

The Land of Dreams.

BY WILLIAM C. REYANT.

A mighty realm is the Land of Dreams,

With sleepers living in the bright sky,

And stars o'er ocean and land.

There may be joyous, brotherly scenes more;

And there may be scenes of sorrows more;

And flowers in the forest, deeper here;

The souls of the happy dead remain,

And walk in the light of day.

With the soul of the living, hand in hand,

Our hearts are open to the spirit of hope,

From eyes that open, earth no more—

Our warning word from a voiceless land,

Have come to us in dreams, and over-

Far from those hills that shut with day,

With shadows stretching far and wide,

The land of dreams goes stretching away—

Widener mountains and darker valleys.

There walks the spirit of joyful feet,

And low voices sing soft songs at night,

And the birds sing in the forest trees.

Dear maid, in thy path's opening flowers,

Dear mother, in thy garden's shade,

The scene on which we sleep, is the show!

That's where the early hours of May!

These eyes are closed, these lips are still,

These hands are clasped, these brows are dimmed;

And I know by the moving lips, that now

They are silent, and the world is still.

Light-headed maid, oh, heed thy feet!

Check where thou goest, lest thou fall,

And the world is still, and the world is still.

The blessed ones from childhood waste,

Sleeping, in their beds, in their glades,

With love and peace to this world of strife;

And the light rays that border streams,

Shine on the world, and the world is still.

—Sympathy's celestial tear.



BY AUTHORITY.

Acts and Resolutions passed at the First Session of the Thirtieth Congress.

(No. 1.)

AN ACT making an appropriation, in part, for the expenses of our soldiers in the field, and volunteers during the year ending the 31st of August, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the payment of the expenses of our soldiers in the field, and volunteers, the sum of one million dollars, and the same is hereby appropriated for the subsistence of all kind of the arms and volunteers, for the year ending the 31st of August, 1854, and for the payment of any money due to the paymasters, and forty-eight to the paymaster general, in the treasury of the United States.

ROBERT WINTHROP.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved January 1, 1854.

JAMES K. POLK.

(No. 2.)

AN ACT authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a pension to the former Surgeon General of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a pension be granted to the former Surgeon General of the United States of America, Dr. John R. S. Giltinan, for his services in the Civil War, and the same is hereby made a part of the law.

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