpoint. He is reading as he never read before, he has more intelligence among this class of men than the world ever knew. He is educating his boys and girls, and placing them in such circumstances as render them the peer of any. He is improving farm and home, making them more and more attractive, and we will realize the fact that many of our young men are now entering the farms for the various professions, thinking there is more dignity and financial gain to be derived therefrom. They still look upon the farm as requiring too much hard work and too little pay. They do not appreciate the fact that a good education and more scientific knowledge than any of the professions. Education with common sense and energy properly directed is the keynote to success. And without these our boys are placed at a great disadvantage. Follow far do not hesitate to give your boys the best educational advantages for as they enter upon this great life of farming they will greatly need it. There never was such a demand for thorough educated and practical men on the farm as to date. Now do not misunderstand me to say that a young man cannot succeed for a college of our best farmers in our State. They have never matriculated at a college, but I do mean to say that other things being equal, the educated young man has by far the greater advantage. Again, education does not consist of mere knowledge of books; or, in other words, theory alone, but the truly educated man is the one who has studied, observed and read and can make practical application of what he has learned. Some of the greatest men of the past were self educated. So, gentlemen, education in the true sense consists of that power to reason and draw conclusions which are facts and success is to put these facts into practical application. We have a broader field for knowledge than on the farm where we come in contact day by day with nature and her marvelous works? Where may we study the soil with its various elements, and plant-life as the chemical changes take place thereby feeding upon the elements and developing into a thing of beauty and profit? Where is the profession of Chemistry, Botany, Bacteriology and Materia Medica more needed than that of farming? When we look into nature and see her great works and prepare ourselves to solve these problems in such a manner as to be able to assist her in bringing about the proper changes and conditions to accomplish the greatest results, then and only then shall we become intelligent and successful farmers. Then may we expect results such as the world has never before witnessed.

And now, young gentlemen, will you look upon farming as a calling of low degree? Will you say any kind of a man can farm, but it takes a man who enters the professions? Will you say that education is more essential in the professions than in farming? Will you say that farming does not hold out the inducements for higher mental development than the professions? Will you say that an education is wasted when we settle upon the farm and spend our energies there? Gentlemen, there is no

profession that has made greater strides within the past five years than farming. Where our lands used to produce 10 to 15 bushels of corn per acre, they now produce 30 to 40 bushels. Where 300 lbs. of seed cotton was produced per acre to-day we gather from 1000 to 1600 hundred pounds, and where we never made any before, we now see from one to two tons per acre raised. The farmer has realized that he can no longer farm with the ox and old wooden plow stock with a half shovels or two. To-day, he takes from two to three large mules with a iron beam turn plow or a sulky plow to prepare his lands. One hand and two good mules do the work now that was formerly done by four hands and four mules. Where stumps were formerly burnt or dug out, requiring so much time, and then the work improperly done; to-day we use a good stump machine with two heavy mules and clear the ground of all parts of the stump. Where it took one hand with a sickle to cut one acre of cotton stalks, we now take a hand, two mules and a good chopper which will go over eight acres per day and do the work far better. Where we used to chop, pick up and burn the corn stalks, we now with one of the large turn plows turn them under making humus in the soil. Now a few years ago the gain by shocking, shredding and making the whole corn stalk into stover, which furnishes an abundance of dry food, as well as litter for bedding. In the place of scattering our lands two to three inches deep in preparation, we turn or open them six to seven inches deep and follow with our fertilizers in such a way as to yield fruit, instead of placing the same kind of fertilizers on all soils, we study our soils and use such fertilizers as will give best results.

Again, in the selection of seed we have realized the importance of selecting those kinds each year that will give best results. In Iowa, a country where they plant other crops, they have a small patch of corn and instructing his pupils in the preparation of soil, using select seed and being careful in cultivation. At first he was laughed at but soon his wonderful results showed forth and he was ere long not only elected professor of Agriculture but also State agent for the supply of seed by the State to travel from place to place, giving instructions from a special train provided for that purpose. To-day, gentlemen, projecting from the instruction of this country school teacher the yield of corn per acre has been more than doubled. In the West, this is but an example of what can be done in all plans throughout our country. South Carolina, a few years since, produced the largest yield of corn per acre that has ever been raised in the world. Think of producing 25 bushels of corn per acre! Now if this is possible on land that had the advantage of water, can we not have proper preparation, fertilization and cultivation bring our lands up to 75 bushels per acre? While we are advancing we are still at the great threshold of farm raising.

