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SELECT POETRY.

The First Sorrow.

Suggested by a Statue, by Patrick McDowell, Esq., R. A. in the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations.

BY ALBION A. WATTS.

'Tis her first sorrow; but to her as deep As the great griet's mature heart that wrings...

The Declaration of Independence was read with great good taste, and with the most happy effect. This great original charter of our national rights was listened to with more than an ordinary degree of interest...

Judge Patton being on a visit to his friends in the neighborhood, was present by invitation, and being loudly called upon, responded to the toast. In these times, he remarked, when public station is sought with a glowing avidity, and when obtained, is too often prostituted to selfish and corrupt purposes...

with which it is threatened. He was justly severe on those northern fanatics and southern disorganizers, who professing the utmost antipathy to each other, were only marching by different roads to the same point. If (what God forbid,) they should ever effect what is the natural result, if not the special aim of these flagrant proceedings to wit: a depopulation of the Union—they could then rush into each other's arms. But it would be like the meeting of condemned and penitent felons at the gallows—to weep in union over the wrongs they had done—the innocent blood they had shed—the valuable lives they had sacrificed—and the whole train of horrors that follow in the wake of so unnatural and infernal warfare upon the dearest ties of country and of life.

DEATH OF GEN. UMINSKI. The celebrated Polish General Uminski died at Wiesbaden on the 10th June. He was one of the most prominent actors in the lost Polish Revolution, but for several years had lived in great retirement at Wiesbaden. He was born in the year 1780, in the Grand Duchy of Posen. As early as 1794, he commenced his military career, as a volunteer under Kosciusko. When the Poles were summoned to new efforts for freedom by Dombrowski, in 1806, Uminski was among the first to take up his arms. He formed a Polish Guard of Honor for Napoleon, fought at Dantzick, received a wound at Dirsebau, which he was taken prisoner and sentenced to death by a Prussian Court Martial. His sentence was not executed, however, as Napoleon threatened reprisals. In the war against Austria he commanded Dombrowski's advanced guard, was made Colonel, and formed the 10th Hussar-Regiment, which signaled itself at Mosaic, in 1812, and at where he was the first to enter Moscow. In the retreat, he saved the life of Poniatowski. At the battle of Leipzig, where he acted as Brigadier General, he was again wounded and taken prisoner. After the dissolution of the national army of Poland, he entered into the Polish-Russian service, but soon obtained his discharge, and lived in retirement in Posen, though without permitting his efforts for the freedom of Poland. In the year 1821 he helped to found a patriotic union, was arrested after the accession of Nicholas I., and in the year 1825 sentenced to six years' imprisonment in the fortress of Glogau. Escaping from this in 1831, he went to Warsaw, and took part as a common soldier in the battle of Wawre. The next day he was made General of Division. On the 25th of February he beat Diebitsch at Grodno, and distinguished himself in several other battles—Outlawed and hunted in effigy at Kosen, he found an asylum in France. The remainder of his subsequent life he passed in Wiesbaden. Uminski was also known as a writer on military affairs. Those who knew him in the latter years of his exile, are loud in their praises of his sweetness, benevolence, and dignity of his character. He will be long remembered for his devotion to the cause of Polish liberty, and the people, who in future times shall struggle for the same, will gain new encouragement from his glorious example.

NEW TOMBS FOR A HORSE. A Parisian fan proposes the following English event for history: At the recent races at Ascot the famous horse Tiberius broke his leg by bounding against one of the posts of the barrier, while preparing for the race. His owner, Lord Millbank, lost ten thousand pounds in bets upon him, besides his value, and others lost heavily—the law of the course being that all lost bets shall be paid, whether the failure to win come from accident or less speed. Three days afterwards, Lord Millbank gave a very sumptuous dinner. The most distinguished of the English Peerage were present, and the conviviality ran high. Toward the close, the noble host are in his place, and proposed to drink to the departed Tiberius. It was clamorously received, but the speaker remained standing, with his glass in his hand. "We drink to Tiberius," said Lord Millbank, when the shouts subsided, "the most beautiful and most admirable, and the most spirited courser whose hoofs ever trod British turf." "Shouts again rose to the roof. "You know," continued his lordship, "the achievement of this horse. His deeds belong to history. Fame has taken charge of his glory. But it belonged to me—and to you, my lords and gentlemen—to do honor to his mortal remains! I wished that this lofty courser should have a burial worthy of his deservings. He has it. My cook has fully prepared him, and you have feasted on him to-day. Yes, my lords and gentlemen! this meat which you have relished keenly—these dishes which you have so deliciously—it was Tiberius. My noble courser repays in your stomachs! May your digestions be light!" At these words, the enthusiasm concentrated for a moment—possibly with some vague thought of an immediate resurrection—but, with a sudden burst of burials, the idea took the turn of a sublimity, and another glowing bumper got to join the departed in his metempsychosis.

