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Rambles at the Home of Barbara Frietchie.

BY REV. A. J. WEDDELL. Norristown Register. Among the ballads of the war, none per haps, are more widely known than Whit-

tier's "Barbara Fritchic," It is a simple story, told in a plain way but its deep pathos, its glowing patriotism, and generous sentiments towards a fallen foe, have made it universally popular. Whittier has conferred poetic im-mortality upon the old town of Frederick, and made the home of Barbara Fritchie. whether reality, or a myth, a pilgrim's shrine of patriotism for future genera-

His description of the scene of his story is so graphic and true to nature, that strangers cannot fail to recognize it.

Feeling the need of rest and recreation,

I left Norristown, to spend a few days among friends and relatives in Maryland, and to revisit the scenes of my childhood and early life in Frederick and adjoining country. Passing a day in Gettysburg, I took the train for Frederick, and arrived, after a slow and tedious ride, as the sun of a sultry summer afternoon was sinking behind the low mountain range of the Ca-

Frederick, now a city, is located in the richest part of Maryland, sometimes called the "garden spot," and is one of the old colonial towns. During the French and Indian wars it was one of the outposts civilization, and in the time of the Revol tion, had barracks, still standing a fe years ago, in which were quartered man of the prisoners taken at Yorktown an other places. Situated upon the great national road from the East to the We and only 45 miles from Baltimore, it was a place of enterprise and business, bu failing to secure the Baltimore & Ohi railroad which passes some miles to th south, has not kept pace with its mor modern rivals in the march of progres It is now a quiet old fashioned town, wi considerable wealth, and a population of 10,000, nearly 2,000 of whom are colored In approaching the city of Frederick from the East or West a cluster of si

steeples seems to rise from the centre of the town as if all the churches had bee med in a single square. It is a beau on, and results from their rela grou. tiful illus. and the points of visio tive positions, seen. Whittier de from which they a... " lines of his ba scribes it in the first fou. lad. He says :

Up from the meadows rich with co... Clear in the cool September morn The clustered spires of Frederick stand Green walled by the hills of Maryland?

Round about them orchards sweep Apple and peach tree fruited deep, Fair as the garden of the Lord To the eyes of the famished rebel horde.

Within this green frame work of hills and mountains lies the rich valley of Frederick with its central city forming a beautiful picture, which once seen, cannot be soon forgotten.

Passing through Frederick I was forcibly reminded of the flight of time. The old familiar streets were there. Many of the houses remained as they were in the days of my boyhood. Some had been touched by the hand of improvement; others bore the marks of increasing age, and the mouldering touch of the fingers of time. But, the living world in which I had moved was changed. The old, one by one, had departed; and many of my young companions were sleeping in the evergreen cemeteries around the city. New and unfamiliar faces met me everywhere; and I felt the solitude of the stranger among the living throng, and amid scenes endeared to me by many a social joy of youth, and manhood's early

But leaving personal feelings and sentiments, I must return to my subject; "Barbara Frietchie and her home."

During my visit, glancing over a Fred-

erick paper, my eye rested upon the obitu-ary notice of an old friend. It read as fol-

"DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY--The many friends of Mrs. Mary A. Quantrill (formerly Miss Sands, who taught school in this place), will regret to learn of her death. She died at her residence in Washington City, D. C., in the 56th year of her age. She was a lady of fine mind and many accomplishments, and was beloved for her gentle disposition and kindness of heart by all who knew During the war she resided in this city and was a most ardent and patriotic supporter of the Union cause. As the confederate army passed her residence, on its way to Antietam, she waved the stars and stripes, and it is believed by many that this fact gave rise to the Barbara Fritchie myth and Whittier's celebrated

poem of the war." After reading a statement like this many may be ready to exclaim: "Then after all Barbara Frietchie is only a myth, and Whittier's noble and popular ballad a patriotic fiction." We answer, no. The object of the poet was to present a great deed and he has simply used common poetic license in filling up his picture with inci-dents and characters best adapted to his art and purpose. Most probably he received the main fact in an indefinite or distorted form, and wrought it up so as to produce the highest poetic effect. But Barbara Frietchie is no myth. She was a real character-a living old woman well known in the part of the city in which she lived. She entertained strong Union seutiments, and felt a deep interest in the war. A gentleman with whom I am intimately acquainted, and who lived near her, told that she frequently came to his store to learn the news and talk about the prospects of the Union. When he was discouraged, she would say: "Never mind

Harry, we'll whip 'em yet."

