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"A HUNDRED YEARS TO COME."

Where will be the birds that sing
A hundred years to come?
The flowers that now in beauty spring,
A hundred years to come?
The rosy lips,
The lofty brow,
The heart that beats,
So gaily now—
O! where will be love's beaming eye,
Joy's pleasant smiles and sorrow's sigh,
A hundred years to come?
Who'll press for gold this crowded street
A hundred years to come?
Who'll tread your church with willing feet
A hundred years to come?
Pale, trembling age
And fiery youth,
And childhood, with
Its brow of truth,
The rich and poor, on land and sea,
Where will the mighty millions be
A hundred years to come?
We all within our graves shall sleep
A hundred years to come?
No living soul for us will weep
A hundred years to come?
But other men
Our lands will till,
And others then
Our streets will fill;
While other birds will sing as gay,
As bright the sunshine as to-day,
A hundred years to come!

A LOST INHERITANCE.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Express writes thus:

I have a story to relate to your readers this week, which, though occupying more space than I usually devote to incidents, conveys so excellent a moral, that I have yielded to the temptation to give it in full.

The train from Paris to Lyons stopped at the station of Joigny, a town upon the route, and again went on, after leaving a few passengers. The depot, for a moment crowded with railroad agents and lookers-on, was soon deserted by all but two individuals.

One of these was an old man, dressed in the garb of a well-to-do farmer; the other, a youth of five-and-twenty, who seemed to be waiting for some one to meet him. To this personage the old man finally addressed himself. "May I presume, sir," said he, "to inquire if you are Clement B.?"

"Yes, my good man," replied the youth with a haughtiness of manner: "and I have no doubt you are Mr. Martin."

"At your service, sir," returned the other. "Well, Mr. Martin," continued Clement, "I began to imagine you intended to keep me waiting. That would not have been the best manner in which to have insinuated yourself into my good graces."

The old man, instead of replying, let his head fall upon his breast as if in deep affliction, and conducting the new-comer towards an old-fashioned carriage, to which a fough looking horse was harnessed.

"Here is your carriage, sir," said Martin. "If you will be good enough to get in I will have the honor of conducting you to the Hermitage."

"That my carriage?" cried Clement. "Why I shall be taken for a traveling pedlar. Notwithstanding, as there seemed no means of avoiding it: he took his seat beside the old man, but not without expressions of disdain. In another moment the man had seized the reins, and the horse started on a clumsy trot.

But a few days before, Mr. Clement B., who now puts on so many grand airs, was a simple clerk in a crockery store in Paris, and possessed the reputation of being a quiet, unpretending little fellow. What, then, had brought about this sudden and radical transformation? He had become, since the previous day, a rich man; and it may be well understood that the possessor of an income of 20,000 francs a year finds it difficult to retain the modest demeanor of a poor clerk. On the previous day, while dusting the crockery under his charge, a letter had arrived for him by the post, containing the startling intelligence that one of his uncles, whom he had often heard of as an eccentric and very wealthy old man, but whom he had never seen, had just died at his chateau in Burgundy, leaving his nephew, Clement, sole legatee of his estates, to the exclusion of many other heirs. The letter was from a notary of the province, who desired him to leave Paris immediately for Joigny, the town near which his uncle had resided, where he would be met by Martin, an old confidential servant of the defunct, and conducted from the railroad to the "Hermitage," the name which the deceased had given to his chateau and his estate, which constituted the main. Almost driven out of his senses by such an unexpected stroke of fortune, he hastened to obey the notary's directions, and upon his arrival at Joigny, joined old Martin, as we have seen. On jolted the queer vehicle, in which our hero had so contemptuously taken a place, until after a ride of several miles the occupants arrived at their destination. Martin offered the honors of the Hermitage to the new proprietor, called all the servants, and introduced them to their future master, and then conducted the latter to his apartments.

"This was the sleeping apartment of your uncle," said Martin as they entered a vast apartment, furnished in old-fashioned style. It was the room he died in ten days ago. But the nephew, instead of evincing any emotion upon being shown the chamber of his benefactor, threw upon all around a look of scorn, and cried, Upon my word, I can't say I think much of the old boy's taste! I never saw anything so frightfully ugly in all my life." "Notwithstanding, sir," replied Martin,

"It's the best there is here; and if you cannot content yourself I really do not know where you will find other lodgings."

