Kent News

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In Dixie Land! • •

In Charlotte — A Church Going People— Vanderbilt's New $7,000,000 Home— A Southern Gentleman's Rise in the World.

LETTER NO. 2.

Charlotte is as pretty as its name signifies. It is a city of from 12,000 to 18,000 population, and in some respects resembles our northern cities. New residences are going up and a general air of activity prevails. We were shown an $18,000 frame structure, and we feel sure that any of our Chestertown contractors could erect the same house for one-half the sum. Competition is not as great as it is here. One-third of the population is colored, no half-breeds. It has 7 large cotton factories, 2 cotton-oil factories, 3 trousers factories, &c. It is a city of churches, having 35 in all. The leading denomination is the Presbyterians, next come the Methodists, then the Baptists. There is not a Catholic church in the town, and the appearance of a Jew is a rare thing. We inquired of persons in all walks of life as to the church attendance, and with a unanimous voice they replied, "everybody goes to church here." And to prove it we attended the M. E. South, and there found every pew filled and nearly every person with a hymn-book, and, of course, we had good singing. Church spires may be seen all over the city.

It was at Charlotte that we had the pleasure of going into a cottonfield. This city is in the midst of the cotton belt, and the manufacture of the product is a chief industry. Our escort informed us that the cotton seed is planted very much like peas, and is cultivated like we do corn. The crops are tilled one way only, and not in the check row system universal here. A straight row of plants was nowhere to be seen, most of them being curved to conform to the course of a stream or for some other reason. In most cases the fields were on the hillsides, and every three or four feet an untilled strip was left to prevent the crop from washing away. In the field we visited we plucked the cotton in five stages, viz., the blossom, the bloom, in the pod, partly open, and ready for the harvester. The harvest lasts for several months as the crop is maturing all the time. The farmer is now happy because of the increase in the price of cotton. Last year it brought only 5 cents, but now it is worth nine cents per pound. The people of these Southern States rely upon it as their money crop, although they grow considerable corn. Diversified farming is much needed here, and no doubt if they were to raise some clover it would be advantageous. But we did not see a single crop of hay or a clover field during the trip. Charlotte gave us a hospitable reception and we were loath to leave the charming city.

At 12.20 we resumed our trip through Dixie, but before starting, President Highley, in a most happy manner, thanked the mayor for his kindness, and our train moved off followed by cheers from the people of Charlotte. We are soon hurrying over the well ballasted road further south. The scenery along the road is a sameness that soon becomes monotonous. While on the train we become engaged in conversation with a young gentleman of Richmond, Fred. Broadax. We learned that he was the general superintendent of the air-brakes of the Great Southern Railroad and had traveled over the whole South. He was intelligent, courteous and a true type of the South, and before we reached our destination we became quite friendly. His rise in life is quite remarkable. He acted as brakeman for nine months, as fireman for awhile, was given charge of an engine and held it two years. At 21 he entered the shops and soon developed a talent for drafting. The superintendent took a fancy to him and sent him to a special school for mechanics. He graduated from this school with high honors, and today travels in a private car and has complete charge of air brakes on ten thousand miles of railway at a handsome salary. He is very proud of the South's progress in recent years and thinks she will now forge to the front. Among the most noted places pointed to us as being located near our line of travel is the Vanderbilt home. This home is to cost $7,000,000 and will require five more years to complete it. Vanderbilt traveled three years, accompanied by two architects gleaning from the styles of other countries those best fitted to beautify the collossal mansion. There are 10,000 acres in the whole tract and it is his intention of making it the handsomest private domain in the world. He has finished his stables which cost $50,000, leveled a mountain top in front of his home so as to allow the sun to play upon the water from his fountains, thereby forming beautiful rainbows. He has constructed a railroad up the mountain side to his home at a cost of $10,000. Egyptian fountains imported from Egypt, and marble statuary of rare value beautify the grounds. He is now at work changing the course of the small river near him so as to form an island out of a large knoll in front of his place. An interesting incident in connection with this enterprise is the fact that an old colored residenter owns ten acres of land in the center of the millionaire's tract and has refnsed $10,000 for it. White men have posted the darkey and he is holding out for $25,000. We would not attempt a description of this house for words cannot express the grandeur and magnificence of such a place. We will leave our readers in this garden of Eden for a week. F. G. U.

Written for the KENT NEWS.

AUTUMN.

BY MISS BESSIE C. SATTERFIELD.

Gently falling, all around us
Is the fading autumn leaf,
Bringing with it sad remembrance
Of some day of greatest grief.

Slowly dying, all around us
Is the shining summer flower,
As it daily droops and withers,
Come the thoughts of some sad hour.