We have a climate unsurpassed by any in the world. Not only can we grow any kind of crop, but we have the advantage of raising all kinds of stock. Think of the cold North West locked up in snow from three to five months during the year and yet we buy our horses and mules from them. It is not a fiction upon us when we give from \$20 to \$25 for a mule or horse, or we raise that mule or horse here for \$100. There are no men in our State from whose eyes the veil has fallen and they can show to-day as fine mules raised here as the West can produce.

Again, how many there are of us who depend upon the West to furnish our food. Here, by exercising proper judgment, we can lead our boys nine months in the year from the fields, using comparatively little grain from our houses; certainly we can produce meat much cheaper than we buy it. In the same way we may produce as fine quality of hay as the West and as much as we use from our own fields at the same time improving our soil. We must realize the importance of making our own farms all or very near all that we use in our homes. We must live at home. It has been said let the West make the grain and bacon, and the South the cotton and the market give us the best prices for our products. We can afford to buy our grain and hay from the West. A greater mistake was never made. It is true we do not want to compete with the West for the sale of corn and hay, but we do want to supply all that we need and have a small surplus to sell in our own markets. This surplus we may supply ourselves with, or we may keep down the running expense, and making our cotton altogether a surplus crop. Let us see, for instance, what can be done along this line. Raise enough grain to supply your farm and stock; make enough meat for your family and servants with a few dollars more and several gallons of lard to sell; raise a few head of calves or two or three good heaves a year; an occasional lamb, a nice lot of wool, one or two dozen kids, one or two dozen turkeys, chickens and eggs; and you will find that these with the other surplus you do not need will amount to a considerable sum. The true farmer is the one who has the ability that we do not value the dollar, thinking only of the dollars. Again we think ourselves above caring for and marketing these products. Neither education nor anything else should ever make us consider ourselves too good to work, and the sensible practical man will not be thus affected.

Let us see what can be done toward improving our stock and manure toward our own fertilizers. In the place of the old razor-back hog which required a weather boarded fence to hold it and requiring two years to weigh one hundred and fifty pounds, we now have our improved breeds, that easily make from 250 to 350 pounds in two years. Our sheep are improved so that they produce twice as much mutton and wool in a given time; our cattle are such that even the most fastidious will be pleased to see them. While our forefathers kept their cows and other stock in an open pen or lot exposed to the severe rains and storms of the winter, we have learned the importance of giving them the most comfortable and healthful quarters, thereby causing them to give more milk and the young to grow rapidly. Besides that they act as a fertilizer factory, converting the food given them into a manure that not only gives temporary but lasting results. The stable manure from a cow

well fed and sheltered will pay for all that is fed to her, giving you the offspring and milk extra. Our sheep will give a lamb which will bring in from \$3. to \$4. by June besides from five to seven pounds of undressed wool that is worth forty cents per pound. Our goats will produce from two to four kids per year that will bring an average of seventy five cents a piece at six months with comparatively little cost. In fact they develop a pasture by destroying brush and weeds that other animals will not eat, and so may say these animals do not pay.

We hear the complaint that we have no pastures for these animals; that we fence in a large place but they starve to death, unless we feed them from our barns. This is true unless we prepare pastures. Can you expect grass to grow where trees are thick that sunshine never reaches the ground? Let us not be too lazy, but go to work and clear out the branches and we will not only have a pasture for our stock and a delight to gaze upon, but we will have a nice lot of wood to lend cheer and comfort to our homes during the winter months. These pastures will then give us native grasses or may be set in bermuda and fertilizing will surprise you as to results.

