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Poetical.

SONG OF THE FREEDMAN.

A freedman sat on a pile of bricks,
As the rain was pattering down;
His shoes were worn, and his coat was torn;
And his hat was without a crown.
He viewed the clouds, and he viewed himself,
And he shook the wet from his head,
And a tear dimmed his eye as he saw go by
A boy with a loaf of bread,
And he raised his voice in a doleful tone,
That sounded like a gong,
While the rain came down on his nappy crown,
And he sang to himself this song:

De wind blows cold, but I'se done wid toil,
And lef de cotton patch,
I guess old Massa tink he count
De chickens 'fore dey hatch.
I totes no more de heavy load,
Nor drives old Missus round;
I wonder who dey's gwine to get
To work de patch of ground.
Den fling away de rake and hoe,
Dis am de Jubilee;
De rain may come, de wind may blow,
But bress de Lord I'se free.

But I tink last night as I tried to sleep,
Upon de muddy ground,
While the rain was drippin' on my head,
And de wind was whizzin' round,
I'd like to hab my light 'ood fire,
And my cabin back again,
For de workin's getting berry cold
Out here in all dis rain.
But den I's done wid rake and hoe,
Dis am de jubilee;
De rain may come, de wind may blow,
But bress de Lord I'se free.

I'se got all ragged 'bout de knees,
My shoes is worn out, too;
My coat's so old dat from each sleeve
De elbow's coming free.
And dare's de children dat once played
In shirt tail 'bout the yard—
I cannot buy a shirt for dem,
De time's so berry hard.
But fling away de rake and hoe,
Dis am de jubilee;
De rain may come, de wind may blow,
But bress de Lord I'se free.

De odder day when Pinky died,
I tink it berry good,
But de dear Lord shoul I take her off
Before dis cold wind blowed;
But den I was hard to suit her die—
I wish she'd not been born—
I'se 'fraid she perished, for she asked
About the rice and corn.
But den I'se done with rake and hoe,
Dis am de jubilee;
De rain may come, de wind may blow,
But bress de Lord I'se free.

And Dinah sits dere on de ground,
And looks so thin and poor;
She cannot sing the song she sung
About the cabin door.
Her poor old limbs are almost bare,
Her cheek bones comin' free;
I almost wish de Lord would come
And take her up der too.
But den she's done wid rake and hoe,
Dis am de jubilee;
De rain may come, de wind may blow,
But bress de Lord she's free.

I drem't last night old massa come
And took us home wid he,
To de log cabin dat we lef
When first dey set us free;
And der I built the light 'ood fire,
And Dina cooked de yam—
Dey say dat dreams are sometimes true.
I wonder if dis one am.
But den I's flung away de hoe
To hab a jubilee;
De rain may come, de wind may blow,
But bress de Lord I's free.

Miscellaneous.

THE LITERATURE OF THE ANTI-LITTON YANKEE.

AN ADDRESS

Delivered Before the Keystone Club of Bedford, Pa.,

BY JAMES F. SHUNK, ESQ., OF YORK, PA.

I propose, to-night, to discuss, as fully as I can, within the limits of an hour, the *Literature of the Abolition Yankee*. The subject is almost a novel one. I have had no time and been in no mood during the past five years, to examine the structure of the Yankee's prose, to count the feet in his couplets, or to discuss the merits or the morality of either. He has given us reading of another and heavier kind, which could not be put off. He has entertained us with taxbills, which took away our money, and proclamations which stood in stead of our laws, has diverted our attention from the light and demoralizing literature of the stalls, to the perusal of health tracts, showing to our delighted minds the blessings of a national debt and the joys of an early death in the arms of Conscription To suppose a people with such pressing literature as this thrust into their hands, capable of reading anything else, is to give mankind credit for an amount of industry and a deal of composure which few of them possess. I venture to assert that there is no writing in the English language so thrilling, or which excites such lively personal interest in the reader, as the notice that he has been drafted and has ten days allowed him in which to prepare for glory or death. The hard prose of the Conscription Act, has shaken hearts with a mightier touch than the loftiest lines of Shakspeare or the tenderest melody of Burns, precisely in the proportion as it is sadder and more tragic for a human creature to read his own doom than to dream over the woes and tears of visionary men and women, or of generations that are in the dust. Nor is the tax collector a better friend to study than the provost-marshal. It is impossible to read poetry with satisfaction when you are engaged in estimating the comparative advantages of being shot or starved, conscription or sold out of a home. Odes, ballads, plays, histories, novels, are alike impotent to engage the attention of the citizen, who is listening to the breathing of a government spy at his keyhole, waiting for the rap of a provost-guard at his door, or watching from his window for the approach of the bayonets which are to stimulate his patriotism. Since, then, the awful scenes of the years just past, have afforded us no time to charm our minds with the fancies of the world's wisest men, it is not likely that we should have given many midnights to the scribblings of the meanest race that ever read books or wrote them. Hence it is that my subject is not a hackneyed one.