"I live here! You don't imagine I'm such a donkey, I hope. For us young fellows, d'ye see, Paris is the only place; so I shall sell this old rookery at once, and be off."

"Sell the hermitage, your uncle's favorite place of residence! Impossible. And we servants, who hoped to end our days under this roof—what will become of us?"

"Mr. Martin," retorted the young man, "let me have none of your complaints, I beg. Get me some dinner, and afterwards you will drive me to my notary's."

After having eaten a hearty meal, notwithstanding he found the meats insipid and the wines sour, the legatee still accompanied by Martin, re-entered the old carriage, and the two again started off.

"If I am not mistaken," observed Mr. Clement, after an hour's ride, "we passed this spot this morning, and that," pointing to a building, "is the railroad depot. Do we take the cars?"

"You, alone, will do so," responded his companion, speaking very gravely, and in a manner which caused the young man to tremble in spite of himself. "I, sir, am your uncle, and, happily, I am not dead. Having heard good accounts of your conduct, I resolved to make you heir of all that I possess, but, before doing so, I wished to know whether you were really deserving of my generosity, and I had recourse to stratagem, which has thoroughly exposed your true character to me. Good bye Mr. Clement. Return to your shop, and remember that your arrogance and ingratitude have lost you that which will never again be placed within your reach."

The old man then gave his foolish nephew a few hundred francs to indemnify him for the expenses of his trip, he took leave of him at the door of the depot, and returned home. The feelings of the youth may readily be imagined, but, as the yellow-covered novels say, "they cannot be described." I think this true story is an apt illustration of the maxim: "Never halo until you are out of the woods."

HORRORS OF THE MUTINY IN INDIA.

The Columbo passengers say that the imagination can scarcely conceive the fiendish barbarities perpetrated by the Sepoys. When the Bengal mutineers entered the city of Delhi there were English merchants, mercantile, telegraph and post office clerks, officers of the native regiments and government functionaries, with their English wives and children, living there as unconscious of danger as if they had been in an English town. As soon as the mutineers entered Delhi a great many Englishmen and Englishwomen and children escaped, but numbers could not do so, and those who did not escape were subjected to outrages worse than death. The daughter of an English clergyman was driven through the street of Delhi naked, then subjected to unspeakable outrages by an infuriated soldiery, and afterwards cut to pieces with swords. An English lady in the same city was suspended by the feet naked and hacked to pieces. The European officers and soldiers are exasperated to madness by these atrocities, and most terrible punishments will be inflicted by the European soldiers on the mutinous Sepoys when Delhi is taken. These Sepoys have acted more like fiends than human creatures. It is with the greatest difficulty that the English soldiers can be prevented from laying violent hands on every native they meet. A Highland regiment landed at Calcutta, and one of the soldiers was seen to rush straight to a native and fell him to the earth with his fist in an instant. Who ever lives to tell the tale of Delhi, and of the scenes witnessed in the city during the siege, will be able to relate undreamt of horror.

FINING OFF THE MUTINEERS!—The following extract from a letter of a British officer in India, showing how the mutineers were treated at Peshawar, makes us fear that barbarities are not wholly confined to the Sepoy side.

"A force of Europeans with guns was sent round the fort, one of which Meeran, was held by the 55th native infantry in open mutiny; they tried to escape when our force appeared, and some got off to Swat, the others were made prisoners; 150 were killed on the spot, nine tried by drum-head court-martial and instantly shot, including a native officer of a regiment not in mutiny, who would not act as he was ordered. Others were driven into the hills and killed by the hillmen, a price of ten rupees being set on their heads. The colonel of this regiment blew out his brains in disgust at the mutiny. The villains kept their officers in confinement, and told them if they tried to escape they would roast them alive. They did, however, manage to escape. The force went and disarmed all the other regiments in the forts and quieted the district.

Some of the 200 prisoners of the 55th have been tried, and we blew forty of them away from our guns in the presence of the whole force three days ago—a fearful but necessary example, which has struck terror into their souls. Three sides of a square were formed, ten guns pointing outwards, the sentence of the court was read, a prisoner bound to each gun, the signal given, and the salvo fired. Such a scene I hope never again to witness—human trunks, heads, legs, arms, &c., flying about in

all directions. All met their fate with firmness but two, who would not be tied up; so to save time they were dropped to the ground and their brains blown out by musketry.

