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Select Poetrn.

Pray For Our Country.

BY CLEMENTING, Pray for our country, pray, That her trials may soon be past That the down of a brighter day May rise to our night at last.

May pass like a cloud gway : Child with the stainless brow.

Souls that are precious may die Innocent blood by sipit --Leave it to Him on high; Whose is the cause, the guilt Turn from the giddy whiri,

Gentle and becaused girl,

And pray for our country, pray Then from whose home and heart Steal from the crowd spart.

Kneet by the bearth alone God will avenge each life Mourning mother and wife. Pray for our country, pray.

Pray for our country, pray, Though in thy manhood's prime Sire with the looks so gray, That the evils that threaten now

May pass like a cloud away-And pray for our country, pray

A Trip to Virginia.

We have just returned from a three week's tour to Richmond, Lynchburg and other points in the State of Virginia .-Thinking that a synopsis of what we saw and heard along the route of our trip might not be without interest to our readers, we publish the following notes from our memoraudum book :

Left Easton on the morning of the 24th of Januard reached Baltimore the same evening Took the new line of Steamers down the Bay and reached Fortress Monroe next morning at 8 o'clock. We had on board the boat a number of federal and several handred rebel soldiers, the latter on their way home, having just been discharged from various Union prisons .-Hon. John M. Botts a well-known Virginia gentleman formed one of the com-

Mr. But it said to a pire to a seat in the United States State from the old Dominion, as noon as a new legislature is circled. He was formerly a whig in politics and has but I believe if there was a nigger in the

frage on the South and if they over succeed ment day, sir."

After much more conversation of a sim- of meat, and thinking it would improve de this terrible war. This officer went on to the government that sends them such de ilar nature the party separated to take a greens, I borrowed his meat and left it in look at Fortress Monroe, which we were do pot long escuph to flavor de greens."— mined to have our independence or nothed at each farm house as a guard. The

merly very fine, but four years of war has made sad ravages and where once stood magnificent mansions, the homes of wealthy, refined and hospitable Virginians, are now to be seen nothing but blackened walls and chimneys. There are many repirts of interest along the Larves vives. points of interest along the James river, succeed in raising a respectable breakfast make an honest living and to manage the morning, told her that they were "free" which increase as we approach Richmond once in three days was considered a very legro in our own way."

In speaking of the Unoin army he said She requested them, if that was the case, Pickett, whose division fought so bravely at Gettysburg. His house is in ruins .-Here are the remains of the old Jamestown Church-one of the first in the country. I am ashamed to say it was burned very beautiful. The houses are large and forces as they passed through Richmond posses to escort the obstructures darkies to by some of our soldiers. It is interesting expensive, with very large lawns around and it was wonderful to see the endless jail, where it required about one hour to to look at the stronghold, Fort Drewry, them, filled with elegant shrubbery. I procession of well-dressed and well-armed restore to them the little sense they ever now dismantled and grass-grown and the went through Libby Prison and Castle men, the substantial wagons, the thou had. Some of the negro men think "free long line of rebel fortifications, which ex- the latter is a dreary looking tend for thirty miles over hill and dale .— place, but Libby is not half so bad as has ness, &c He seemed to be greatly im- are not as well off as they were before . wander Richmond could not be taken lighted and well ventilated building, forfrom this direction. Here is General merly used as a tobacco factory.

Butler's observatory, which, from the The people of Richmond look sad and Gen. Lee, never had but two wagons for ported by their former masters, who can-Butler's observatory, which, from the Bermuda side of the James, rears its skel
Bermuda side of the James side of the James side of the James side of th Point. Such of the residences as were have no love for the North. I fear the bim from the winds. If Gen Lee had a very. Government says to the slaves, pany. Mr. Botts was one of the few jub- spreading herself in all the cheap finery succeeded. The utter exhaustion of the bellion, having maintained his position as Here is the swinging buck enjoying his the condition of her railroads. The track a Union manthrough all the fearful scenes of freedom' in white pants and kid gloves, of this road is worn out. The few pas renumeration. They made great sacriff of the last four years. He is good look. The scene looks like a negro fantastic passenger cars still here are ragged and directs. Many families robbed themselves mg, genial as a companion and frank and rade or a walking comic almanac. Im- ty, without glass in the windows or cushcandid to the expression of his opinious. mediately opposite the hotel at which I jons on the seats The rolling stoch looks no great love for the abolition party. (1) stroll through the charming Capitol Lynchburg is tiresome The worn out city. People who before the war were kees. Out of the thirty-nine remaining, was in hopes," said he, "that when the grounds; gazed once more on the statutes engine puffs along at the rate of about five denounce as the most causeless and wick. Patrick Henry and then accepted a seat ville Junction, where we find about two ed rebeltion ever in augurated in any coun- kindly tendered me in St. Paul. This is thousand federal soldiers on their way try, was ended and slavery rholished, that the church in which Jefferson Davis and home. About five hundred rebel soldiers we would be rid of the infernal agitation, Gen. Le worshiped It was here that are going the other way. The contrast is moon the d - d abolitionists would be af- of Gen. Lee. The General was here this and clean and have a fine band of music

