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MR. EMERSON ON EMANCIPATION.

Review of the President's Proclamation by R. W. Emerson.

The November number of the *Atlantic Monthly* contains a review of the President's Proclamation of Emancipation, by R. W. EMERSON; who, on this subject, at least has always been sound in doctrine, holding the faith and cherishing the hope of all true believers—that, in the great struggle between Right and Wrong, Justice and Injustice, Liberty and Slavery, Right, Justice and Liberty would achieve the victory and reign on earth. The Proclamation has been reviewed by many able men already, and we have had the pleasure of laying quite a number of these reviews before our readers; but no more masterly, no more comprehensive review of the great subject have we seen, than the following:

STEPS IN THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL LIBERTY.

In so many solid forms which States entrust themselves with, once in a century, if so often, a poetic act and record occur. These are the jots of thought into affairs, when, roused by danger or inspired by genius, the political leaders of the day break the iron or unremountable routine of class and local legislation and take a step forward in the direction of catholic and universal interests. Every step in the history of political liberty is a solly of the human mind into the unknown future, and has for the interest of genius, and is fruitful in heroic anecdotes. Liberty is a slow fruit. It comes, like religion, for short periods, and in rare conditions, as if awaiting a culture of the race which shall make it organic and permanent. Such moments of expansion in modern history were the Confession of Augsburg, the plantation of America, the English Commonwealth of 1848, the Declaration of American Independence in 1776, the British emancipation of slaves in the West Indies, the passage of the Reform Bill, the repeal of the Corn Laws, the Magnetic Ocean Telegraph, though yet imperfect, the passage of the Homestead Bill in the last Congress, and now, eminently, President Lincoln's Proclamation on the twenty-second of September.

These are acts of great scope working on a long future, and on permanent interests, and honoring alike those who initiate, and those who receive them. These measures provoke no noisy joy, but are received into a sympathy so deep as to appear as that mankind are greater and better than we know. At such times it appears as if a new public were created to greet the new event. It is as when an orator, having ended the compliments and pleasantries with which he conciliated attention, and having run over the superficial fitness and commodities of the measure he urges, suddenly, landing himself to some happy inspiration, announces with vibrating voice the grand human principles involved—the bravest and wise who greeted him loudly thus far are surprised and overawed; a new audience is now found in the heart of the assembly—an audience hitherto passive and unconcerned, now at last so searched and kindled that they come forward every one a representative of mankind, standing for all nationalities.

THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION.

The extreme moderation with which the President advanced to his design—his long avowed expectant policy, as if he chose to be strictly the executive of the best public sentiment of the country, waiting only till it should be unmistakably pronounced—so fair a mind that none ever listened so patiently to such extreme varieties of opinion—so reticent that his decision has taken all parties by surprise, while yet it is the just sequel of his prior course—the firm tone in which he acts throughout, without inflammation or surplusage—all these have bespoken such favor to the act, that, great as the popularity of the President has been, we are beginning to think that we have underestimated the docility and virtue which the Divine Providence has made an instrument of benefit so vast. He has been permitted to do more for America than any other American man. He is well entitled to the most indulgent construction. Forget all that we thought shortcomings, every mind and every delay. In the extreme embarrassments of his part, call these endurance, wisdom, magnanimity, illuminated as they now are, by this dazzling success.

When we consider the immense opposition that has been neutralized or converted by the progress of the war (for it is not long since the President anticipated the resignation of a large number of officers in the army, and the secession of three States on the promulgation of this policy)—when we see how the great state which foreign nations hold in our affairs has recently brought every European power as a client into this court, and it became every day more apparent what remote interests were to be affected by the decision of the President—one can hardly say the deliberation was too long. Against all timorous counsels he had the courage to seize the moment; and such was his position, and such the fidelity attending the action, that he has replaced government in the good graces of mankind.

THE CONFLICT INEVITABLE.