Trials are going on, and the mutineers will never forget the lesson taught at Peshawar. It is not my business to contrast or compare with scenes elsewhere, I trust and believe we have done what duty demands."

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

We commend to our readers the following extracts from an article from the pen of an able divine and close observer of men and things in one of our western cities. The article appeared some time ago in the Preacher and Presbyterian; but the lapse of a few months has by no means destroyed their importance to the Christian community. The evils referred to stand out distinctly to view, and the call for the co-operation of Christians to counteract them is as loud and imperative as ever.—*Ch. Union.*

"Wherever the church militant exists, she encounters opposition. Rome silences the Bible reader in a dungeon. Austria confines the expositor of monkish abominations in a mad-house. France closes the churches, and fines and imprisons those congregations of Protestants who may happen to offend the Popish Bishop. Spain prohibits the preaching of the Gospel and the printing of the Bible, or anything derogatory to the Catholic church. Denmark prohibits prayer-meetings. Prussia allows no dissent from her Puseyite or Rationalistic establishments. Russia forbids Bible circulation, or proselytism, in all her wide realms. The light toleration in two South American Republics illustrates the darkness of all the remainder of that vast continent. As a matter of course, the priests of Paganism and the followers of Mahomet employ all the power they possess to crush the effects of that Gospel which endangers the craft whereby they have their wealth.

"There is but one country on the globe besides our own which pretends to grant liberty of conscience; but even there what a powerful opposition has been organized against the Gospel of Christ! As the time of the slaying of the witnesses draws nigh, events ripen for that catastrophe. In no European country can the witnesses be found in any considerable number save England. England has ever been reckoned one of the ten kingdoms of the mystic Babylon; and if the inquiry be made, which of the kingdoms of modern Europe may be the great thoroughfare of the nations, the centre of travel, the mart of commerce, the plateau, the broad street of the city, where their bodies are to lie unburied? but one response can be given—England. Look at the preparation for this sad event which is transacting there before our eyes. A college is supported by British taxation for educating fanatic emissaries of Popery to teach sedition at home and carry priestly government abroad. The Government appoints these Maynooth priests to be chaplains to the army, chaplains to the poor-houses and prisons, dismisses officers who will not attend their masses, and would fain pass a bill to endow all the Popish clergy. It is well known that the prince consort was raised a Papist, and through policy assumed Protestantism; and it is very credible that his children, the heirs of the throne, may follow their father's example. It is incredible that without some high-protecting influence, Jesuits should have been allowed so long to occupy the chairs of Oxford—that so many of the Bishops of the Establishment should foster Puseyism—that altars, candles, crucifixes, and confession, should have been introduced into so many churches—that it should be found impossible to eject an advocate of transubstantiation from a church as yet called Protestant—that such numbers of English aristocracy should have succumbed to the charms of Puseyism, or with more honest servility bowed to the supremacy of Rome. The Pope sends a Cardinal over to England. The Secretary of State sends a priest in the confidence of the Government to Rome. England allies herself with Catholic France and Italy, and sends a Catholic ambassador to Spain. Priests walk confident, and begin to talk of their ancient rights—to point to the hundreds of thousands of ignorant, fanatic, famished Irish, who crowd the back-streets of all the cities of the land, ready at the word of command to pour out their hereditary hatred on the Sassenach. Popish Bishops write letters to English peers, warning them to cease distributing Bibles and opposing the church, and requesting them to remember that London is not more impregnable than Sebastopol, and that the bayonets which gleamed on the Malakoff were Catholic. The eloquent historian of England shows that religious revolutions are no new thing there. In 1660 England was a Puritan commonwealth. In 1665 a persecuting Stuart filled the throne. It were not difficult to divine the measures which a Popish prince, a Popish ministry, a Puseyite clergy and aristocracy, and an Irish army, an Austrian and French alliance, would find needful for the suppression of evangelism. Indeed, Cardinal Wiseman and his journalists save us all dubiety on the subject. They expressly tell us that as soon as possible they will use the same means for the protection of religion in England which have been found so beneficial in Spain and Austria. Significant intima-

tions are held out to us, too, that Mexico and Canada are Catholic—that Ireland, now almost on our eastern shore is Catholic—that soon fifty millions of Catholics will fill the valley of the Mississippi; and then—