er, whose estate we have been passing for the last three miles, and who had 1,500 regidence of the great searcety of money. Passing through Grace street, saw the negroes. Probably 700 of these are now residence of General Lee. It is a near, but We finally reached Farmville, a pleasant county seats of each county, behave very disorganized condition. The whole county is a sum of the same terms as they worse the idear soldiers stationed in the county seats of each county, behave very disorganized condition. The whole county is a sum of the same terms as they worse the idear soldiers stationed in the county seats of each county, behave very disorganized condition. on his plantation. They are an uneduca- plain looking house, which was tendered but very dirty Virginia village. The sin- badly. They scatter all over the country try is overran with strolling negroes and ted, ignorant race, but a little above the brute creation. They have heard of Gco.

They have heard of Gco. Washington and Andrew Johnson, perhaps the war left him quite poor—so poor that marched about the bed-chambers by plat the war left him quite poor—so poor that marched about the bed-chambers by plat the war left him quite poor—so poor that marched about the bed-chambers by plat the war left him quite poor—so poor that marched about the bed-chambers by plat the war left him quite poor—so poor that the field, fruit, poultry, sheep and even coln, but they have never heard of Thomas carried him through the war, in order to the defences of Lynchburg and passed un- life. Many outrages have been commit-Jefferson or James K Polk. Now, sup- raise money to support his family. On molested into the city, the last six miles on ted. A few weeks ago three soldiers went tations. pose these poor people are given a vote - his refusal to receive the property, a deed a canal boat. There are two condidates for President - | was made out in the name of Mrs. Lee, this ticket-this is the right ticket." In forever. The family then moved into it. gave me much valuable and interesting inwhom they have confidence and in whom down on a farm in Cumberland county - they have learned to look upon as the Several large farms, well stocked, had been tendered to him but he declined all and they say to him, "Master, we have a offers of that kind. A great many little vote-one party comes and says this is incidents are related, illustrative of the cles from Europe was not only very troubthe right ticket, another party comes and character of this great man. During the says this is the right ticket. Now, what war he made it a rule, at all times, to share do you think! How shall we vote !"- the hardships and privations of the comcasts seven hundred votes. I know an occasion an officer of rank called at his such a heavy drain upon its resources, - at Lynchburg and during that time at they will starve and freeze to

handsome mansion, now occupied by Gen. the world had ever produced. He stood stay there, that half the land belonged to son. I have heard a number of those who yet enjoy all the blessings of a united There seems to be no end to them. No been represented. It is a very large, well pressed with the resources of the North And that is the truth. Free to go where

looking, like some herrid ghost, the deso the federal soldiers -- none whatever. It is es on a plain pine table under a tree, cos. Just at this point we see the practiculated country from Drewry's Bluff to City plain to see that though subjugated they without even a common tent to shelter cal effect of the immediate abelition of all historic stream. Reached Richmond the most respected residents was on the ed temporary shelter whenever they en take your wife and ten children away

and fluminery within reach of the pegro. South is in nothing more apparent than in

preciated that it was almost worthless .litionists are the greatest fools imaginable Lee said to him, "John, where is the for trying to force this thing of negro sul-"But when we have it impossible to keep up any sort of dis- but acknowledges that many of his men to lay there. in violation of every constitutional abligation of every constitution of eve

'Jemes' as the natives term it,) were for- The sufferings of the Confederate army, bers. We acknowledge the United States know what this meant. At first they im-

I also took a walk to the residence of the thought the federal army was the best to leave the plantation. This they refused the late President Davis. It is a very equipped and best provided for army that to do, declaring that they had a right to Terry. The upper part of Richmond is for three days looking upon the federal them. The o'd lady sent for a military as evidenced by the appearance of her ar- they please, they lie around in idleness,

> parted with ces. Many families robbed themselves

sel of food to sustain the army.

