

back of ancient Jerusalem where the city's garbage was consumed; the place where some believe the idea of hell originated.

We see more pear trees in Alabama than all other fruit trees combined, and the Keifer seems to be the standard. The reason is plain, for they grow the tree from slips at a very small cost, which knocks the agent out with his patent budded-root, grafted fifty and seventy five cent trees.

Escambia is one of the counties of Alabama that forbids the licensing of saloons. Her little town of Atmore is as near the Florida line as Fruit Dale is to the state of Mississippi. Both are pretty well stocked with northern people, coming there within the last few months, on trial. I am told that out of one hundred who go prospecting in the south, ninety of them go slow. The south has a good climate, excellent water and other advantages, but when you talk about soil she isn't in it.

Going East from Mobile we pass the Bayous, Buzzard and Dismal Swamps we used to read of in slavery times; we see the Mobile, Kennesaw, and Tombigbee rivers running just as the geographies described them in our school days.

John Smith, from Chadwick, Ill., was with us in our rambles through the pineries. He says he often wondered why more soldiers were not killed in the army, but now he sees there was a tree for every man. There are three distinct marks by which you can tell an old southerner—his twang, his hat and his bronzed skin. He is just the same as to looks as when I met him in the Shenadoah valley thirty-one years ago. An old planter wanted me to get off at his station and go with him twelve miles out to his thousand-acre farm and stay with him a week as his guest. He says land depreciated one-half in value since the war, "but," says he, "the northern men will soon bring it back to its former figure."

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THEY SERVE THEIR GOD WHO SERVE THEIR FELLOW- MEN.

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 "Some men believe in God; and that
 great faith
 Gives them the strength for all their
 earthly needs
 Some know a life beyond; and faith in that
 Makes burdens light; gives strength for
 noble deeds.—
 This man believed in man, in doing good,
 In simple, silent pluck, in goodness,
 honesty,
 And so believing lived his short life through
 And gave that life a noble majesty.
 Simple his faith, yet strong enough to
 make
 Him bear life's burdens as they should be
 borne,
 To share with others only their great
 griefs,
 To help the weak, to comfort the forlorn.
 We saw him lose what seemed his all in
 life;
 We saw him made to feel acutest pain;
 We never saw him turn from Duty's path
 Or yield at all beneath life's greatest
 strain.
 Oh, Father! somewhere in Thy heavenly
 home
 Must be a place for such true sons of
 Thine
 Who, midst all doubts and troublous unbel-
 lief
 Cast all their living on the plan divine.
 Let him who scoffs at all who own Thee
 not
 Refrain from thinking such men are un-
 blest;
 They serve their God who serve their fel-
 lowmen,
 By simply doing what they think is best."
 —Anon.

WHAT ARE WE AS FRIENDS DOING TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF THE SOCIETY?

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 When I say *we*, I mean every mem-
 ber of the Society, yet in every organi-
 zation there are those who take upon
 themselves the responsibilities of the
 same, either from self choice or from
 the choice of others.

This is proper. Every Society must
 have order and discipline. The
 Friends have those whom they term
 overseers, whose duties it is to see to