"The number and variety of the forces arrayed against the church in our own land is amazing. The theatre, the tavern, and the ball-room, their hereditary fortifications, we are not at all surprised to find in their possession; but it seems like turning our own forces against us, when the college and the pulpit become the engines of infidelity. It is reserved for the nineteenth century to behold men, calling themselves Christians, teaching Pantheism, or casing themselves in armor of Biblical criticism, and defying the armies of the living God to prove that he is able or willing to punish his foes. On the very verge of the desert we behold, on our own soil, the scum and dregs of all nations deliberately choosing an American Mohammed as their Prophet, coolly throwing aside the bonds of civilization, and demanding the aid of the Federal Constitution for the consolidation of their abominations. More shameless and more dangerous, because in the very heart of our communities, the novel and the newspaper wage war against marriage, the Sabbath, and the Bible, and multitudes of the young fall victims to lying spirits, (whether of the dead or living,) who teach that there is no resurrection, no judgment, no hell; that religion is a fable, worship a farce, and the spirit of man the highest intelligence in the universe. It would be hard to name a family in which some inmate has not been more or less influenced by this spirit of the age.

"On our eastern shores the tide of emigration lands a thousand Popish militia every day, trained up to cherish the most determined hatred to the word of God and to the church of Christ, and instructed by the Romish agents ere they have landed from their ships to beware of the Bible and the heretics. Into our very families do these agents of a foreign prince carry their opposition to the Gospel, prohibiting their slaves from listening to the reading of the Scriptures, or from uniting with their employers in the worship of God. The chosen victims of poverty and filth, vice and crime, in the cellars and garrets of our cities, they will have them remain so rather than allow them to attend school, where their minds may be enlightened, or emigrate to the fertile fields, where the rewards of industry would elevate them above the condition of slaves.

"Let us remember, too, that all these adversaries of the church are regularly organized, and enrolled, and paraded in rank and file. There is no longer a loose, floating, neutral party. Every person belongs somewhere, as the saying is. He claims to belong to some church or order, or club, of one kind or other. The Romish missionary boards the emigrant ship, takes his passage on the river steamboat, or travels in the second-class cars with the newly arrived emigrants, and leaves them not till he has handed them over to the care of some brother Jesuit, and placed them within the pale of the holy church. Even those who have no belief in any God find some advantage in the society of their fellow-men and associate to keep each other in countenance.

"Let us not deceive ourselves with the delusion, that material so heterogeneous can never unite in any common enterprise. They can co-operate. The very explosion of discordant substances may overturn the battlement which has resisted the sap and battery. Let the experience of England warn us in time. Last year (1855) beheld a strange combination there, powerful enough to intimidate the Government, control the Parliament, and almost revolutionize the religion of the land. High Church, and Broad Church, and no church, Romish cardinal and Chartist lecturer, Whig, Tory, Radical and Repealer, the peer of Parliament and the publican of Pamlico, engaged in a common league to dethrone the Sabbath and worship, and substitute Sunday and revelry. Were it wise, think you, to wait till sad experience teaches us how effectually the Western Mormon and the Eastern Universalist, the priest, the German Infidel and the American Spiritualist, can unite with the vast and yearly increasing mass of heathenism in all our cities, to trample under foot that Gospel which they all cordially hate, and a divided church whose weakness they have learned to despise? With a population increasing by thousands, and a church increasing by hundreds, it becomes a mere matter of arithmetic to calculate in how few years, at our present rate of progress, the churches of Christ shall have dwindled into relative insignificance, and the overwhelming mass of ungodliness shall undertake to decide their destiny at the ballot-box. American Christians! the forces of Western licentiousness, Eastern infidelity, and Northern Popery, the heathenism of your parties, and the rowdiness of your streets, are steadily and rapidly concentrating their movements upon you. Already they have made lodgments in your churches and inroads in your families, and but wait their opportunity for the last onset.