The house in which she lived I knew from boyhood as her residence. It was a Anall one-story brick building, with two dormer windows, standing upon the borders of Carroll creek (on Baltimore street, at the eastern entrance of Bentztown bridge). On widening the channel of the stream, the house was removed some years ago. This much is true. But we have never seen or heard of any one who saw her wave the fiag, or saw the " window pane and sash" that must have been "shivered" had a volley been fired at the obnoxious flag. As far as I can learn, Jackson and his men did not pass her house at all. But, had he done so, under the circumstances, he would have been the last man to order his soldiers to fire upon a flag floating from a private dwelling. The object of Lee's invasion in Maryland was to release her from what was considered the "bondage of the Union," to conciliate her citizens and win her to the support of the Confederacy, and hence his soldiers were strictly forbidden to do anything that would cause

The real foundation of the story of the flag, was the heroic act of Mrs. Quantrill, to which the writer of the obituary notice alludes. At the time, she resided about a hundred yards west of Barbara Frietchie, and on the same side of the street. A gen tleman residing on the opposite side wita short time after the war. He stated that while he was watching the confederate troops passing by, he noticed something of a commotion among them, and looking up, he saw a Union flag waving from Mrs. Quantrill's window. Just at this time, an officer supposed to be Longstreet rode up, and requested the lady to withdraw the flag as a cause of useless irritation. She refused in language of bold defiance. After a short parly the officer rode on, leav ing the flag waving in the face of the pass. ing troops. As the gentleman from whom

I received the statement is a man of high standing and veracity, and was well acquainted with Barbara Frietchie and Mrs. Quantrell, there can be no reason to doubt his version of the affair.

But, whoever was the heroine of that daring patriotic act, the honor with posterity will rest upon the hoary head of Barbara Frietchie; and generations to come will still read the legend as Whittier wrote

On that pleasant morn of the early fall When Lee marched over the mountain wall, Over the mountains winding down

Forty flags with their silver stars Forty flags with their crimson bars. Flapped in the morning wind; the sun

Up rose old Rarbara Frietchie then, Bowed with her fourscore -years and ten ; Bravest of all in Frederick town, She took up the flag the men hauled down

In her attic window the staff she set To show that one heart was loyal yet. Barbara Frietchie has long since gone to her grave. We cannot but honor the pa-

triotic devotion of the wierd, stern old woman of ninety to her country's flag. But, had the poet known, or taken for his subject the real heroine of his story, the sprightly accomplished matron of forty. surrounded by her children, he would have made a more attractive picture, and given us a beautiful living impersonation of the Goddess of Liberty seated amid the storm clouds of war, and waving the starry symbol of union and freedom, order and

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REMOVAL.

N. LEWIN, M. D., has removed his office from 247 West King street to No. 11 South Prince street. Office hours from 7 to 9 a. m., and from 1 to 3 and 6 to 9 p. m. april 3md TO THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE City of Lancaster, Pa.

GENTLEMEN: In pursuance of the seventh section of the act of April 9, 1869, you are hereby notified to meet in convention in the Common Council Chamber, in the City of Lancaster, on the first Tuesday in May, A. D., 1881, being the third day of the month, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, and select, size roce, by a majority of the whole number of Directors present, one person of literary and scientific acquirements and of skill and experience in the art of teaching, as City Superintendent, for the three succeeding years, and certify the result to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, as required by the eighth section of said Act.

JOHN B. WARFEL, President.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 25, 1881.

