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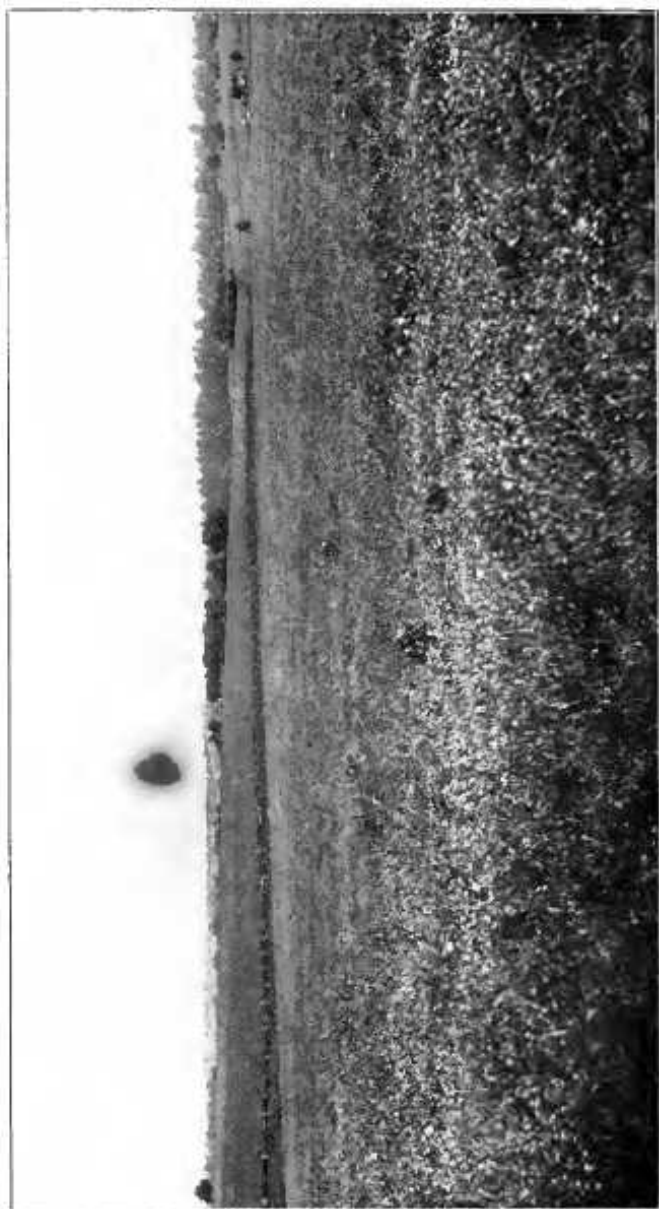
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TYPICAL VIEW OF CANE RIDGE.

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is appended the Autobiography  
of

B. W. STONE

And a Sketch  
of

DAVID PURVIANCE

By

WILLIAM ROGERS



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"Here is a region rare and radiant. Hunt all merry England for vales of peace; search all New England for valleys of plenty, and there will not come to your finding such reaches of beauteous landscape. Gently descending from the Cumberland plateau, which forms the western flank of the Kentucky mountain region, are numberless winsome hills and entrancing valleys. In the heart of all this wondrous garden is the 'bluegrass' country. On its breast, like a noble rose or a lustrous jewel, rests the royal county of Bourbon.

"Its soil, like that of the far valley of Guines, is exhaustless in opulence. The forests are mighty sentinels of peace. Its pasturage is the envy of a continent. Its streams are as ribbons of silver flashing from velvet of green. Its sinuous highways are poems in thoroughfares. Its fountains and streams, unkempt by man, leap murmuringly from a myriad rocks and roadside coverts. Its fine stone walls and rail fences are idyls to pastoral toil. All its seasons round are Arcadian. Here the spring is an ecstasy of bud and bloom and song. Summers are nature's psalms of God. The autumn is splendid in its housings of the fruited world. Its very winters are balm. Its mansions have that largeness and amplitude which gladden the heart. They possess that age which engenders and hallows honest home pride and love. The firesides are inglenooks of largeness and content. The women of these homes are American types,

most glorious in physical perfection and winsome in gracious courtliness. The men of these homes are noble of frame, strong of arm, brave of heart and lofty of soul. Who enters here leaves care behind. Who remains is rested and healed. Who comes and tarries and goes has mended his pace and carried back into his workaday world a better content and a safer calm."

## CANE RIDGE, THE BIRTHPLACE OF A FAITH

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The story of a birthplace of a faith had its conception and realization here at Cane Ridge. The mutations of time have emphasized their sad effects upon the fortunes of her congregations. Her worthy offspring on all sides of the parental roof have so absorbed her territory and restricted her membership that, bowing her hoary head in submission to the inevitable, she bestows a mother's blessing upon their increasing numbers in their chosen fields of Christian endeavor. Fashioned by pioneers on heroic lines, with proud resignation she calmly awaits her inevitable fate.