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A LETTER FROM MR. DIXON

1-25-35

Mr. Editor:

We read Mr. F. H. McMaster's interesting article in The State on the dedication of the beautiful church building at Lebanon. We ask you to republish it in your columns in place of the writer's weekly article on the early settlers of Fairfield County.

The other evening we went into the DeLuxe Cafe and seeing Mr. William Pearson at a table we dined with him. As is often the case in consuming the oysters we came across an historical pearl. He informed us that many, many years ago in the City by the Sea, Col. William Alston, strolling along the foot of East Bay Street, his mind perchance on the sad fate of Theodosius Burr, came upon a stowaway urchin, who couldn't speak English. The few words he used were German. Col. Alston took this boy home to his plantation in Fairfield County, reared him to manhood as James Germany. He married and lived near Jenkinsville. Jack Germany is a son of that marriage. He first flagged on the Spartanburg-Union and Columbia Road, was promoted in time and became the idol of all small boys along the Charlotte-Columbia and Augusta line about 1876 and finally lost his life in the turn-over of his locomotive on this line after a freshet several years ago.

We are indebted to a confirmation of these facts by Mr. J. N. Center, Mr. W. L. Holley and Mr. John M. Harden, Sr.

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