In answer to a question we put to the same officer as to the condition of the there was much suffering and want in the bodied working men have gone to the yanwealthy are now pumyless. He knew seventeen are under twelve years of ago, six hundred thousand dollars who are eighty years of ago. Deprived of the laobliged to borrow money to go to market. boring portion of my hands, how am I to

to the house of a widow lady in Amherst The farmers are disposed to adapt refuse to take greenbacks in their every-We had for a traveling companion from county, who was suspected of having sper themselves to the new order of things .-One party says to them. "boys, you must entered on record and word sent to her Richmond, a very intelligent gentleman cie in her house and demanded her gold They propose to cut up their thousand vote this ticket—this is the right ticket." that she might as well occupy the house, as who had been a Major in the Confederate and silver and watches. She denied have acre farms into two hundred acre farms Another party says to them, "don't vote in case of refusal it would stand empty army. He was a citizen of Richmond and ing any. They pointed their pistols to and introduce white labor. The people her broast and threatened to shot her if acknowledge the superiority of white lashe did not give up her valuable property. bor and are anxious to be relieved of the failure of their cause to the want of men. She delared they would have to shoot her negro altegether. When civil law again The money of the country bucame so de- as she had none. Finally one of them resumes its sway in this old Commonpreciated that it was almost worthless.— went to a bed and with a knife ripped wealth, I think cuffey will stand a fair the importation of many necessary actidiscovered two watches and a small quan- The insolence, laziness and dishonest hablesome but exceedingly expensive. The tity of gold. Even now the market wag-Confederate government frequently paid ons are daily stopped on the out-ide of present thousands of them are idling away as high as \$5,000 in gold to experienced the city on the streets of Lynchburg and their time in the woods, living on black-The master replies, vote for Jeff. Davis. I spent several such vegetables as they can be be be been stead of all they contain. I spent several bearing and such vegetables as they can be be bearing and such vegetables as they can be bearing and the bearing other planter in Virginia who employs quarters. General Lee invited him to their soldiers had not been paid off in least a dozen citizens entered complaint sure as fate. I saw one colored woman five thousand negroes and every one of dinner. When his faithful negro cook twelve months, and all this time their farms had been stripped and them would vote as he desired. The ab- brought in the dinner there was no meat. iles were starving at home. As a necess- their market wagons plundered on the ally taken up their abode in a locomotive

tion, they will regret it the balance of their lives. The people of Virginia are willing to return to the Union—they accept the result of the war and want peace. But they ask the North to allow the South to her afflictions by interfering in matters on which they are profoundly ignorant."— After much more conversation of a sim
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Atter much more conversation of the contract of the siding in the recaptured districts would in behalf of the circle and return to their homes. Gen.

At what surprises a stranger is the won
of the contract A very respectable gentleman of the of the contract of the c will be no more raised. The planters say indpendence. Of course their disappionist cannot be made a profitable production ment was very great when they found all with bired labor. The town now contains their hopes blasted. They had not formed approaching. It is here that Jefferson Davis is confined. It is a formidable fortress, frowning with cannon of immense calibre.

The estates along the James river (or The estates (vil of all, however, that has been day for the totate of the power and the resources of the great viril of all, however, that has been day for the section of the social relations existing the power and the resources of the great viril of all, however, that has been day for the section of the social relations existing the social relations exist (vil of all, however, that has been da cers are very severe on those negroes who refuse to work and throw themselves upon them kindly—to encourage them in the the gorvenment for support. There is work of re-construction-to assist them in but little charity shown to that class - developing their resources and improving

and highly spoken of, especially by those were in his command say that when Breck inridge led them into battle they felt confident of success. Longstreet was coneidered a slow and more cautious General but a good fighter and a very competent officer. Gen. STUART, who was killed the last year of the war, is represented as