Slowly flittering, all around us
Is the songster of the spring,
Thrilling low his farewell cadence
As the song one used to sing.

Closer stealing, all around us
Is the chill of winter's breath,
As it greets again the mourner
Fresh are heard the sighs of death.

Oh! the crushing, crushing sorrow
Of each lonely, loving heart,
When the warning falls upon it
From your dear ones you must part.

So are falling, all around us
Autumn's flower and autumn's leaf,
And our tears, as mist, enwrap us
In our great and ceaseless grief.

Rock Hall, Oct. 15th, 1895.

Local Items From Sassafras.

Imported beer is not always brought across the ocean in schooners.

Misses Alice and Tresia Dreka spent Saturday with their cousin Mrs. Anthony Johnson, at her beautiful home near this place.

Golden Rod bloom and autumn leaves make a fine show on the handle bar of a bicycle, and it is appreciated by many of the riders in these autumn days.

The cooking school will soon be getting in her fine work.

It is quite the fashion for the bride to be an hour late, so as to produce the impression that she didn't care very much to get married.

Mrs. John F. Ernest and children spent Wednesday with her mother Mrs. J. Guerkil, of Warwick.

Mrs. J. E. Hartly and Miss Susie Lynch were entertained by Mrs. Cummings Brice on Tuesday afternoon.

It has been finally decided that the Kent County Teachers Institute will be held in Smyrna during the first week in December.

The farmers are busy harvesting corn.

Mrs. Frederick Vansant left two weeks ago for the Woman's Hospital, of Baltimore, for medical treatment. It is very sad she leaves four small children and one little baby home.

Cecilton was the scene of both wit and mirth on Tuesday evening, 29th. The speaking by Senator Charles C. Crothers and Hon. John S. Wirt, of the Elkton bar was very much appreciated by a full Hall. The men had hardly standing room. Many ladies were also present. Eugene Peirce and Wm. Ward made some very appropiate remarks and Mr. Mark Vinyard sang some beautiful campaign songs. Two bands of music were in attendance.

It is estimated that the annual consumption of oats in the United States has been reduced about 100,000,000 bushels, owing the displacement of horse power by the bicycle and electricity.

There are 480 pupils at the Jacob Tome Institute in Port Deposit.

Mrs. Lewis Dreka and Mrs. George Kennedy spent Friday in Middletown, with friends.

Miss Katie Kennedy is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Mrs. Alexander T. Laws has been seriously ill for two weeks but she is now convalescent.

Mrs. Walter Vansant has been sick for the past two weeks. At this writing she is somewhat better.

The greatest depth of the Atlantic Ocean is 27,366 feet.

Flocks of Wild Geese and Ducks have passed over southward the past week. The flight of geese is regarded as an indication of approaching cold weather. An oyterman in the Chesapeake said he has never seen so many geese going over at one time, and that there must have been at least a thousand in one of the long strings of fowls he attempted to count. If numbers are an indication of the severity of the weather, then he predicts a hard, cold winter for 1895-6.

A MAN stepped into a hatter's shop in Chicago and removed the wrappings off a soft felt hat that he carried in his hand.

"How much will it cost to have this dyed a light gray, to match my hair?" he inquired.

"It will cost you at least a dollar," replied the hatter.

The caller wrapped it up again. "I won't pay it," he said, decidedly; "for thirty-five cents I can get my hair dyed to match the hat. Good-day, sir."

Washington College.

COLLEGE NORMAL CLASS.

Neither the Eastern Shore nor Delaware has any institution where those who wish to teach in our public schools can make special preparation. Teachers must therefore be employed who have had no proper training, or they must seek it either outside the State or at the Baltimore Normal School. If they are not fortunate enough to obtain a "normal" scholarship, which gives them free tuition, the cost is so great that very many who would gladly take a special training for this work are obliged to get on as best they can without it. The result is that many who have made honest efforts to prepare themselves, fail at the county examinations; while the ranks of the teachers in the public schools are, necessarily, often recruited from those who are very poorly qualified to teach. Only about seventy free scholarships are distributed among the counties of the Eastern Shore, although nearly six hundred teachers are employed. As the course lasts three years about twenty normal school graduates are prepared for the Eastern Shore for each year. A very small proportion of our teachers hold the normal school diploma.

To meet this want a Normal Course has been organized at Washington College. A program of studies has been arranged, which covers, during the year, a review of all these subjects upon which a candidate, who wishes a second grade certificate, must, in accordance with the school laws, stand an examination. The only addition to the regular work of the college will be "The Theory and Practice of Teaching," which will be under the immediate charge of Dr. Reid. Seven young ladies have already entered the class, which has been under way two week. The tuition for the course, which extends through the year is $35.00.

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