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OUR COUNTRY.

FROM THE OBELISK.

Columbia droops her stricken head,

Her face bedew'd the countless dead,

In I only grave that lies,

And through the land far and wide,

Is heard the wail of misery,

The mourner's anguish cry.

Columbia mourns her wretched lands,

Her houses depopulated and bare,

Her fields and the rocks and stones,

She mourns her people's rights destroyed,

Her blood-bought Constitution void,

Her righteous laws ignored.

What, for so long and sore,

Dies that, as our soil is sold,

With horrid din of war!

To dress with blood the battle ground,

And scatter desolation round,

And ruin near and far.

Our own household are no less,

Our own the authors of our woe,

And madly rush to ruin's brink,

We will rush to ruin's brink,

Or doubt the nation's power.

Alas! It is no foreign foe,

Max made this willer's foe,

This week of fall we pray,

But brothers meet in deadly strife,

Aming to take each other's life,

Regardless of their ties.

And mid the thunder cannon's peal,

The wild-thing ball, the club and spear,

No beam of mercy smiles;

But bid for blood between the cry,

Thill thunders a tip at us and us lie

In grim and gloomy pits.

And when the bloody work is done,

What do we see, who have lost a son,

Ask, who was the victor?

What did we care to know

Who fell, or forces or the foe—

In her lone misery?

No Spartan we, who lived to fight,

Whose virtue, highest gift is might—

We live in Christian land,

And live should be a guiding star

Which points to other men's wars,

To each in Union's lands.

Oh, Savior! Lord of love and peace,

Who had the troubled waves to cease

Thine prayers, O God, we pray,

Infuse thy loving spirit here,

And cease us at thy feet to bow

And thankfully own our sin.

BLOODY BEECHERISM.

Many bloody-minded Abolitionists conceal their real sentiments, hiding them under sanctified countenances and black veils.

Henry Ward Beecher. He belches out the feelings of his heart without stint, and gives utterance to thoughts that, indeed, are common to all of his fanatical school, but which the more prudent, smother in their bosoms.

We have a few of these full-blown blossoms of Mr. Beecher's mind, which, as they represent the beauty and quality of genuine Abolitionism—such as is cherished by Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, Wade, Lovjoy and others, and now controls the President in his whole policy—worth preserving for present examination and future use.

We shall open with a sentiment expressed by the Rev. Beecher in his recent fraternal lecture at Boston:

"We need more martyrs; we need more bloodshed. Bloodshed is the wine of the nations. God feeds them on blood."

Here is another from the Independent:

"We have lost nothing—nothing beyond a host of precious lives—and let us thank God that we have them to give, and plenty more in reserve, if needed."

And again—more blood and more blasphemy from the same source:

"Since Christmas last set its star in the heavens, no angel voices have sung in our heavens—Peace on earth, good will to men. The trumpet's clangor and the cannon's roar have filled the hemisphere. Germans have been mangled in blood. Three ten thousand men have seen the end of mortal life. Mothers grieve about the streets. Wives are widows. Widows are yet more desolate, whose sons have fallen. Orphan girls grow numerous as drops of dew. Yet the angels sing. High above the roar of battle and the outcry of armed men, still the voices of the air cheer us, singing, Peace! God will! Peace, when the moral evil is vanishing. God will, when those who hate mankind are hurled from power."

Until then, none need hope for quiet. Blood never was shed for a nobler cause. Our children are falling. But they fall for a worthy cause: are God's witnesses and man's martyrs!

This conflict belongs to liberty. We are assuming it from Satan at a price of blood, as the word was ransomed."

Then we have the Abolition bright side delineated. A writer in the Independent tells us:

"A leading General who was in the battle told a number of Congress that he felt relieved when the army was safely withdrawn, and in his opinion we were now nearer victory than ever before."

The member of Congress had another comforting view. The Congress, he said, rendered the January proclamation of emancipation an accomplished fact. "It was a good deed, there is nothing what the effort might have been upon the slavery question."

"This is the bright side of the subject, and in dark days like these it is well to look at the cheerful side of everything."

The craveng of the monsters—these vampires in human shape—for blood cannot be satisfied. It grows with what it feeds upon, and is ever calling for fresh fields of carnage. With them, Abolition of slavery is the ideal and do all." Without admitting that no victory is regarded with joy—but to accomplish it they would rob the land of inhabitants, desolate every hearth, and regions after regions to the field to be sacrificed, though the Union should fall and rivers of blood flow away its fountains.

Save the Rochester Union!

Blood—blood—blood—more blood. It is the cry of the radical party, who acknowledge Beecher as a leader, and who now have control of the President. Blood for what? To achieve victory over the rebels in arms against the government? No. To restore the Union? No. The blood uselessly shed at Fredericksburg is regarded upon in demonic glee by the preacher of the Independent. Do not there is to hunt the bright side of the subject. If we have beaten the enemy, there is no telling what the effect might have been on the slavery question. The reverse result—the emancipation proclamation an accomplished fact. This is bright and cheerful. Patriot & Unionist.

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

Washington, Jan. 1.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, on the 22d day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, the year of our Lord, 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States; shall be thereafter and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to oppress such persons, or any of them, in any effort they may make for their actual freedom; that the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people therein respectively shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State and the people thereof shall, on that day, be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States, by members chosen thereto at elections, wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusively evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power invested in me, as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy of the United States, in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing the said rebellion, do, on this, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaim: that the full period of one hundred days from the first day above mentioned, order and designate the States and parts of State, wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States the following, to wit: Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, except the parishes of Saint Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson, Saint James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, Saint Martin and Orleans, and also the counties of West Virginia, Northampton, Elizabeth City, 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