

Family Circle.

VIOLETS ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE.

A Tribune correspondent, in going over a portion of the field, after the battle of the Wilderness, saw a young soldier of the Union, lying among heaps of slain rebels, himself severely wounded, his feeble hands reaching out for clusters of violets, which were growing near.

Where the dead were lying thickest, Where the ground was sodden wet, Where the "grey" and "blue" were mingled, Hands tight locked in conflict yet,

Where they rallied to the onset, Where they charged with faces grim, Where the iron-throated cannon, Thunders out the battle-hymn,

When the dews of night had fallen, And the morning sun had shone, And the frightened birds returning Sang within the greenwood lone,

One lay there—amid the rebels, Wrapped in faded, tattered blue, Grimed with smoke, and stained with crimson, Torn by bullets, through and through,

Back to that brave heart come rushing, Tender thoughts of "home, sweet home," Keep the life a little longer Till some guardian angel come—

Help is near. What! one of ours? Here amid the awful dead, Look! his hand is full of flowers, Lift him gently! life's not fled—

Still the rolling thunder echoes, 'Neath the fair Virginia skies, Still the bugle wails its music, And the musket-shot repeats,

Still on bended knee we cower, Victory for the true and brave! M. E. M.

PRAYER.

Of what an easy quick access, My blessed Lord, art Thou! how suddenly May our requests thy ear invade!

LETTERS

From a Lady visiting Philadelphia, during the Winter of 1863, to her young friend in the Country.

I have been favoured lately with a pretty conclusive talk with Mr. B., and I think I promised in my last letter to resume the subject, commenced in a former letter.

On Friday night the Shamrock sailed for Liverpool with more than five hundred emigrants, chiefly from the County Mayo, and many also from the neighborhood of Grange and Clifony, in this county.

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