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SELECT POETRY.

PAST MEMORIES BY JOHN G. WHITTIER How thrills once more the lengthening chain Of memory at the thought of thee!

Years have passed on, and left their trace Of graver care and deeper thought...

And wider yet, in thought and deed, Our still diverging paths incline...

Yet hath thy spirit left on me An impress Time has worn not out...

A Select Tale. From Glenn's Pictorial. THE GREEN CHAMBER.

By FRANCIS A. DERIVAGE. In my younger days, 'ghost stories' were the most popular narratives extant...

Fortunately for the rising generation, these tales have gone out of fashion...

One evening, many years since, it was a blustering December evening, the wind howling as it dashed the old burton windows...

Major Stanley laughed, as he took his pistol from the holster-pipes. 'With these friends of mine,' he said, 'I fear neither ghost nor demon.'

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So he jogged along; but mile after mile was passed, and no twinkling light in the distance gave notice of the appearance of the wished-for inn.

'Seven miles!' exclaimed the major, in a tone of deep disappointment, 'and my horse is already blown! My good fellow, can't you put my horse somewhere, and give me a bed? I will pay you liberally for your trouble.'

'I'll tell ye, zur,' said the rustic, scratching his head violently, as if to extract his ideas by the roots.

'I am a blighted traveller, zur,' said the major, touching his hat, 'and come to claim your well-known hospitality. Can you give me a bed for the night? I am afraid my four-footed companion is hardly able to carry me to the next inn.'

'I cannot promise you a bed, zur,' said the host, 'for I have but one spare bed in the house.'

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I might be able to convince you and her of the reality of what I had witnessed.' The major's business was not pressing, and he readily yielded to the colonel's urgent request to pass a few days with him.

LETTER FROM DANIEL L. MILLER, JR. TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD, ON HIS RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENCY.

In resigning the office of President of the Company, which I have done, I desire to return my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the very many active and energetic friends of the Company in each of the several counties through which the road will pass...

I was subsequently induced by the earnest solicitations of the friends of the work to continue in office under an arrangement as to compensation—unanimously recommended by a committee, and unanimously adopted by the Board—at a time when the treasury was penurious, and the company without a single share of new subscriptions.

On the other hand, in case of failure, I was to receive no compensation whatever for service; incur the hazard of whatever disadvantage might result in diminished profits in my business; and risk the loss of whatever amount of money I might expend necessarily in the effort to revive the company.

With a deeply settled conviction that principle and policy always dictate the same course, and in view of the mode of compensation adopted, which, however familiar to every business man, was some what novel in its application to a corporation I have been doubly careful in statements and conduct—and no man will charge me with having resorted to misrepresentation or any dishonorable means, and give me, while he makes the charge, an equal chance to repel it, with truth—an matter how desirable or important the object sought.

I have been true to your interests—true to those of my native city—large private gains would have been my reward had I been false to either to promote the ends of speculation, and advance the interests of rival enterprise and rival cities.

The words which I uttered in accepting the post have proved prophetic—the time of their fulfilment has come, and I now relinquish my position, in the hope that by so doing, your success, which I regard as certain, may be hastened.

It is a satisfaction to know that the Company has saved more than the largest amount I could under any circumstances have received; besides which the ordinary expenses have been upon a scale of unprecedented economy, and the affairs of the Company are in a position to invite the most rigid and searching investigation.

The invaluable legislation of the last session—the munificent subscription of the city of Erie—the exceedingly liberal one of that county, and of every other county between the Lake and the Susquehanna—and of several of the boroughs on the route—have all been obtained without the expenditure of a single dollar of your funds, or my own private means, in any improper manner.

The value of the legislation will hereafter be appreciated; to the Company it cannot be estimated in dollars and cents—to the city of Philadelphia, if embraced before it is too late, the value is greater than all the subscription she has been or probably ever will be asked to make your road.

It is the only project which ever came to Philadelphia, with an offer from the country to share the cost; while it offers greater benefits than any other, it has by some been more coldly received. Why? It is not for me say.

Your terms in at the best harbor on the Lake to whose trade New York is chiefly, if not exclusively, indebted for her superiority over Philadelphia in population, wealth and the extent of her shipping—for the superior natural position of Philadelphia kept her in advance of New York in all these respects till the latter opened an artificial communication with Lake Erie—to reach which she has now profitably constructed three avenues—the Canal at a first cost of seven millions, expended sixteen millions in its enlargement, and is now completing that enlargement at a further cost of nine millions, payable from year to year out of the surplus profits resulting from its business.

What intelligent man doubts that the merchants and property holders of Philadelphia are richer this day by the whole amount of corporate and individual subscriptions made to the Pennsylvania Railroad, than they would have been had that improvement not been made.

And yet, without any disparagement to that great work, it must be admitted that it has been chiefly a means of saving a trade and its natural increase which we already possessed.

Twelve months since, you were without a dollar in the treasury, or a single share of new available subscriptions. Now you have to commence with an amount of subscription, (all of which, under judicious management, may be made available,) larger in proportion to the estimated cost of the work than either the Reading or New York and Erie Rail road companies relatively, have subscribed to stock this day, as compared with the cost of those improvements—both of which are completed and in successful operation.

which, on favorable terms, the company can carry forward. There is nothing now to prevent your having one half of the whole length of your road completed ready for the superstructure, within about eighteen months.

DEATH OF AN UNKNOWN FEMALE. On Sunday last, a girl aged 19 years, died at a house in Endicot street, of apoplexy.—The only name by which she was known to the residents of the house was 'Mary,' her birth-place and the names of her parents and friends, if she had any living, being wholly unknown.

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