

States, they should cultivate the same spirit towards the North. The chief element of a substantial Union is nationality amongst the people, and that can never be furnished by the sword. Again, in the words of Mr. Lincoln, "there has been much loss on both sides and no gain on either," and the identical old question as to terms of intercourse are upon us, and we should seek to adjust them as to recast the Union on imperishable basis.

But, it may be asked, in this a war for the Union? Are we not those in authority

intend nothing else? They certainly prefer nothing else. If the war is not for the Union, and is not for the Union, and is not directed with sole reference to that end, then it is the most stupendous fraud that has ever been practised upon the world.

We all know, however, that many, very many of its partisans will not be satisfied with that issue. It might be very im-

portant, therefore, to the salvation of the country, when the time for reconstruction comes,

if it should come, to have the sounding

on this point, taken in advance. I should like

exceedingly to see a popular vote taken in the North, especially in New England; between the

proposition to receive all the States back into

the Union, on the terms of the Constitution,

which makes the States equal and alike sover-

eign, each with the right to have such domes-

tic institutions as it may choose; and a proposi-

tion to recognize the independence of the South-

ern Confederacy. It might be interesting, as

well as instructive, to unveil the hypocrisy of

a certain school of politicians who have chal-

mored so zealously about the war for the Union.

It is painfully apparent that notwithstanding

this clamor, they do not intend that the Union

shall exist hereafter on the terms of the Con-

stitution; if it is to "embrace all the States."

The ratio of slave representation, and the ren-

dition of fugitive slaves, are features of the Con-

stitution which they condemn and abhor. Be-

tween the maintenance of these and the recogni-

tion of the Southern Confederacy, many of them,

in my judgment, four to one, would prefer the

latter. Their aversion to these clauses of the

Constitution was a primary cause of the aliena-

tion and hostility of the South, and I fear they

would not yield that aversion now to render

the Union what it once was. Let Mr. Lincoln

try this question if he would solve the problem

of the nation's imbroglio.

Do not understand me that I would yield the

sword or any other means calculated to render

the Union what it was. What I mean is, that

if the Union, and that only is the object, he

two will never find the belligerents in a bet-

ter condition to consummate that work than

they are now, and that other agencies should

be promptly employed. I yield to no man in

devotion and loyalty to the Union as it was and

to the principles of government transmitted to

us by our fathers. The maintenance and per-

petuation of these shall be the object nearest

my heart, whether I be in private or public

life. With much esteem, I remain,

Yours truly, WM. BIGLER.

To S. D. ANDERSON, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

We Yet Live.

For years past it has been a custom "hon-

ored in the observance," among the opponents of

the conservative Democracy, to declare that

party dead and buried. "What right?" said a

leading Republican paper in the recent canvass,

"has the Democratic party to kick the cover

of its coffin?" The people have answered

that insolent inquiry by exchanging conditions

with its enemies! Modern Republicanism is

now dying, if not already stone dead. The

people have condemned its principles, repudiated its policy and will continue the good work

thus begun, by burying out of sight its false

teacher! The Conservative and Democratic

party of this Republic are soon to seize the

reins of power and conduct us safely through

the trials that now surround us. That party

will live as long as the Union lives, and its

coffin will be that of constitutional liberty.—

The Democratic party is not the mere creation

of politicians; it is the representative of the

principles that underlie the Republic. Politi-

cians may now and then defeat it; but men

may occasionally endeavor to use it for selfish

and dishonorable ends; but it will come out

purified and more vigorous from every reverse.

Let the people rejoice, for their deliverance

is at hand. No more shall false lights allure

them from the landmarks our fathers set up

to guide them through all time. A needful

revolution has been inaugurated in Ohio,

Pennsylvania, Indiana, and New York; that

will not go backward! Fanatical theories

covered up with glittering generalities, have

had their day. Henceforth the Union, the Constitution and the enforcement of the laws;

it is the basis of all successful political action.

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