

CONFESION AND DEATH OF AN ARMY CHAPLAIN.

M. M. Pomeroy, the editor of the La Crosse (Wisconsin) Democrat, gives the following death-bed scene, which he was called to visit in a recent visit to Chicago:

The Rev. Henry Clannard, an ex-army chaplain, who left off expounding the Bible and recruiting for the Savior, and by indorsing the nigger and abolitionism, became an army chaplain in one of the Wisconsin regiments, passed from life to a home beyond a blessed immortality, the other day and thus shuffled off this mortal coil.

A physician had called on him two or three times a day for a month, doctoring him for an ague, brought on while stealing cotton in Arkansas, while with Gen. Curtis. On learning that the examiner and ex-chaplain would hardly live the night out, we called with the physician.

In a little wooden-looking room not over twelve feet square, in an obscure boarding house in Chicago, we found the invalid. The room was bare of furniture except a poor bed, a little dirty washstand, two wooden-bottom chairs, an old trunk, a pine table, on which was spread a newspaper on which lay an old Bible, a pair of old snuffers, some pill boxes and such stuff. The dying man was propped up in bed, while a faithful negro woman sat on the foot of the bed. As we entered, he rallied a little and asked the doctor who he had brought with him. On being told that it was "Brick" Pomeroy, he sank back, closed his eyes, then rallying a little, he said, "Perhaps it is as well. He might as well know it as any one."

And he proceeded to make his dying statement, which was in these words, as we took them down in our memorandum book as the physician requested:

"My name is Henry Clannard. I am forty-one years of age. I am a Methodist minister—at least I was once. I was once happy and contented, and loved Christ, my master, with all the zeal a Christian ever had. At last I grew cold in religion, selfish and envious of the good fortune of others. I wanted to make money and to have some fun.—I had no particular education, so I thought I would be a Republican politician. I began by preaching politics from the pulpit, and praying for the negro. It paid me in money, but I lost influence at the Throne of Grace. But I did not care for that if I could only have influence with the Republican party. I forgot Christ, and became interested in the negro. I had influence with a few members of the church, and talked politics to them. I was paid by office seekers to influence Christians. Sometimes I have made as high as fifteen dollars at an election for my influence with Christians.

"At last I found politics paid better than religion, and I worked for the chaplaincy of a regiment and got it.—Then I let religion go, and went to war. There I wrote letters home, denouncing Democrats as Copperheads. And I stole cotton, and silver-ware, and pictures, and books, and dresses for my wife and sisters, and horses and mules for my brothers, and a piano for the Governor who gave me my commission, and a gold watch for my Captain, and a lot of household furniture to send to my Colonel. And I robbed the soldier of jolly and such stuff, sent to them to use while in hospital, and I had my share of goods stolen from sanitary fairs, and made lots of money. Please give me a little piece of that pounded ice."

The physician gave it to him when, he continued: "But I was not happy. I drank whiskey with the boys when away from home, and indulged in some excesses not worth mentioning, and laid up quite a pile of money. And I was taken sick while out stealing cotton from a plantation where a widow lady lived. I had coaxed her niggers to run away, and they are all dead now. When the war was ended I came home to Wisconsin, but could not stay there. So I came to Chicago and grew sick. And I have got to die. I have called on Christ—I have prayed to God, but somehow I cannot get relief for my soul. The door of mercy seems shut against me. I forsook religion for politics, and now God has forsaken me. I pray to my Savior but he don't hear me. I talk to this faithful negro woman—she says 'yes, massa,' and that is all I can get out of her. I know I can't live long; I feel that I am dying. I feel certain that I am going to hell. Please give me a little piece more of the ice before I go.—I want these things written down as a warning to others who forget Christ for politics. I feel that the negro can't save—that Christ won't save me, I was unfaithful to my religion, and am forgotten. I was faithful to the negro; but, alas! the negro can't help me where I want help—he can't ease my guilty soul. I am going to hell, and I know it. I expect to meet many persons there who forget religion for politics. I do not expect to see you again, in this world or the next; but I want this confession printed. Please—give—me—a—small piece—of—ice!"

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