Whilst we have pointed out the opportuneness of the proclamation, it remains to be said that the President had no choice. He might look wistfully for what variety of courses lay open to him; every line but one was closed up with fire. This one, too, bristling with danger, but strongest it was the sole safety. The measure he has adopted was imperative. It is wonderful to see the unseasonable senility of what is called the Peace party, through all its masks, blinding their eyes to the main features of the war, namely, its inevitableness. The war existed long before the cannonade of Sumter, and could not be postponed. It might have commenced otherwise or elsewhere, but it was in the minds and bones of the combatants, it was written on the iron leaf, and you might as easily dodge gravitation. If we had consented to a peaceable secession of the rebels, the divided sentiment of the Border States made peaceable secession impossible, the insatiable temper of the South made it impossible, and the slaves on the border, wherever it might be, were an incessant fuel to rekindle the fire.

Give the Confederacy New Orleans, Charleston and Richmond, and they would have demanded St. Louis and Baltimore. Give them these, and they would have insisted on Washington. Give them Washington, and they would have assumed the army and navy, and, through these, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. It looks as if the battle-field would have been at least as large in that event as it is now. The war was formidable, but could not be avoided. The war was and is an immense mischief, but brought with it the immense benefit of drawing a line, and rallying the free States to fix it impassably—preventing the whole force of Southern counsels and influence throughout the North from distracting every city with endless confusion, detaching that force and reducing it to handfuls, and, in the progress of hostilities, disinfecting us of our habitual proclivity, through the affection of trade, and the traditions of the Democratic party, to follow Southern leading.

FORCE OF THE MEASURE.

It is by no means necessary that this measure should be suddenly marked by any signal results on the negroes or on the rebel masters. The force of the act is that it commits the country to this justice—that it compels the innumerable officers, civil, military, naval, of the republic to range themselves on the line of this equity. It draws the fashion to this side. It is not a measure that admits of being taken back. Done, it cannot be undone by a new Administration. For slavery everpowers the disgust of the moral sentiment only through immemorial usage. It cannot be introduced as an improvement of the nineteenth century. This act makes that the lives of our heroes have not been sacrificed in vain. It makes a victory of our defeats. Our hurts are healed; the health of the nation is repaired. With a victory like this, we can stand many disasters. It does not promise the redemption of the black race; that lies not with us; but it relieves it of our opposition.

The President by this act has paroled all the slaves in America; they will no more fight against us; and it relieves our race once for all of its crime and false position. The first condition of success is secured in putting ourselves right. We have recovered ourselves on a law of nature.

"If that fall,
The pillared firmament is rottenness,
And earth's base built on stubble."

The government has assured itself of the best constituency in the world: every spark of intellect, every virtuous feeling, every religious heart, every man of honor, every poet, every philosopher, the generosity of the cities, the health of the country, the strong arms of the mechanics, the endurance of farmers, the passionate conscience of women, the sympathy of distant nations—all rally to its support.

Of course, we are assuming the firmness of the policy thus declared. It must not be a paper proclamation. We confide that Mr. Lincoln is in earnest, and, as he has been slow in making up his mind, has resisted the importunity of parties and of events to the last moment, he will be as absolute in his adhesion. Not only will he repeat and follow up his stroke, but the nation will add its irresistible strength. If the ruler has duties, so has the citizen. In times like these, when the nation is imperilled, what man can, without shame, receive good news from day to day, without giving good news of himself? What right had any one to read in the journals tidings of victories, if he has not bought them by his own valor, treasure, personal sacrifice, or by service as good in his own department? With this blot removed from our national honor, this heavy load lifted off the national heart, we shall not fear henceforward to show our face among mankind. We shall cease to be hypocrites and pretenders, but what we have styled our free institutions will be such.

In the light of this event the public distress begins to be removed. What if the brokers' quotations show our stocks discredited, and the gold dollar continue one hundred and twenty-seven cents? These tables are fallacious. Every acre in the free states gained substantial value on the twenty-second of September. The cause of disunion and war has been reached, and begun to be removed. Every house, lot, and garden are relieved of the malaria which the purest winds and the strongest sunshine could not penetrate and purge. The territory of the Union shines today with a lustre which every European emigrant can discern from afar; a sign of inmost security and permanence.