H. B. MASSER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SUNBURY, PA.

NEW STORE AT HOLLOWING RUN. At the Cross Roads, near J. D. Conradi's, Lower Augusta.

J. R. KAUFFMAN. RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just received and opened a new stock of goods, which he now offers for sale on the most reasonable terms.

DRY GOODS. Cloths, Cassimeres, Sattinets, Merinos, &c. Summer wear of all kinds—Muslins, Calicoes, Ginghams, Checks, &c.

Groceries of all kinds. Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Molasses, Spirits, &c. Also—Quince-wine and Cuckery ware, a full assortment.

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING. EVERYBODY should embrace this opportunity to buy CLOTHING for Men, Youth and Boys, at such prices as have never yet been known in this city.

DRESS AND FROCK COATS. Habit Cloth do, Linen Drilling do, Tweeds, &c., &c., together with a great variety of Boys' Clothing.

Furnishing Goods. Consisting of Shirts, Stocks, Handkerchiefs, &c., all of which are offered at the lowest possible cash prices.

Teas! Cheaper than Ever!!! 100 Half Chests Rose Flavor Tea, 15 Olong, 15 Ning Yung.

NATIONAL HOTEL, SHAMOKIN, Northumberland County, Pa.

JAMES H. MAGEE. HAS removed from his old stand, No. 118 Vine street, to No. 52 Dillwyn St. (bet'n Calhoun & Willow), where he has constantly on hand.

BROWN STOUT, PORTER, Ale and Cider.

Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company. DR. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company, in Northumberland county, and is at all times ready to effect Insurances against fire on real or personal property.

JUSTICES' FEE BILLS. For sale by H. B. MASSER.

The soft, pure wax of Childhood's ductile breast Will yield an impress to the gentlest touch; They err, who make its little griefs their jest; Slight ills are sorrows still, if felt as such.

'Twas but a bird; but when life's years How slight a thing may make our sum of bliss! Cold is the heart that needs be taught anew, Trifles oft form the joys that most we miss!

The bitter tears that would not be repressed, Are dried, like dew drops on the sun-soddened leaf; The deep, wild sobs that lately stirred her breast, At length have yielded to a tender grief.

There let it live, till Love and Hope decay; The type of sorrow, unalloyed to sin; To test this truth, through many an after day, —One touch of nature make the whole world kin!

4th of July Celebration.

GREAT CELEBRATION AT TREVORTON. There was a large and enthusiastic celebration at this flourishing place on the 4th. Thanks to the proprietors and inhabitants of the town, a celebration, got up in such a handsome style, and upon such a liberal scale, has been rarely, if ever, witnessed in this part of the country.

There could not have been less than from 3000 to 4000 persons present. The presence of the ladies, in large numbers, added a peculiar charm to the occasion. Many gentlemen from Sunbury, Danville, and other neighboring towns, and districts, came with their families, and joined in the festivities of the day. The Danville Brass Band were in attendance, and entertained the company by their fine music. That handsome and well drilled company of Volunteers, the Shamokin Guards, imparted, by their martial bearing, and fine display of military tactics, a high degree of patriotic enthusiasm. The firing of artillery, from a field piece, under the management of James Pean and his friends from Danville, was echoed back from the mountain sides.

In the evening there was a brilliant display of fire works, such as had never been seen in the county. What was most edifying to the heart of every true patriot and philanthropist, it was a meeting without distinction of party, and without liquor. In the vast crowd not a solitary man was seen in the slightest degree intoxicated. All was peace, and order, and harmony; and a happy union of patriotic hearts to celebrate the glorious day.

