

Gen. F. Gibbs;

Plunkenton Dale -

Dear Sir: Yours, with letter to So. Em. Society enclosed, received. I have often wondered that Northerners were should be sought with such transparent hostility about "doctrinalism," "the right hand of fellowship" &c. When a Southern man talks in that way, the Northern man should keep his hand over his pocket-book. "The right-hand of fellowship" is like the grip a butcher has on a sheep's leg; it holds long enough to do the skinning.

If Northern or Western men should say such things to any sensible man <sup>he</sup> would know him to be a fraud; but we have so long worshipped the "Southern Gentleman," that we consider it an honor even to be insulted by him.

Yours A. W. (C)