brave to a fault, full of natural resources, but very imprudent in exposing himself to the fire of the enemy. He lost his life through his insprudence. He was an able cavalry officer. So was WADE HAMTON nian, who e fine form made him as splendid-looking an officer as he was dush ug and impetuous. Stonewall JACKSON is not burned seem de crted. A inclancholy present generation never will have. Many single fault it was his humanity and good-interest will for all time to come, attach of the oldest citizens have died since the ness of heart. The confederate armies Sambo, wery well, I am agreed. But it or strictly and unfinelingly carried out uselt to the James river. It will become evacuation, broken-hearted men. One of never had any regular tents. They erect- you leave my plantation, I want you to Lee's orders. He was a strict disciplinarian and showed but little feeling for hi the most respected residents was on the about three o'clock, p. M. After registering my name in a book kept for that purpose at the warf, I took a stroll through the city. Saw the famous Libby Prison and Castle Thunder. The Richmond of to-day is not the Richmond I saw 6 years ago. The best part of the city—the business portion, is in ashes. It is Sunday and the streets are alive with negroes of large and the streets are alive with negroes of large and the streets are alive with negroes of large and the streets are alive with negroes of large and the streets are alive with negroes of large and the fire in one end of the city and the federal army entering the street none end of the contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was for the rebel cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was for the war the rebel cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the camped He contended that in the best cavalry was the rebel cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry out and the mand the best part of the war the rebel cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry of the best of the war the rebel cavalry was the cavalry of the best of the war the rebel cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry was the cavalry of the war the rebel cavalry was the cav and the streets are alive with negroes of the Grant fought so long and sacrificed never was any scarcity of cannon or am me. The answer is "your master must the rebel fortifications in front the Union every bue and shade. Here is the wench so many thousands of men. He finally munition in the south and no want of in-take you." The United States govern-troops were in a critical condition. Stoneclimation on the part of the people to stand ment finds it has caught an elephant in wall Jackson urged that the rebel army the negro and don't know what to do should make a night attack and force the with him. For four years we have been Yankees into the river. His associates carrying on a war to make Simbo free objected on the ground that the men would and when his master tells him to go and become mixed up in the darkness of the of almost everything, even to the last mor- enjoy his freedom, the government steps night and would kill each other instead of on and says, "no. you must stay where the enemy. "Strip them to the waist," you are." Is this justice? Take another said Jackson. His plan, however, was case : A farmer said to me, "I had fifty not adopted and the federal troops recross people of Richmond he assured us that negroes on my pince. Eleven of the able- ed the river in safety. Jackson was a very eccentric man but Gen. Lee pronounced him the best executive officer he had in his army. Col. Moseny's men were rebellion, which I have never hesitated to of Washington, Jefferson, Mason, Clay and miles an hour. We finally reached Barks gantlemen who were worth from three to the rest are old men and old women, some more flush in good money than any part of the rebel army. They pounced upon Mailroad trains and occasionly picked Some of these people may recover from raise corn and ment enough to supply my up a federal Paymaster, by which means but never to lift one up, in the regard of the shock, but others are too far advanced own family and feed and clothe thirty-nine they kept themselves well supplied with Mr. Davis was first notified of the retreat great. The Union soldiers look happy in life to begin anew. The same may be helpless negro women and children? The greenbacks. Mosely, previous to the war, said of the people all through Virginia .- government retuses to receive them, and was a lawyer of no great celibrity, residing ter him. They have succeeded in forcing morning but did not fill his accustomed which is playing a lively air. The rebels Exhaustion is written on the whole land of they remain on my plantation they will at Cuipepper, where he has resumed the upon us Southern people for support, mil- seat this evening, so that I failed to see look ragged and sad, though many a good The entire population had their surplus starve as sure as the sun shines. Such is practice of his profession. He has established to see look ragged and sad, though many a good The entire population had their surplus starve as sure as the sun shines. house of helpless black creatures who have no conception of what freedom means and house of what freedom means are considered by the freedom means and house of the house no idea of wha their fate is to be in the in every house, public and private. They two sections mingle freely with each other corporations. All this is a things. During the summer menths he Gen. Joe Johnston is regarded as a very future God only knows what is to become of them. I have some forty or The church is crowded with the beauty of sition shown by the victorious party to fifty wemen and children on my place—
Here is a bill of \$250 for goods purchased in Baltimore; \$175 of which I expended in Baltimore; \$175 of which I expended for shoes and clothing for them. I am for shoes and clothing for them is shown by the victorious sparty to money or at best very little. I here supported the city. The music is very fine. Bishop the shoes and feed on hard-tack and the cluthes are shown by the victorious sparty to do our soldiers and feed on hard-tack and the cluthes are shown by the victorious sparty to do our soldiers and feed on hard-tack and the cluthes are shown by the cutter of our soldiers and feed on hard-tack and the cluthes are shown by the cutter of our soldiers and feed on fortunate enough to have the means to de this, but I know hundreds of my neighbors who are destitute. Their farms have been devastated and their homes destroyed. devastated and their homes destroyed.—
They have no money to feed and clothe to feel and their homes destroyed.—