EFFECT OF THE PROCLAMATION.

We think we cannot overstate the wisdom and benefit of this act of the government. The malignant cry of the secession press within the free states, and the recent action of the Confederate Congress, are decisive as to its efficiency and correctness of aim. Not less so is the silent joy which has greeted it in all generous hearts, and the new hope it has breathed into the world.

"It was well to delay the steamers at the wharves until this edict could be put on board. It will be an insurance to the ship as it goes plunging through the sea with glad tidings to all people. Happy are the young who find the pestilence cleaned out of the earth, leaving open to them an honest career. Happy the old, who see Nature purified before they depart. Do not let the dying die: hold them back to this world, until you have charged their ear and heart with this message to other spiritual societies, announcing the melioration of our planet.

"Uncertainties now crown themselves assuaged,
And Peace proclaims olives of endless age."

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17, 1862.

If there have been any disastrous reverses at the ballot-box in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, it only proves—not that the mighty majority of 1860 has retraced its steps and gone back to the vomit of Democracy—but simply that said majority has shouldered the musket and gone to seal their faith in our republican institutions, with their heart's blood.

But we do not yet accept what we read in the secession sheets about us, as gospel. How can it be that Dawson has been elected or Lazear? Yet such is the report here. There still lingers among some journalists in this mercenary city a hankering for the rule of Secesh Democracy. Anything in its favor is eagerly reproduced and lovingly fostered and harped upon. The *Star*, a little jackall sheet of this city, manages yet to "run with the hound and hold with the hare." Enjoying government patronage, it yet catches every line it can pick up, indicating a defeat of the government's friends. It stated last night that Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio and Indiana had gone against the "*radicals*," and that among the noteworthy features of the result, it was that the price of gold had fallen *five per cent*. In the same column with the above, the telegraph showed that gold in New York has fallen one per cent. But what difference? The *Star* had enjoyed its stroke at the hand that feeds it.

SECRETARY CHASE.

This eminent gentleman has been confined to his house for several days with quite severe illness, but is, as I am informed, much better, and it is hoped will be speedily again at his office. No department of the Government has been managed with greater ability than the Treasury under Secretary Chase. His illness is the result of untiring toil. When the traitorous Cobb resigned the seals of office he not only left the strong box empty, but also the means whereby it was to be filled, exhausted. The creative power in this branch of the Government has been called into special action. How it has been exercised, the people know. Most devoutly will all pray for long life and sound health to Secretary Chase. Since the days of Hamilton, he has had no peer in his high office.

KEARNEY'S LETTER.

The epistle of the brave and lamented Gen. Kearney to his "Pet"—Mr. O. S. Halstead, of New Jersey—has created quite a sensation since its publication here. I think we may regret that it ever found its way into print. The indiscriminateness of its criticisms and condemnations, and the unfortunate choice of a hero in the person of Gen. Pope, of whom not only Kearney but all of us hoped so much, detract from the force of that epistle. Better for the memory of that bravest of the brave that his letter were buried with him before it could meet the public eye. Gen. McClellan is and appears likely to remain Commander of the Army of the Potomac. There were enough who had lost confidence in his zeal in the cause, if not in his ability, before Kearney's letter reached their sight.

THE DRAFT IN MARYLAND.

In Baltimore city and county, the draft occurred day before yesterday. I observe that John E. Owens—the comedian—is one of the drafted. Any one who has seen him as in Solon Shingle, anxious respecting that "barral of apple-sass," may imagine John pleading an exemption before some competent tribunal. John Merryman, the alleged bridge-burner of 1861, is also among the drafted. He would make a zealous soldier in the cause of the Republic! It is to be hoped that the men thus drafted will never be called upon to hold or take any "perilous deadly breach."

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