

THE REPORTER FOR 1870.

As the subscriptions of several thousands of our subscribers expire within a few weeks, we call attention to the fact that they may be renewed. Hereafter all papers will be discontinued at the expiration of the time paid for. This arrangement is believed to be best for all concerned. The price—two dollars per annum—is a small item to the individual subscribers, and can be paid as easily one time as another.

The Reporter in point of appearance challenges comparison with any journal in the State. It will continue to advocate the doctrines which it has always upheld. Its past history is a sufficient indication of what its future course will be. Having thus far assisted in overthrowing wrong, oppression, and wickedness in every form; standing by the Government in the dark days of rebellion; it shall still be found earnestly laboring to secure the fruits of the glorious victory, by which this country was restored to peace and quiet. It will be our aim to make the Reporter an instructive and entertaining family newspaper, faithfully recording the current news of the day, both general and local, and especially devoted to the interests of this community. Its influence will always be exerted in favor of right; justice, reform and economy. It will not fail to criticize when criticism is deserved; to condemn what is wrong or unjust; to boldly declare the truth, whatever may be the result, untrammelled by the views of any individual or combination.

We propose to give a still wider dissemination of what we believe to be correct principles and doctrines, by an increased circulation of the Reporter, and to this end we desire the assistance and co-operation of the friends of the cause throughout the county, who by a little effort can add very materially to its present subscription list. As an inducement to subscribers, we propose to furnish the paper thirteen months for two dollars. Any person sending us that amount will receive the Reporter that amount for the year and all of next—thus obtaining the paper one month for nothing.

Clubs.—We will furnish the Reporter in clubs of ten or more at \$1.50 per annum, and an extra copy to the getter up of the club. Clubs are now forming at nearly every Post Office in the County. It will be but a little trouble for every subscriber to procure one new name for a club. There are now eight thousand Republican voters in the county, not more than one half of whom are taking the Reporter. By a little effort on the part of our friends it can be placed in nearly every household in Bradford county.

THE RICHMOND TRAGEDY.

The latest New York sensation is the shooting of A. D. RICHMOND, a prominent journalist, connected with the Tribune, by Mr. McFARLAND, an account of which appeared in the Reporter last week. The details of this shocking tragedy are already before the public. The particulars may be summed up as follows:—Mrs. McFarland was a gay, silly woman, who lived for some years happily enough with her husband, until his gratifying desire for display, dissipation on his part followed, estrangement took place, and she was perhaps a wronged and neglected wife. At this juncture, Richmond appears upon the scene, sympathizing with Mrs. McFarland, and assuming the part of "guide, counsellor and friend." How intimate were his relations, or how much he may have had to do in influencing her to leave her lawfully wedded husband, it is not necessary to enquire. He assumed the place of a protector, and stood between her and the man she had vowed to "love honor and obey." Frenzied with jealousy and maddened by drink the injured husband attempted to revenge his wrongs, but failed to indict serious injury upon Richmond. Two years elapse, and the wife procures a divorce in Indiana, which coming to the knowledge of the husband, he waylays Richmond in the Tribune office, and shoots him, inflicting a wound which has since proved fatal.

This, we believe, is a plain unvarnished account of this lamentable tragedy, stripped of all exaggeration, and divested of all romance. It presents no unusual features, but is rather the repetition of the "old, old story"—the vengeance of an outraged and unadvised husband—and it would probably have been permitted to pass with the usual notice, but for the connection of the victim with the New York Tribune and the extraordinary occurrences at the death-bed of the deceased.

Over the memory of the departed, we should drop the mantle of charity. Death is the judgment of human fallibility, as before the awful Presence appear those who must give an account for the deeds done in the

body. We would not argue the dead, in this case, but it appears to us, that the extraordinary course taken by the Tribune, and by some of the sympathizers with Richmond, is so contrary to Divine law, and so repugnant to public morality, that the press should exclaim against it, and utter its protests against the promulgation of sentiments calculated to undermine the domestic relations and to weaken and deprecate the purity and force of the marriage contract.

