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## The Muse.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall,  
Drop by drop the spring runs dry,  
One by one the buds are dead,  
Summer breezes fade and die,  
But the roses bloom again,  
And the spring will run anew,  
In the pleasant April rain,  
And the summer sun will dew.  
So in the hours of deepest gloom,  
When the springs of gladness fail,  
And the roses in the bloom,  
Drop like water from the dead,  
We shall find some hope that lies,  
Like a silent gem apart,  
Hidden far from careless eyes,  
In the garden of the heart.  
Some sweet hope to gladness wed,  
That will spring fresh and new,  
When grief's winter shall be fled,  
Giving place to rain and dew.  
Some sweet hope that breathes of spring,  
Through the weary winter time,  
Building for its blossoming,  
In the spirit's gloriose time.

## Miscellaneous.

### The Valley of Esdrason.

Ignorance of the geography of the Bible is a formidable barrier to understanding its history, for deriving the full benefit, even of its moral lessons. The land of Palestine is so limited in extent that a few hours' faithful study can make one acquainted with its chief points of interest; but many Sunday School teachers, and even ministers, have little more intimate acquaintance with it than with the interior of Africa. The following brief sketch shows how much of the sacred narrative often centers round a single locality.

The valley of Esdrason is a fertile plain in the southern part of Galilee—the largest one in the whole country, it being thirty miles in length, twenty in breadth, and extending from the Mediterranean Sea and Mt. Carmel to the southern extremity of the Sea of Galilee. It is surrounded by Mt. Carmel, Gilboa and Tabor, and is watered by the river called by Deborah "that ancient river, the river Kishon." This valley is noted for its battle fields and encampment grounds. Here occurred the famous contest between Gideon, with his three hundred, and the army of Midian. At Megiddo, in this valley, Josiah was defeated by Pharaohnecho. Here was Esdrason or Jezreel, a favorite abode of Ahab, where Zedekiah was killed, whose blood Hosea announced that God would avenge on the house of Ahab. In this plain, was Shunem, where the Philistine met to oppose Saul, and from fear of whom he consulted the wildcat Endor, who in this valley. Here was Naïn, where Christ raised the widow's son. But the most memorable place in the valley of Esdrason is Nazareth, where Mary dwelt at the time of the annunciation, when our Lord spent his life from the return from Egypt to the commencement of His ministry; where one day He entered the synagogue, opened the Scriptures, and read part of the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, and spoke to the people; and where they took Him to the brow of a hill to cast him down therefrom.

### Gen. Scott and the Cabinet—Who Controls the Army Movements?

In reply to an article that appeared in the New York Tribune, stating that General Scott had full control of all the war movements, and also organized the columns, appointed the officers, and selected the time and points of attack at Bull Run, the New York Times, Republican, gives what purports to be the substance of the remarks made by the General on the Tuesday preceding the battle, at his own table, in the presence of his aids and a single guest.

Gen. Scott, it is said, discussed the whole subject of this war, in all its parts, and with the utmost clearness and accuracy. He had a distinct and well defined opinion on every point connected with it; and stated what his plan would be for bringing it to a close, if the management of it had been left to him.

### From the York Press.

From the York Press. Hon. R. J. Fisher. We copy the following notice from the "York Gazette" with pleasure, and we heartily join in all that is said in relation to Judge Fisher. He has been an able, independent, impartial and successful judge, and we believe that we are correct in stating that no case that has been tried by him before a jury in this county, during the ten years he has presided in our Courts, has been reversed; notwithstanding the well known fact that cases are closely tried by able and painstaking counsel who propound numerous points of law to be answered, and usually take exceptions to the admission or rejection of evidence, where it is in the least degree doubtful. The people of this district have been fortunate in the experiment of an elective judiciary.

### From Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, July 27.—Mrs. Hindsdale, whose husband is a member of the Second Michigan Regiment, which is now on the Virginia side of the Potomac, has returned from Manassas Junction. She was at Centerville during the engagement on Sunday, and waited there for the return of the soldiers, looking for her husband. Failing to see him, she supposed him a prisoner at Manassas. The enemy captured her, and conveyed her thither, and employed her there as a hospital nurse. On Thursday she procured a pass from Gen. Beauregard and his consent to leave. She walked to Alexandria, where she arrived this morning, fatigued and exhausted. Her husband was not a prisoner, but returned with his regiment. She reports as being at the Junction, a large number of our wounded. The enemy say they have over 1,000 prisoners. Mrs. H. brings verbal messages from several of her friends, and says that the wounded are well cared for. The offer of liberty has been granted to those who will take an oath not to again take up arms against the Confederates. A few have done so, but the majority refused.