The meeting was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hull, and organized by the appointment of officers as follows: WM. H. MARSHALL, Esq., President. HUGH BELLAS, Esq., Vice Presidents. JOHN FOSTER, GEORGE COCHRAN, John A. Snyder, Secretary.

The Orator of the day, Robert C. Helfenstein, Esq., then delivered an address, which was listened to with the most profound attention. In matter and manner, it was something greatly beyond the common order of 4th of July orations; and evinced a degree of cultivation and talent, which at some future day, may place the author, now a modest, retiring young gentleman, amongst the most prominent men of the state. It was altogether a most happy effort, and was received with rounds of applause.

The company then partook of a sumptuous dinner which was served up in handsome rural style, by Mr. H. B. Weaver of the Trevorton House, under an avenue of shade trees. The tables were altogether 300 feet in length, a second and third table were spread, before all the company could be served.

After the cloth was removed, the Regular Toasts were then read by Charles Pleasant, Esq., as follows: 1. The day we celebrate, the anniversary of a nation's birth—a star of hope to the struggling and oppressed disciples of liberty throughout the world. 3 cheers. 2. The Union of the States, traitors may calculate its value, but will never find it out, till it is lost, or they are hung. May they ever find a lion in their path, like Andrew Jackson, to drive them back in their treasonable career, whether they come from the north or from the south. 9 cheers. 3. The President of the United States, respected by patriotic men of all parties for his substantial worth of character, and for his faithful adherence to the constitution and laws of the land. 6 cheers. 4. The Army of the United States, small in the number of its officers and men, but great in the number, success, and glory of its achievements. 3 cheers. 5. The Navy of the United States, in time of peace, on every ocean and on every sea, it proudly unfurls the flag of the Union, and gives protection to our commerce. In time of war, who so ready to fight for the honor of the flag, as the American Tar? 3 cheers. 6. The Governor of Pennsylvania, 3 cheers. 7. The memory of Washington, the God like man, who in all the attributes that constitute human greatness, and the most exalted patriotism, stands without a parallel in the history of the world.

DEANS STANDING AND IN SILENCE. 8. The Patriots and Heroes of the Revolution, we best honor their memory by following their example, by imitating their virtues—by cherishing, as a sacred legacy, the glorious institutions they have bequeathed to us. Oh! that their spirits might descend to rebuke the treason and the traitors of the day.

DEANS IN SILENCE. 9. The Keystone State—Her valleys are rich and beautiful as the vale of Tempe—Her mountains are bursting with mineral wealth. She is faithful to all her obligations. She loves the Union. Her population are contented and honest. Well may her children exclaim—This is our own, our native land! 9 cheers.

10. The Pennsylvania Volunteers—The history of the Mexican War proves that the honor of the State never can, although the enemy's sword, suffer considerably at their hands. 6 cheers.

11. William Penn—Upon the broad and solid foundation, laid with his own hands, a noble fabric has been reared, which stands forth a proud and lasting monument to his memory.

12. The Orator of the day—His effort on this occasion gives promise of a brilliant future. 6 cheers. 13. The ladies although they always come in for the 13th toast, they are ever prominent in our thoughts and first in our affections. 12 cheers.

By Alexander Jordan, Esq.—Palsied by the hand that would destroy a single link in the chain that binds together the States of our glorious Union.

By Hugh Bellas, Esq.—Father Matthew, the great apostle of temperance! The moral transformation, which he has effected in Ireland, as thorough as the physical transformation we behold around us.

By Wm. L. Helfenstein, Esq.—Our sister town Sunbury, with a location of rare beauty; upon one of the most lovely plateaus in the magnificent valley of the Susquehanna, commanding some of the best natural avenues to and from market in the State, with a hospitable and persevering population—her interests and her success are identified with ours. The completion of contemplated enterprises, new ready to be promptly pushed forward, will bring to her wealth and prosperity, and make her all, and more, than her venerated Founder, Wm. Penn, in his wisest expectations, designed her to be.

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