

120 Years Ago

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., May 29, 1867

Original Poetry.

I AM GROWING OLD.

By Mrs. C. Ladd.

Dreams of my youth, beautiful dreams, sweet visions that have long since faded away from the pathway of life. Vanishing like to gorgeous tinted clouds of eve', as night folds her dark mantle around the earth. Gone like the glittering dew when touched by the scorching ray. Such is life. Life with its mourning of beautiful things. Life with its noonday of said realities. Life with its evening shadows-

Dreams of my youth, so sweet, so gay

Why have ye fled, could ye not stay!

Than the gilded clouds, when the sunset light

Fringes their edges with purple and gold

Then sinks to rest, 'neath the gorgeous flood.

Sweet dreams,

Like the sunset clouds they have faded away,

In the dark, dark, tints of a leaden gray

When night steps on, departing day,

I am growing old,

Yet memory to-night did the page unfold,

And I saw my youth-and the Fairy land

That I peopled so oft with an Elfin band,

And I gazed again, where once I would see

The future as life then seemed to me.

A future of flowers, and jewels bright

That flashed like earth, when the morning light,

First touches the coronels as they lay

On each tiny bud, and each wreathing spray

Diamond coronals, night had wept O'er the silent earth, as she calmly slept

With none to watch but the golden eyes

Of the starry world, in the far off skies;

All were forgotten, I could only see

Life as I once had dream'd t' would be-

It is gone and forever-

Startled, I awoke, from that dream so sweet

And it passed away with its noiseless feet,

I awoke to life, with its hours so drear

Its withered hopes, its toil, its care,

I closed the page that had once seemed truth,

The page where I wrote the dream of youth:

With a starting tear, with a quivering sight

I folded the leaf, I have laid it by, Dreams of my youth.

100 Years Ago

The News & Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., June 8, 1887

-Columbia is to have a new cotton seed oil mill erected by the new company in opposition to the Oil Trust Company. Its capacity will be 200 tons seed per day.

-Mr. J. M. Beaty has had erected a handsome iron stairway and iron balcony on the south of his building, which adds much to the appearance as well as convenience of the building.

DEATH.-We are sorry to learn of the death of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tennant, near White Oak, which occurred on Saturday last.

FINE COTTON.-Mr. David M. Milling brought to our office on Friday a stalk of cotton measuring eighteen inches in length, and containing six squares. He has seven acres that will average this height. He reports the crops in his neighborhood better than for several years.

Columbia Graded Schools.-The total enrollment of white pupils in the graded schools of Columbia for the present session is 868, colored 768, total 1,363. The total at the same time last year was only 1,439, showing an increase of nearly 200 pupils for the present over the last session.

Press Association.-The State Press Association will meet in