Before we go further it is well to understand that by the *Abolition Yankee* I refer, and refer solely, to that band of malignants who now dominate over New England, and, as has been most truly said, "rule us for their pleasure, and plunder us for their profit." There is a Democracy in the Eastern States which we must all respect and cling to, not merely because they are one with us in devotion to the constitution of our country, one with us in their contempt for the "higher law," one with us in the determination to preserve this government as a heritage for white men and their children, but because they bravely, steadfastly and year by year, cast votes utterly hopeless for present effect, in the calm belief that God will bring us better days, and that, in any event, it "is better to be right than to be popular." Every word that we can utter in denunciation of the cruel and corrupt abolitionists is a word of praise to the noble men who have stood up against him in his home, and who have fearlessly sought to wipe from their own States the stigma of his crimes, and to redeem the rest of the land from the curse of his rule. The names of such men as Pierce and Tenney and Seymour and the Curtises are thrice dear to us because they have proclaimed the truth and stood steadfast to it in the face of the most ferocious and lawless majority that ever held a land under its heel.

I have said that my subject is a novel one. It is, nevertheless, one of the most important that can engage your attention. It is impossible to overrate the power of books, of readings of all kind. A printed word is the most potent influence on earth. The speech of an orator, no matter how eloquent he may be, no matter how much his music may charm the ear of those who hear him, dies out of the mind. You are delighted with it; you repeat it; you chat about it with your friends. But time weakens the impression. The words begin to fail and to be forgotten; new sights and sounds crowd them out of recollection. But a printed book is another thing.—Huddled itself persistently, coarsely and fascinating, on the eye and to the mind, Children learn it; adults get it by heart; the sentences in it engrave themselves on your mind, and can, with a few changed words, be quoted beyond the power of pen and ink to tell. Which, if it begin to fade, can be deepened and renewed as often as you take up the forgotten page. It never dies. Everywhere in the land you will find books, written by incredible and even contemptible men, brought by chance and preserved by accident, which have influenced the minds of the millions who make up the people. To ignore such an influence, or to attempt to slight it, is as idle an undertaking as to seek to stay the flow of the tides or stop the sun in its rising. You must accept it; you must recognize it as a controlling power which you can do is to regulate it, and divert a flood which cannot be checked into channels from which you and your children may draw the water of life.

The abolition Yankees were the first people in the country to recognize this power. Deny them everything else—take away from them all the virtues to which they have no claim, honor, patriotism, common honesty—you must still concede to them the craft which selects the ablest means for a chosen end. They know the value of types and ink, the power of newspapers, the might of books, the witchery of words which speak to a people in their homes, by their hearthstones, and all the time.

It is hardly necessary to say anything to a Pennsylvania audience, especially if there are any middle-aged persons among it, of Yankee rule. The time is even within my recollection, when the venders of tinware, clocks and bitter-sweet boots, swooped, eagle-like, by summer, from the Ararat of the North through the peaceful fields and valleys of this imposed old State, on their annual pilgrimage of swindling. Thousands of homes, hitherto, from which no shrieks the doom he has yet dealt, have been wrecked on, or all left peeled by the so decorative pots and kettles which glittered so fair in the sun, and lost their bottoms with such provoking alacrity when they were set about the fire. Thousands of sickly souls, not old enough now to be at the mercy of a Conscription Act, have had their toes peep out and their feet go bare through those boots which the endless importunities of the wagon-man would not permit them to refuse. Clocks are still standing on the mantel piece of many a country homestead whose moneyless hands, although unable to tell the time, speak loud enough of the regret who brought them from the East. The peasantry of Pennsylvania partook of the knowledge of the Yankee clocky, with hard cash, and with a good deal of it. But they *love* the Yankee, and, if they remember it and apply it, may have drawn the hair from it.

