

The directors of the Atlanta Exposition recently paid to Hon. Samuel J. Tilden the compliment of formally adopting a series of resolutions inviting him to visit the Exposition which has been so complete and brilliant a success. They also appointed a committee, consisting of three prominent gentlemen, who were also accompanied by Governor Colquitt and Gen. John B. Gordon, to present these resolutions to Mr. Tilden personally. Finding himself unable to visit Atlanta, Mr. Tilden excused himself in the following graceful and interesting letter:

GRAYSTONE, Dec. 17.
To the Executive Committee of the International Cotton Exposition at Atlanta:
GENTLEMEN: I have had the honor to receive your resolutions inviting me to visit the International Cotton Exposition as your guest, and designating Messrs. Robert Tannahill, John H. Luman, and M. B. Fielding as a special committee to communicate them to me. I have also had the honor of a personal presentation of a copy of these resolutions at the hands of those gentlemen, accompanied by Gov. Colquitt, the president of the exposition, and Gen. Gordon. It is with much regret that I feel obliged to deny myself the great pleasure tendered me with such distinguished courtesies. It would delight me to interchange friendly greetings with the citizens whom I should expect to meet at Atlanta, and to avail myself of so favorable an opportunity for observing with my own eyes the elements of industrial growth which promise a future of marvelous prosperity to the southern States. Above all, I desire to contribute my influence, however inconsiderable it may be, toward encouraging a movement to organize investigation and intelligence concerning subjects of vast interest, not to the south alone, but to our whole country and the world.

I may venture to hope that the public spirit which created and has sustained this exposition is not exhausted, but that the signal success of this first essay will induce similar efforts, attract increasing public attention to them, and secure for them wider co-operation and more perfect development.

The last time I visited those islands which were the homes of most of our ancestors I realized what a benediction it was that had set in these heavens a sun which is generally radiant and sometimes blazing. It is what climatologists call the upward curve in the hourly and daily tides of heat, which makes our 450,000,000 bushels of wheat a sure crop, which ripens our 1,750,000,000 bushels of corn, and which enables us to grow 6,000,000 bales of the best and cheapest cotton.

The invention which separates by machinery the fibre of the cotton from the seed gave a new comfort to every fireside. Better clothing at less cost was a boon to mankind. The fact that one-half of the present cotton crop is the product of white labor has dispelled the illusion that the Caucasian race has been excluded by Providence from their natural share in so important a culture, and assures in the future an ample supply of labor from sources of indefinite extent. This result derives momentous importance from the fact that the actual culture of the cotton is now applied to less than one-thirtieth part of the lands embraced in the cotton belt.

The development of your agricultural industries will soon be followed by manufactures. A mature community, while it is enlarging the positive volume of its external commerce, increases the proportion of domestic manufactures which enter into the local consumption. The advantages of a superior adaptation of climate, soil, and other spontaneous bounties of nature, and of a geographical contiguity to the market are a legitimate protection to the local industries, founded on the greatest productiveness of human labor in supplying the wants of man, and upon the utmost saving in the cost of transportation between the producer and consumer. It contrasts with the artificial devices of legislation, always unskillful, and often perverted by selfish greed, which generally have the effect of diminishing the productive power of human labor, just as if the soil were rendered less fertile or the climate less genial by act of Congress in order to enable the deluded beneficiary to make some profit out of enterprises otherwise unremunerative. The south is rich in natural capacities of production, as yet mainly unappropriated. To utilize these capacities is a beneficent process. Its results may come, not so fast or so soon as some may hope, but I predict that when they do come they will in their magnitude transcend the anticipations of the most sanguine. Your fellow-citizen,

SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

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