### The Attitude of the Democratic Party.

Time always vindicates the wisdom of the policy of the Democratic party and of its administration. It has done so in connection with recent events, with more than usual emphasis. For years and years it warned the country that this eternal agitation of the slavery question, if not stopped, would bring the greatest calamities upon us; that it would lead to a divided Union and civil war between the sections; to national and individual bankruptcy; to personal and political ruin. It pleaded with its political opponents North, with the mad fanatics of the South, to forbear, to stay their hands, to stop what they called their "irrepressible conflict," for the good of the country. Their appeals were spurned. Their warnings were disregarded. We were told by the Republican statesmen that the danger could go on; that it did not endanger the Union; that a sectional triumph would do no mischief; that in case they were successful, all would go on as usual as a "marriage bell." The people for once listened to their siren soothing voice, and installed them in power. We would like to have seen the Democratic predictions proved false—we had a million times rather that they had had the name of false prophets, than to have seen our country in its present lamentable condition. But all the worst fears of the Democrats, all their worst predictions, have been more than realized. Look at the condition of the country—look at the present—survey its future. For all the evils, present and prospective, the Democratic party is guiltless, as it lifted up its voice and warned the people of them. Had the Democratic policy not been departed from, and its wise counsels been listened to, we should have been today a happy and united people, and prosperity would have smiled upon the land. The Democrats advised that the slavery question be left alone; that the compromises of the Constitution in favor of the institution be adhered to with strict fidelity. Its strong common sense enabled it to perceive that this great country could only be saved by a compromise and conciliation of all the various interests, and that as long as nearly one half of the States were shrouding in its egregiously folly to suppose that our General Government could pursue an anti-slavery course, without the greatest troubles and disasters to the whole political and social fabric. Our opponents believed otherwise. We give them credit, at least the masses, for honesty; but oh! how terribly have they been misled by demagogues and political idols to the brink of destruction!

### A Barge for the President.

The *York Gazette* says:—This country is now engaged in a bloody civil war—hundreds of millions of dollars are to be expended in its prosecution—the duty on sugar, tea, and coffee is to be increased, and direct taxation must be resorted to in order that the depleted coffers of the National Treasury may be replenished—business is prostrated, trade is destroyed, and what remains of every plant in the soil, in the face—and yet withal, the President and Cabinet have time and heart to indulge in amusements like the following:

*Barges for the President and Cabinet.*—It is stated that two new barges are being built in the Washington navy yard, for the President and family and the other for the Cabinet. These are to be 20 feet long and 9 feet wide, to be pulled by twelve oars. The President's boat will be painted white, with gilt stripes, and trimmed inside with blue damask. The other will be painted black, with scarlet stripe and with crimson trimmings.

### Worth Thinking About.

Wheat is selling at Buffalo for \$1 per bushel, corn at \$0.90. Butter is worth in our town 10c per lb, wool at a nominal price, and without demand. These prices will be considered low by our farmers. Most of them have been enabled by their wealth, to hold over the large stock of last year, in the hope of better prices.

The wives and daughters of our country farmers very naturally are indignant at the miserably remunerative prices offered for their grain and produce—those products that produce the necessities of life. Do their masculine protectors tell them the reason of this great grievance? If not, we will.

A change has come over our country, almost without our perception, that has stopped the channels of trade, destroyed the business of the States, and thour our very liberties.

The fabrics of your looms were consumed at the South. Your butter, by every Southern counter, found markets in every city, and almost every plantation. These markets are blocked, as is also the great distributing one, New York.

The steamers that were daily loaded with the material of your wealth, are now converted into transport ships to convey your brothers to fight with their own blood, and with a people with whom they have no quarrel.—*Illust. N. Y. Democrat.*

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### The Contrast.

The men who for years past have stood up in Congress and shouted War! War! and who were so exceedingly anxious to begin a battle, that they pressed Gen. Scott to begin one for their accommodations before the war was really, were the first to flee from the battle-field and help to create a panic and lead in the disgraceful retreat. Wilson and Wade were the leaders of the stampede, and the reporters say were the first to pass Washington-wards with gloomy faces.

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### Confederate Defenses at Manassas and Richmond.

A reliable gentleman, says the Philadelphia Bulletin, furnishes us with a most interesting statement received from the lips of a wealthy Virginian, residing within a few miles of Manassas Junction. He is a man of Northern birth and Union leanings; though loyal to the South, he is a man of the South, and as such he is the most trustworthy of sources. He tells us that the ground for many acres is mined in the most artistic manner, and tons upon tons of gunpowder are placed there. It was the intention of Beauregard, if driven back, until the Federal army had moved forward upon these mines, when they would have been fired, and the Union troops blown to atoms. Our informant thinks the government is not at all aware of the extent of these preparations to destroy its troops. There are upwards of 12,000 negroes employed to work in the entrenchments at Manassas, and about the same number employed at work in the entrenchments at Richmond.

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