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Hence, the Abolition Literature is not the out cropping of spontaneous genius, nor even the result of honest and patient labor. It is made to sell, to cheat, to deceive, not to improve or instruct. Its histories are artful and malicious inventions, designed to varnish the shames which have blacked and the whole history of the Party of Negro-Emancipation, and to defame the party of the constitution which held these States in firm and glorious Union as long as the reins of power were in their hands. Its theology has nothing of the spirit of Christ and the Apostles, or of the long line of worthies of all ages, of which each sect and sub-division of the Church can claim its share, whose patient, innocent, prayerful lives were given to seeking a clearer knowledge of God and bringing aliens and wanderers into closer communion with him. On the contrary, it is a kind of mixed, mad nonsense, made up of a series of incoherent interpretations of the Gospel, or strictures upon it, by insolent exhorters who rave their own bellowings higher than the thunders of Sinai. No two of them precisely agree in the portions of the Sacred Book which they scout and defy; in the exact texts which are to be cut out and rejected; but they are beautifully united in scorning and sneering at all of which does not accord with the eccentricity, the passions, or the aggrandizement of each.

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Hence, the Abolition Literature is not the out cropping of spontaneous genius, nor even the result of honest and patient labor. It is made to sell, to cheat, to deceive, not to improve or instruct. Its histories are artful and malicious inventions, designed to varnish the shames which have blacked and the whole history of the Party of Negro-Emancipation, and to defame the party of the constitution which held these States in firm and glorious Union as long as the reins of power were in their hands. Its theology has nothing of the spirit of Christ and the Apostles, or of the long line of worthies of all ages, of which each sect and sub-division of the Church can claim its share, whose patient, innocent, prayerful lives were given to seeking a clearer knowledge of God and bringing aliens and wanderers into closer communion with him. On the contrary, it is a kind of mixed, mad nonsense, made up of a series of incoherent interpretations of the Gospel, or strictures upon it, by insolent exhorters who rave their own bellowings higher than the thunders of Sinai. No two of them precisely agree in the portions of the Sacred Book which they scout and defy; in the exact texts which are to be cut out and rejected; but they are beautifully united in scorning and sneering at all of which does not accord with the eccentricity, the passions, or the aggrandizement of each.

The songs of this Abolition Literature are by no means suggestive of the trill of birds which sing because song is their

[illegible] that their blasphemy embalmed [illegible] the celebrated declaration of Henry C. Wright, published in "*The Liberator*": "If God Almighty has *decreed eternal* [illegible] slavery, *and damned all who oppose it*, HE IS A VILE, CURSED BEING!"

It were to [illegible] that the Abolition extravagance was the work of [illegible] We are [illegible] of [illegible] people. [illegible] Europe, [illegible] or pride would [illegible] their mouths [illegible] in [illegible] Him as a "scoundrel," [illegible] Sacred Supper as a [illegible] and His Word revealed will as [illegible]

Of the Literature of the Abolitionists up to the time when they grew to be a political force, little need be said. It consisted chiefly of [illegible] abusing everybody but themselves—sermons by divines who got their text out of the "higher law," [illegible] by melodies [illegible] old [illegible] Emanuel, beginning [illegible] and ending [illegible] Lucy Neal," [illegible] Boston, and ranting [illegible] "Come Out From Among Them."

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[illegible] We do [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible] to [illegible] each other, and [illegible] them is he [illegible] [illegible] fastest by [illegible] [illegible] Lay plundered and murdered [illegible] fellow who has [illegible] [illegible] who has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] common [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to belong. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]