Then we have the advantage of a good orchard furnishing fresh fruits for a table, a darning purposes. Our vegetable garden, our fruit, tender, wholesome vegetables, which do honor to the table of a king. We also have fresh, luscious, wholesome melons. Now, gentlemen, we have endeavored to show you what we can and are doing for other young men, but we also want to show the advantage in making a home and raising a family. We are not placed here in this world to make a success from a financial standpoint alone, but to measure up to the requirements from a physical, mental and spiritual standpoint. You know that health and the promotion of the physical powers are advanced by the pure country air and water. Outdoor exercise develops the muscles, bringing about health and comfort. These place the body in a good condition for the development of the brain. Recently, a teacher and his wife, who had recently returned a country boy because he grasped ideas more readily and showed broader mental capacity. From a spiritual standpoint, we know that the country boy is not surrounded by so many irksome influences as the city boy, and he is not so profane as the city boy. He is seldom seen, and the whole atmosphere is filled with that which tends to uplift. The mother rarely loses sight of her children and there are no attractions to induce them away from their homes. The father is not so intimately associated with his children, giving them the advantage of his presence and he in turn learning lessons of wisdom from them. Let us look at the expenses of living in the country as compared with that of the city. In the city, comparatively few own houses, most of them having to pay rents. Suppose then we have a good sized house in the city, by the time he pays his board or rent, with other expenses of living attached, he is left with very little or no profit. We do not take into consideration the cost of living as we should. Suppose you receive \$200 per month and it costs a similar sum per month to live in the city. Is there any surplus? It is not what we make but what we save that add to our account. Recently, a resident of Charleston, S. C. said it cost \$50 extra to have company at tea and then, said he, we do not have such suppers as you country people have.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, a Chinese woman called the police to a building at 23 1/2 Main Street, where on the third floor, the citizens were sitting both upright on a cot while in the same room another Chinese, who appeared to be insane, had kindled a fire on the floor, apparently in an attempt to destroy the building. The police found the man, apparently insane, sitting on the floor, and he was taken to the hospital. The man's name was E. J. Baer. An acquaintance said that he was the son of a wealthy cotton manufacturer, now deceased, of Wilmington, N. C. Several years ago, and the friend, Baer received \$20,000 from his father's estate which he spent before going into the stock business.

Looking for Trade. The Spartanburg Journal says members of the people are now buying whiskey from our dispensary, returning to their homes in the evening with supplies for the thirsty. A messenger is commissioned to buy for several persons and he takes back all that he can carry. The sales of the dispensary have been considerably increased by purchases from Union and Cherokee Counties and by Greenville shall vote out the dispensary, that will bring still more trade to the Spartanburg dispensary. All this would greatly increase the dispensary profits of Spartanburg County, probably as much as 50 per cent.

Win Push It. Gov. Heyward will push the investigation as to the buying of the negro at Honea Path, and every effort will be made to have the guilty parties held accountable. Strange to say, there were several members of the mob that were recognized by men on the coroner's jury, yet a verdict was rendered that the negro came to his death by "parties unknown to the jury." Dispensary Note. Mrs. N. J. Fuller has entered suit against 32 citizens of Greer, for \$10,000 damages alleging that they surrounded her house when she was ill and caused her great pain and almost causing death. The mob was apparently forgetting that judge, solicitor and stenographer cannot be in two places at the same time.

# VERY SHORT CROP.

The Most Significant Phase of the Cotton Situation

Is the Remarkably Early Opening of the Staple. It Will All be Picked in a Short Time. The most significant phase of the cotton situation is the remarkably early opening of the crop, says the Progressive Farmer and Cotton Plant. Of Raleigh, N. C. Everybody knows that the yield is very much smaller than last year, but the government reports that the ginning receipts are heavier than they were to this date last season. Around Raleigh we notice that in some places three-fourths of the crop is ready for picking. At the Asheville meeting we heard similar conditions reported from other States, and in fact the entire crop, President Jordan told the writer that the early opening is general throughout the Cotton Belt.

Now this condition, it seems to us, cannot fail to have its effect upon the market. Early opening means early ginning—early receipts in all the ginneries in the early part of the season; and the general public will like to have this increase in ginning receipts as indicating a large crop of cotton. Last year's crop proved to be so much heavier than anybody suspected prior to the Government's December report, and the world will be ready to jump at the conclusion that this season's yield may also have been underestimated.