The Mayor's Office antil MONDAY, MAY 2, 1881, at 8 p. m., for digging out and filling in 500 feet, more or less, of water trench of New street, between North Queen and Prince streets; also 100 feet, more or less, on North Concord alley, from West Lemon northward; also 200 feet, more or less, on Charlotte street, north of Walnut street; also 400 feet, more or less, on West Marion, west of Nevin street; also 200 feet, more or less, on West Marion, west of Nevin street; also 1,600 feet on Love Lane and Union street; also 275 feet on Poplar east of Love Lane; also 275 feet on Poplar east of Love west of Fibert alley; also 150 feet on Manor street west of Love Lane. Bids to state how much for earth and how much for rock per cubic yard. Separate bids must be made out for each street or alley. A bond of \$200 will be required from bidders for the faithful performance of work that may be allotted. Work to be done under the direction and subject the measurement of the Superintendent of the Water Works and at the timeter DEOPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT

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PROPOSALS will be received at the same PROPOSALS will be received at the same time and place for whitewashing the teneing around the reservoir grounds inside and outside. Parties doing the work must find their own lime and brushes; do the work under the directions of the Superintendent of the Water Works, and at the time he may direct.

PROPOSALS will be received at the same time and place for sodding the north bank of the east reservoir and such other places at the reservoirs as may be required. Bidders must state how much per square yard and the work must be done at the time and manner the Superintendent of the Water Works may direct.

PROPOSALS will be received at the same time and place for hauling water pipes, &c., for the water department of the city of Lancaster, for the year ending April 1, 1882. Bids must be by the gross ton, and delivered when directed by the Superintendent of the Water Works.

JNO. T. MacGONIGLE, apr28-216Th&S

apr28-2tdTh&S DRUCLAMATION.

Whereas, the alarming prevalence of incendiary fires in our midst, and the boldness of the perpetrators, make it the duty of all good citizens, especially the holders and owners of property, to be vigilant and to assist by their individual efforts to bring these outlaws to justice. Citizens will do well to watch the goings and comings of suspected persons in their immediate respective neighborhoods, and give early and authorite information to the police authorities of the city, of any circumstances in the habits or conduct of such suspected individuals likely to faster upon cumstances in the labits or conduct of such suspected individuals likely to fasten upon them the perpetration of so beinous a crime. Police officers having miles upon miles to patrol in their respective wards, must necessarily abord very inadequate protection against the cunning of the incendary, unless their efforts are supplemented by those of our citizens. I therefore call upon all interested in preserving order, in the preservation of tranquillity, to contribute to these ends by unusual viribage over the immediate vicinity of

\$500 REWARD.

ars for the arrest and conviction of any party or parties who have set fire to any of the build-ings burnt by incondiary fire within the last year, and the same reward will be paid for the French Shuda Cloth, French Serge, Crepe
Armure, Momie Cloth, Albatross Cloth, Men's
Vesting. Illuminated and Plain Bege. Lace JNO. T. MACGONIGLE, apri5-tid

GROCERIES.

By virtue of the authority given me by the resolution of Councils of February 4, 1874, I hereby offer a reward of Five Hundred Dol-

THE PLACE TO BUY PURE WINES AND Liquors: also Druggist's 95 per cent, Alcohol is at A. Z. BINGWALT'S Cheap Grocery and Liquor Store, No. 205 West King Street, vd Lancaster, Pa.

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old plated ware; everything that is rare, curious and fine. For cash. Call or address

Antique furniture, rare old china,

fine cut glass, old sterling silverware,

candle-branches, silver shoe-buckles,

JOHN WANAMAKER,

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GIFT DEAWINGS.

MOMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTION CO.

PHILADELPHIA.

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32d Popular Monthly Drawing COMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTION CO. At Macauley's Theatre, in the City of Louis-ville, on

TUESDAY, MAY 31st, 1831. These drawings occur monthly (Sundays excepted) under provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, incorporating the Newport Printing and Newspaper Company, approved April 9, 1878.

AT This is a special act, and has never been remained.

repealed.
The United States Circuit Court on March 31, rendered the following decisions:
1st—That the Commonwealth Distribution Company is legal.
2d—Its drawings are fair.
N. B.—The Company has now on hand a large reserve fund. Read the list of prizes for the

MAY DRAWING.

200 prizes 50 each. 10,000 600 prizes 20 each. 12,000 1000 prizes 16 each. 12,000 9 prizes 200 each, approximation prizes 2,700 9 prizes 200 each, "1,800 9 prizes 100 each, "200

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1,960 prizes.

Whole tickets, \$2; half tickets, \$1: 27 tickets

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So; 55 tickets, \$100.

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