

A NATIONAL PRAYER.

1858.

O Thou, the God of Jacob, hear:
The God who dries the mourner's tear!
Great God, who hearest thy widow's prayer—
The orphan's cry!

Hear for Afric's sons at first,
For him their father's sin accurst,

Yet now redemc'd, since for the worst,

Did Jesus die!

Almighty God! to Thee on high,
With tears and groans these bondmen cry:

O God, let not these millions die
Unheard by Thee!

O Lord, their earnest cry attend,
Make their oppressor's triumph end,

For them a second Moses send,

Their Pharaoh's fee!

O God, we mourn the deep disgrace
That redemps the Yankee race!

For even they with shameless face

To tyrants' knell!

And serve to the Southern nod,

Rule o'er the oppressed with iron rod:

And bow to Slavery us to God!

With impious zeal!

How long, O God of Hosts! how long
Will thou permit this giant wrong?

How can we sing the rapturous song

Which Miriam sang?

While o'er our land no glory gleams—

The star of hope withholds his beams,

And weeping by Columbia's streams,

Our harps we hang!

Our ark of God! awake! awake!

Put on thy strength! this Nation shaketh!

Make every traitor's heart to quake!

Build every knee!

Burst, oh! burst thy captive bands!

Free, oh! free our land of Lands!

Wash, oh! wash till Zion stands

Of slavery free!

1862.

O God of battles, by whose arm . . .

The bondman's babes are kept from harm!

While Abram's blood flows free and warm

In Moab's altar pour'd!

Wilt not the offering yet suffice?

Wilt not the sacrifice

Sheed slavery—causal price!

By blood, and Fire, and Sword!

THE EVACUATION OF JAMES ISLAND.

A correspondent of the Baltimore American, writing from James Island, S. C., under date of June 30th, says:

"Ever since the battle of Stono the Federal forces have been steadily engaged in erecting batteries for heavy guns and in a few days they would be enabled to hold James Island against all the troops of the Southern Confederacy."

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"From the signal station in the top of a lofty tree near General Stevens' quarters, the soldier can gaze at the city of Charleston in the distance while Fort Sumter stands in bold relief. Steamers can be seen plowing around the harbor, laden with troops, and the enemy's camp with tents for thirty thousand men are plainly visible. With the blind eye negroes can be seen busily engaged in erecting entrenchments. The weather continues warm, though the nights are cool. The troops are in tolerable good health."

"AN AFFECTING SIGHT.—One day last week, as we passed the commandant's office, on Jefferson avenue we observed a wounded soldier lying upon the pavement. The poor fellow had placed his crutches under his head for a pillow, and evidently slept as soundly as he would have done in his father's house, notwithstanding the midday sun cast its hot and sultry breath upon him. Such is war, such the reward of courage and patriotism! There was no good Samaritan near to offer him shelter from the sun and cool his lips with a glass of water. Our noble fighting boys deserve better treatment at the hands of our citizens.—Detroit Daily Advertiser."

"IS THIS WAR?—A correspondent at Fortress Monroe says: "Colonel Brattin of South Carolina was brought down by the Vanderbilt recently, a wounded prisoner. During the trip down he saw a wounded South Carolinian and a Massachusetts boy suffering side by side, engaged in an animated conversation. 'My God!' exclaimed the rebel Colonel, bursting into tears as he witnessed the scene 'do you call this war?' But a few hours ago," continued he, "these two brave lads were engaged in mortal conflict together, and now are the best of friends!"

CAPITAL REPORT.—The Toledo Commercial gives the following good report:

"The other day as a number of rebels prisoners were being shipped for Sandusky, for the traitors' home on Johnson's Island, a little German made himself quite prominent with his noisy remarks about the Secesh. One of them, a brawny six-footer, turned savagely upon him and said: 'We eat Dutchmen down South.' 'You den you no eat Sigel?' was the instant retort. Secesh had no reply to give, but passed sadly on."

At a recent ecclesiastical trial in England, "The South Ceith case," one of the witnesses complained that Mr. Phip read his sermons; and on the question being put to him, "Do sermons that are not read edify you most?" confounded the court by replying: "I consider that if ministers cannot remember them themselves, neither can we;" which is the latest, if not the weightiest, argument against reading for preaching.

A negro preacher in Wimberley presented a good example of a loyal prayer, a few days ago. "Dear Lord bress de President ob de United States, and let die rebellion be squashed."

The President of the Dough-Face Convention—A Reminiscent and Profitable Example.

THE SOLDIER'S TRUE FRIEND! ALWAYS READY.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.

While we were casually looking on and listening to the proceedings of the Convention which assembled and adjourned in this city yesterday, a sight of the President of that body recalled the past and revived the incidents of the political struggles that are now regarded as having been the initial movements in the great rebellion which has been convulsing the country for more than a year. Francis W. Hughes has a history in connection with the politics of Pennsylvania, which no effort of his own should have left untried to smother or at least not to have revived; but as we find him true to his antecedents, and emulous now as heretofore to bring disgrace on his country, by contributing to the deception of his countrymen, we cannot refrain from bringing up the past and comparing it with the present condition of such a locomotive leaders.

It is well established that the arrangements and the plans of the leaders in the slave-holders' rebellion were in course of preparation and secret development for many years. The politicians of the south never made a movement, or supported a policy in any administration, for the past thirty years, unless they were convinced that, by doing so, they would be contributing to the success of their darling efforts of nullification of secession. Thus, when Henry Clay was nominated for the Presidency, and when the hearts of the American people were filled with admiration for his great service and brilliant talents, the Democratic party placed on their ticket James K. Polk, the inferior of Clay in talent, experience and patriotism as a statesman, and in no way to be compared to him as a friend and advocate of the measures designed to advance the true interests and develop the real wealth of the nation. Henry Clay was the friend of the laboring man and mechanic, not a friend by fulsome or idle adulation, but his advocate when capital or speculation sought the use of the energetic of the one or the genius of the other, at the sacrifice of the vital welfare of both.

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