With this unusual condition of the crop favoring the plans of the bears, therefore, it is quite likely that they may be able to keep down the price of cotton until the actual picking of the crop becomes a reality. This is to say, until the inevitable decline in ginning receipts proves that the crop is really a small one. For it is really a small crop—no doubt of that. The Government cotton situation report for the week ending August 10, 1913, indicates a crop of only 9,976,334 bales; with the Cotton Association's acreage estimate 9,562,514 bales. If the Cotton Association had based its estimate solely on the condition of the crop reported to it—seventy-three per cent of the crop would have predicted only 8,500,000 bales instead of 9,500,000.

To sum up; the crop is small, but the heavy ginning receipts early in the season may keep prices below what they should be. If so, they will advance to higher levels after the real size of the crop becomes known. And unless there is a phenomenal fall in the price of cotton from now on, it looks to us as if farmers have everything to gain and nothing to lose by holding for higher prices.

The Progressive Farmer and Cotton Plant is right. Its estimate tallies with our experience exactly. The crop is short, but the market shows farmers themselves suspect, but the prices may be kept down by the heavy receipts at the ginneries, but the farmers should not be fooled by this condition and rush their cotton on the market. This would be disastrous to prices. It is our firm belief that if cotton marketed slowly the prices will go to twelve cents. We expect a rapid rise in prices when the size of the crop is revealed by the government reports later on.

Deserted His Wife. The Augusta Chronicle says a young married lady, a former resident of that city, is now in Greenville, S. C., and who has been in Augusta for the last three days on a visit. She is a very attractive woman, and her husband has apparently deserted her, departing with her jewels and their money to another city—Atlanta, it is said. Her husband was made known Thursday morning when the young lady called on her at the station. She was united to the man at the station by a search for her missing husband, whom she was to have met at the depot, and by proclaiming amidst tears and sobs that her better half had deserted her. She had the jewels and money with her, and she was being escorted by a man in a uniform, who was accepted, and the two visited the ticket office, the baggage and express offices, in search of some clue which would lead to the finding of the missing husband. By this time quite a number of people had become interested in the case, and she had made an effort to keep it from being known, and with their help a clue was found. He had expressed his trunks to Atlanta, and the record of this was on the express company's books.

A Very Sad Case. Because her six year old son, from whose father she had been separated a month, refused to allow her to kiss him, Mrs. L. W. Cheatum, of Richmond, Ky., one of the most prominent society women of the State, committed suicide. When her husband, Mr. Cheatum, who is one of the richest men in Kentucky, took the boy, who is the only child, Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Cheatum telephoned that she would like to see the boy. Mr. Cheatum brought the little fellow to the house where his wife was stopping. As soon as she caught sight of his mother she was standing in the doorway and he positively refused to enter the house. No amount of persuasion could prevail upon him to do otherwise, which so shocked the mother that she immediately retired to a bathroom, where she swallowed the poison.

A Queer Will. Miss Fannie Wells, a treasury clerk, who was killed by falling into a geyser in Yellowstone Park, left a peculiar will which was filed for probate today. Directions for her funeral in the will follow: "The casket shall not cost over \$75. Interment shall be at Rock Creek Cemetery, on high ground, in full sunshine. My grave shall be lined, bottom and sides, with granite blocks, not less than one foot thick." "A granite monument shall be placed at my grave. It shall not cost more than \$80, and shall bear the following inscription: "Miss Fannie A. Wells, died such a date. Heavenly she beloved sleep." "My funeral shall be held from the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Order of the Eastern Star shall officiate. Mr. Wright on O Street, northwest, shall be the undertaker." The legislature appointed the court of general sessions for Cherokee and Spartanburg counties on the same day—last Monday, in October—apparently forgetting that judge, solicitor and stenographer cannot be in two places at the same time.

# BAD FOR CUBA.

A Serious Fight Between Two Political Factions.

The Liberals and Moderates Clash in a Hotel in Which Six People Are Killed or Wounded. Troops Hurried to the Scene by the Government. A dispatch from Havana, Cuba, says official dispatches have been received from Cienfuegos, Friday afternoon announcing the killing of Congressman Enrique Villuendas, leader of the Liberal party and the most able orator of the lower house, and the chief of police of Cienfuegos, during a conflict between the two political parties, the Liberals and Moderates. The government reports say the police had information that within the hotel in which Villuendas resided a quantity of arms had been deposited and they went to the hotel to investigate the matter. 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