The killing of Richmond is undoubtedly a crime—in the eyes of the law. To allow men to take the avenging of wrongs into their own hands would be to give license to unbridled passions and free scope to malignant passions. Deeply wronged though McFarland may have been, he has incurred the penalties of the law, and we trust there is firmness and fairness enough still left in Gotham, to see that justice has its full course. In the hands of the law we will leave him, not without sympathy for the poor wretch, who has had his life thus wrecked by "loving a woman unworthy of his regard."

Beside the death-bed of the dying man, and around his lifeless remains gathered his friends, for he had many friends, amongst whom were prominent journalists and divines of more than national reputation. In his last moments they saw the holy office of matrimony performed, uniting him to a woman, whose alleged divorce has a questionable legality and an unquestionable want of morality. The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher performs the ceremony with the grace that so pre-eminently distinguishes him, embellishing the occasion with some of his most happy and graceful phrases. The divorced husband is the occupant of a prison cell, and when he hears that his wife has been married to the author of his domestic infelicity, he bows his head and says, "Is not this hard?"

The Tribune should attempt to create a public sentiment in favor of Richmond; and against the man who shot him, is not very strange. That paper has a wonderful facility for scenting corruption at a distance, whilst it is profoundly insensible to the bad smells in its immediate vicinity. But that Henry Ward Beecher should throw the mantle of his holy office over the misdeeds of an offender against Divine and human laws, that he should become the apologist for one who has separated man and wife; that he should endeavor to excuse and gloss over the most heinous crime known to God or man, is astonishing. Shall we call it the meekness of charity, or benevolence, and good will? The great ability of the divine, his high character for piety and virtue, only make the office of the deceased more glaring, and his own inconsistency the more flagrant. The teachings that would make Richmond a martyr and a saint, would undermine the very foundations of society, would abrogate the marriage tie, would invade all the sanctities of domestic life, and prove the fruitful source of unfaithfulness and infidelity. Not such the teachings of the Divine Master, whose eyes were too pure to look upon iniquity. For the sake of religion and morality, we trust never again to witness such an apostasy, in which shall figure a Christian divine.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives. In coming before you for the first time as Chief Magistrate of this great nation, it is with gratitude to the Giver of all Good for the many benefits we enjoy.

We are without entangling alliances abroad to forbid trouble; with a territory untrampled in fertility; with an area equal to the abundant support of five hundred millions of people, and abounding in every variety of useful minerals in quantities sufficient to supply the world for generations; with exuberant crops; with a variety of climate, adapted to the production of every species of earth's riches, and suited to the habits, tastes and requirements of every living thing; with a population of 40,000,000 of free people, all speaking one language; with facilities for every mortal to acquire an education; with abundant means for the advancement to fame, or any blessing of fortune that may be coveted; with freedom of the pulpit, the press and state; and with a revenue flowing into the national treasury beyond the requirements of the Government.

Happily harmony is being rapidly restored within our own borders.—Manufactures, hitherto unknown in our country, are springing up in all directions, producing a degree of national independence unequalled by that of any other power. These blessings and countless others are entrusted to your care and mine for safe keeping for the brief period of our tenure of office. In a short time we must each of us return to the ranks of the people, who have conferred upon us our honors, and are content to them for our stewardship. I earnestly desire that either you or I will be condemned by a free and enlightened constituency, not by our own consciences. Emerging from a rebellion of gigantic magnitude, aided as it was by the sympathy and assistance of nations with which we are at peace, eleven States of the Union were four years ago left without legal State governments. A national debt had been contracted.—American commerce was almost driven from the seas. The industry of the country had been taken from the control of the capitalists and placed, where all labor rightfully belongs, in the keeping of the laborer. The work of restoring State governments loyal to the Union,

protecting and securing free labor, and providing means for paying the interest on the public debt, has received ample attention from Congress. I recognized the requirements of the situation, and I have endeavored to meet them. I have endeavored to meet them, and I have endeavored to meet them.

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