

WHEREAS, in the years gone by many Alabamians have found homes in other States, and some beyond the confines and boundaries of any of the United States, and

WHEREAS, they must ever have a longing to look again upon old scenes and old faces and renew in actual association the sweet memories of other days, I am moved to extend these wanderers an invitation to come home.

THEREFORE, they are invited and urgently requested to return to Alabama for the week beginning October the 15th, 1906, the days of which will be known as Home Coming Week.

These self exiles will find the fields they knew more fruitful now; the once pine groves given over to cotton, corn and other cereals; and vast tracts of the then uncultivated soil responding handsomely to the touch of the tiller. They will find that we are making the price of pig iron for the world, and that steel is produced in large quantities, both industries comparatively new. They will find hives of industry, in the great mineral belt, undreamed of a few years ago, while a marvellous prosperity from border to border lights up every community and almost every home.

Come home. You will find some oldfaces that will brighten at your presence. You will miss some other faces that have gone to a home beyond the power of this proclamation to reach. Tears for them!

You have changed your allegiance but not your affections. The sentiments of your younger years cannot be outgrown. Give them play and come back to the friends you left by the laving sea; along that middle ~~axish~~ stretch known as the black belt; come back to your friends of the hills. From side to side and end to end of the great State you will receive a welcome which shall be as full as are our abundant harvests, as gracious as is our sweet climate and as rich as are the warm impulses of our hearts.

Since it is necessary to fix upon some central point for the main celebration, it is ordered that Birmingham shall be such point. It is suggested, however, that the local authorities prepare a home coming festival in their respective counties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have heretunto set my name and caused the great seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed, at the Capitol at Montgomery, this the 20th day of August, A. D., 1906.

By the Governor

Edwin David  
Secretary of State

John S. Felts  
Governor

Homecoming  
Reconciliation

By Houston

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SECY OF STATE.



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