"Under such circumstances it does almost seem unnecessary to enquire what course of conduct the Church should pursue. Few and weak in the aggregate, ought they still further to weaken their forces by distraction and di-

visions of councils, in the presence of such numerous and powerful combinations of their foes? With the consciousness that every day augments the number of their opponents, and every week opens some new engine of warfare against the truth, and every year unfolds some new and bolder assault, should the people of God be content with the old, quiet plan of defensive operations, and, folding their arms, await the combined onset? Were the Bible silent on the subject, common sense would reply, that harmony of feeling, concert of plan, and energy of action, were indispensable in this crisis."

M'KIM'S SPEECH.

[We have been so frequently asked for the speech of McKim, who was executed at Hollidaysburg, on the 21st Aug., that we have concluded to give the greater portion of it a place in our columns.]

FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS!—I have stepped on the scaffold as a murderer, but I am an innocent man. I have been wronged out of my life by my fellow men who swore my life away. As a dying man whose soul will be in eternity in a few minutes, they swore falsely. First of all was Atticks. As a dying man I would rather be hung on this scaffold, than that my country's laws should be trampled upon. He (Atticks) came to Blair county and swore falsely. He told everything but the truth. I never went to Attick's with Norcross. I never went there when money was paid to Norcross. Atticks is a murderer. He has sworn my life away and injured my loving wife, my loving son, my aged mother, my 4 sisters and my brother. Yet he looked in my face and sneered while lying. He told everything else but the truth. Little did he think, when he testified he would have to stand before the Judge, God Almighty. If he don't repent before he dies he'll be d-d eternally for the injury he inflicted on me and my family. But I forgive him. Mr. Eaton of Dunleith is another. He told a long story. He said that a few days before starting I shaved Norcross with the razor with which I cut his throat. It is untrue. I never shaved him. It was not my razor. I never put a razor on my own face nor on any one else's since I left home. He told what was not true. My razor is a black handled one and is at Long Pond.

Dr. Rumbold was another. He said before Norcross left that he was a dying man,—a man present here knows it. Yet he came here and said he was getting well and that there was nothing the matter with him. At starting Norcross rode up in a wagon with trunks while Eaton swore he walked up with him. It was a lie.

Jas. Warfel was another. I never saw Warfel, and never rode on a sled with any one till I got on the other side of Williamsport. As a dying man I hope I may never see Heaven if I rode on a sled with him or any other man till I was 15 miles on the other side of Williamsport. He was one of those who put this rope on my neck. He swore to falsehoods in your Court House. But I forgive him, and may God have mercy upon him. But he never will unless he repents.

These are all no men. They haven't the hearts of men. May God Almighty bless them. I am an innocent man. I care not what the world may say about me, I tell you before God I am an innocent man, before God I tell you as an American citizen. I must go either to Heaven or H-l-l this minute, but I never murdered Norcross. This is solemn talk and I know you will not believe me innocent, but God knows it. I care not what the world thinks, God and myself know it. If all the blood of the innocent men who have been hung on the gallows was collected in one pool, it would drown all the false men who swear their lives away. These men came to see the trial of M'Kim. They came expecting to pay expenses by getting a little money from Blair county. They were false men and swore link by link my life away. They were not right men, but God Almighty bless them. They are my murderers. They got this noose on my neck. They stand charged before God with my murder.

A man named Fleck said I took breakfast with him at his house. This was proved false to his teeth. I never took a meal in his house in my life. I got a meal at a gentleman's house, not Fleck's house. He scorned the idea of coming into court and falsely swearing M'Kim's life away. If he had come into court and sworn I took breakfast at his house it would have been all right I don't know his name. He was an Irishman. His house was near the railroad; had a porch in front which was white I think; when you went in, the bar was in front, the dining room the left hand and the entry to the right. Is that Fleck's house? Is Fleck an Irishman? May God save Fleck. He will not, however, unless he repents. He knows he is one of my murderers. If he is here I want him to hear it. I would rather die on the gallows than be in Fleck's place. In a few minutes I must be launched into eternity, either Heaven or H-l-l. I'm going home to sweet Jesus. I'm no murderer, and yet I am to die a dishonorable death, when I know I'm not the murderer.

