

## GENERAL GORDON'S ADDRESS.

### Forceful Words at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Hall of Brotherhood.

The flag presented to the Florida Chautauqua by U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, G. A. R., is to-day at half mast over the Auditorium, where General John B. Gordon delivered his eloquent address on "The Last Days of the Confederacy." It will be remembered by many citizens of Brooklyn that this address was prepared at the request of Dr. Talmage after the close of one of General Gordon's speeches in his tabernacle, and probably no lecture or uttered words have done more to bind the North and South in amity and love. At the close of his address at De Funiak Springs three thousand people marched from the auditorium to a beautiful spot beside a lake to witness the laying of the corner stone of the Hall of Brotherhood, to be erected this year, the twentieth anniversary of the Chautauqua. Every state of the Union was represented in that gathering. The speech was remarkable for force, beauty and brevity. General Gordon said:

"Friends and Fellow Countrymen:—Speech would be useless and ill-timed here. No orator, however gifted, could utter words, however eloquent or forceful, that would add to the scope and meaning of the name which the temple to be erected on this spot is to bear. The 'Hall of Brotherhood' tells the whole story. Every beam and timber, each brick and stone that shall complete its structure, from this supporting corner stone now laid to its finished turret, will speak to coming generations of sentiment which suggested it. American brotherhood, a reunited country, on which depends not only the life and perpetuity of the Republic, but the welfare of universal humanity, are the glorious realities which this hall is to represent. In the name, therefore, of every state of this Union, and of our priceless freedom, invoking Heaven's blessing upon it, I dedicate this spot where the 'Hall of Brotherhood' is to stand a holy invocation to the everlasting fraternity of the American people."

General Gordon's death brought special and profound grief to every De Funiak citizen and visitor, which found expression in its citizens meeting. Mayor G. P. Henry paid a glowing tribute to his memory. President Wallace Bruce of Brooklyn, in behalf of the Florida Chautauqua, spoke feelingly of the great general who laid aside his position as United States Senator to carry his message of peace throughout the entire country. Many prominent officials from Tallahassee, and many leading Floridians also paid high tribute to his memory.