They have no money to feed and clothe to feel and clothe to feel and clothe to feel and they weeks in the feel and they week in the themselves They can't feed these negroes and unless the government does it, they will starve. Not content with this the about the Richmond market—found a plentiolitouries insist on giving the negroes the olitionists insist on giving the negroes the ful supply of meats and vegetables at smiling fields of grain. Dead horses are just enough to keep them alive. There is mistaken. Thousands of negroes have the Jews, who have brought goods to the South right of suffrage. The infernal fools know so little of the nigger that they have no idea of the practical working of this new subseque. There is Mr. William Allen who *cheme. Here is Mr. William Allen, who huckleberries, 5 cents, butter 30 cents, &c. marks. Passed the rifle pits and fortifi. not believe any country on earth has ever class have returned to their homes and pay, they might sell goods, in unlimited owns 16,000 acres of land along this riv- These prices are said to be so low in con- cations at Amelia Court House, Sailors been so completely ruined as Virginia is begged their former masters to allow quantities, but money, in the language of

scarcity will no doubt continue till another good crop is grown. The present limited erops of corn and wheat will hardly do more than furnish bare necessaries of life. Even the wealthy planters of former times have to content themselves with food and raiment. I heard a lady say "there was one consolation all were poor slike."-Many people in and around Lynchburg day buiseness transactions. There is considerable silver in circulation. I assisted a young lady to uncarth a large gourd filled with copper pennies which she had buried on the approach of Hunter's force in 1864. All the silver ware in the vicin ity of Lynchburg was and muchofitis still buried. The people bear their misfortunes with a cheerfulness that is as creditable as it is remarkable. I have seen families who have lost thousands-who gave up overything in support of a cause they believed to be right-all their hors us, cattle, three-fourths of their produce, all their carpets, even their piano-covers their Bank and Railroad stocks, to say the court." nothing of thousands of dollars they had invested in Confederate bonds, and yet they seem entirely cheerful. They regret the loss of their property but more the loss of their cause. No people on earth fought more bravely for its success or lant of him.

There is a fine opening at Lynchburg for their condition. Let them see and feel that the great North regard them as friends I find that the ex Vice President of the not as enemies and much of the hatred that United States, Gen. John C. BRECKIN- has been engendered by four years of war atpos, ranked high as a commander in will die out. The past must be forgotten. the rebel army. He is very much beloved Harsh means will do no good. These people have seen sufficiently punished for who served under him. He was brave as the error of their ways. Let the policy a Lion, fearless and talented, handled an of the administratio n be a kind and forarmy well and always led his men in per- giving one and the present generation may

Business Rules for Young Men-

country-knowing no North, no South,no East, no West.

The world estimates men by their success in life, and, by general consent, permanent success is evidence of superiority.

Never under any circumstances, assume terposibility you can avoid, consistently with your duty to yourself and others .-In other words, "mind your own basi-

Base all your actions upon a principle of justice, preserve your integrity of charactor, and in doing this never reckon the

Remember that self interest is more likely to warp your judgment than all other circumstances considered; therefore look well to your duty when your interest is concorned.

Never attempt to make money at the expense of your reputation.

Be neither lavish nor misery ; of the two avoid the latter. A man is universally despised, but public favor is a stepgenerous feelings should be cultivated. Promse but little, think much, and do

Let your expenses be such as to leave a balance in your pocket. Ready money Is always a friend in need.

Avoid borrowing and lending. Liquor drinking, smoking cigars and chewing tobacco are bad habits; they impair the mind and pocket, and lead to a waste of time. They tend to let one down the virtious and the good.

Never relate your misfortunes to others, and never grieve over what cannot pro-

Very Bad Liquor.

The business of the Court in one of the frontier territories was drawing to a close when one morning a rough sort of a customer was arraigned on a charge of stealing. After the clerk had read the indictment to him, he put the question,-

'Guilty or not guilty !" 'Guilty but drunk, your honor.' answered the prisoner.

'What's the plea?, asked the Judge, alf dozing on the bench. 'He pleads guilty, but says he was drunk,'

replied the clerk. .What's the case !'

'May it please your honor,' said the prosecuting attorney, 'the man is regularly indicated for stealing a large sum of mouey from the Columbus Hotel.'

'He is, boy ! and pleads-' 'He pleads guilty, but drunk.'

The judge was now fully aroused, 'Guilty, but drunk-this is the most extraordinary plea. Young man, you are certain you were drunk ?"

'Yes sir.'

'Where did you get your liquor !' 'At Sterret's.'

Did you get none anywhere clse ?'

'Not a drop, sir.'

'You got drank on his liquor, and aferwards stole the money !' Yes, sir.

'Mr. Prosecuter,' said the Judge, 'do ne the favor to enter in that man's case a nolle prosequi. That liquor at Sterrets is enough to make a man do anything dirty; I got drunk on it myself, the other day, and stole all Sterret's spoons! Refor blankets, who now lose in addition all lease the prisoner, Mr. Sheriff. Adjourn

IT is well enough to make one shudder to read the printer's advertisement for a boy of 'moral character,' when it is well were ever more devoted to a cause or known that they intend to make a devil