I've been a United States Dragoon. I've fought and bled for my country. I boast not of that, but I tell you of the dishonorable death that I must die. Send to Washington for a record of my conduct. I was promoted

to Drill master. I served under Scott, Harney and Jenkins. They all know me. They know I'm a man that would not cut Norcross' throat or beat his brains out with a club. I am innocent. I never did it. I am a dying man; and if I die with a lie on my lips I will go to H-l-l. I must die and lie in that coffin. My poor mother taught me to read the bible and pray. I believe the bible and have always prayed every night. You know how my poor mother feels now, at her son dying a dishonorable death. But I am innocent. My mother would never have given birth to a son who would have done wrong without confessing it. I am an innocent man. I didn't murder Samuel Townsend Norcross. God don't require me to say I did. God's on my side. I disregard what the people say. You will find out I am an innocent man. You will find some other man who is guilty. . . .

I have fought and bled for my country. I have fought for the stars and stripes. I have taken the flag up to the muzzle of the cannon and the point of the bayonet. . . . I have heard it said that I blamed the honorable Judge for his able charge against me. It is not true. As a dying man I never blamed him. I would ask no man who was sworn to do his duty to do anything wrong to save my life. I have been nearly three months chained in jail. I don't blame the honorable sheriff for chaining me. I blame myself a little for it. You all know the reason why, for cutting the hobble. . . . [He then spoke of Mr. McClure, of Messrs. Junkin and McLean, who he said had saved his soul, and the citizens generally, as having treated him well, and referred to "a number of Methodist people," that "held prayer meeting within the gloomy walls," and invoked God's blessing on them. He denied having ever stolen any horses.]—One thing I will submit to, I'll submit to all wrongs like a christian and an American citizen ought to. The D-l got hold of me this morning and forced me to try to deprive myself of life. I did it without thinking. I thought only of the disgrace to my friends by this death. But if I had succeeded, it would have been more of a disgrace than this rope. I believe in the Bible and I believe I would have been d-d if I had. I never could have been saved from guilty of my own murder. My friends (pointing at M'Clure and the man who watches him,) hindered me and I gave up the weapon to them at once. I thanked God for it. May God bless you all.

Here the prisoner ceased speaking, and turned around to his religious advisers, but impelled by some new idea he suddenly turned his back upon them, and faced the spectators and spoke as follows: "I know you don't believe me innocent, but as a dying man before God I am. In a few minutes my soul will be launched into eternity and go home to my Jesus. . . . At 28 minutes past 12 o'clock, his arms were pinioned, the rope adjusted, and the cap drawn over the wretched man's face. The Sheriff then asked him if he had anything further to say, whereupon he spoke as follows:

I die an innocent man. I freely forgive those who swore against me. I know you don't believe me, but you must think there is some reality in it in my protesting my innocence while standing on the pinnacle of death—the pinnacle death. I believe the Bible, and I believe if I should die with a lie on my lips I should go to H-l-l. I believe the Bible. God bless my wife and child; my dear old mother and sisters and my brother and I hope to meet them all in Heaven.

He had hardly ceased speaking before the drop fell. It was about 27 minutes before I o'clock. He fell about 4 feet. He seemed to die easy.

ANECDOTE OF JUDGE BATES.—The Judge recently called at a village store, desiring to make the purchase of a mackerel. Several friends were in, who knew that the Judge had become a good temperance man, and were willing to run him a little. The keeper joined in the sport, and begged the Judge to take a little something.

"What will you have, Judge? Take anything you like."

The Judge looked around, as if in some doubt what to choose, and replied: "I believe I will take a mackerel."

Helping himself, he gravely walked out of the store, and was not invited to take anything there again.

WIT BETTER FOR HIS IMPUDENCE.—A little wretch who had for the first time in his life heard the scripture story of Elijah and the bears, sat down on the doorstep until an old man went by, when he called out, in course, "Go or thou hadst head!" Then dodging as quickly as he could within the door, he called out:—"Now bring on your bears!"

PRECOCIOUS.—LITTLE SIS.—"Oh Bobby, I'm a-goin' to have a hooped dress, an oyster-shell bonnet, a pair of ca-drops, and a baby!"
LUCKY BUB.—"The thunder you is! Well, I'm going to have a pair of tight pants, a Shanghai coat, a shaved head, crooked cane, and a pistol!"

LEIGH HUNT was asked by a lady, at dessert, if he would not venture on an orange. "Madam," he replied, "I should be happy to do so; but I'm afraid I should tumble off."