Yet on the dull silence breaking With a lightning flash, a word, Bearing endless desolation On its lightning wings, I heard. Earth can forge no keener weapon, Dealing surer death and pain, And the cruel coho answered Through long years again.

I have known one word hang star-like O'er a weary waste of years, And it only shone the brighter Looked at through a mist of tears, While a weary wanderer gathered Hope and heart on life's dark way, By its faithful promise shining Clearer day by day.

I have known a spirit calmer Than the calmest lake, and clear As the heavens that gazed upon it. With no wave of hope or fear; But a storm had swept across it, And its deepest depths were stirred, Never, never more to slumber, Only by a word.

I have known a word more gentle Than the breath of Summer air, In a listening heart it nestled, And it lived forever there. Not the beating of its prison Stirred it ever, night or day; Only with the heart's last throbbing Could it pass away.

Words are mighty, words are living; Serpents, with their venomed stings, Cr bright angels, crowding round us With heaven's light upon their wings; Every word has its own spirit, True or false, that never dies; Every word man's lips have uttered Echoes in the skies.

-Household Words.

The Sublime Centenary.

Address to the People of the Slave States and of the American Union, Read before a Convention at Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., March 8, 1861.

COUNTRYMEN AND BRETHREN :-Threequarters of a century have rolled over our beloved land since the day when a band of immortal men, from the thirteen colonies, signed the Declaration of Independence. and stamped an eternal truth, fixed and irrevocable, as the idea in which a new era was cradled, and the affirmation in which a new age should find its birth. When the recording angel stood by, and witnessed the beating of these giant hearts, as they signed their names, and beyond the hope of retreat or recantation, laid themselves down on the altar of human liberty, and pledged "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor" to the vindication, the defence, and the perpetuation of these truths through all time-when the recording angel witnessed the sealing of that declaration of human rights, he recorded the first act of a new destiny, and the glorious but gloom-obscured development of a Divine truth in the human soul.

Three-quarters of a century have rolled away, and a few scattered and thinly-settled colonies, whose people numbered only three millions, have expanded, and grown, and matured into a confederacy of thirty-one sovereign States, with a population of twenty-three millions, and a productive industry of nearly \$1,500,000,000 per annum. The feeble, struggling colonies of yesterday have become the strong and mighty nation of to-day, which rivals for greatness, and power, and energy, the oldest and most powerful kingdoms of the world. For the intelligence of the people, for its science its philosophy, its literature, its progress in mechanism, the triumphs of its arts, its arms, and its genius, it finds no parallel in history. For the beneficence of its institutions, the universality and equality of their immunities, for the resources of the people, and the enjoyment of personal and public liberty, the world has no rival.

But there is one gigantic, consuming, deadly cancer seated at the vital principles and policy of our beloved country. It is local in its existence, but it is universal in its far-reaching power. It is circumscribed by geographical limits, but it penetrates to the farthest extremes of the Union. It is a system which has become domesticated as a cherished institution of a portion of the States. It has existed in many which have wisely and forever abandoned it, but it lingers to-day in one-half of our confederacy. That institution is the system of domestic servitude at the South, known as slavery.

This system we view as at war with the most sacred rights of man-at war with the most cherished interests of the whole nation—and at war with the law of that God who has created of "one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth." We have groaned under it, and we have abolished it, and thrown off its burdens. We have watched its progress, and have viewed its evils and its curses, and we desire to see the day when our land shall be free. We are your countrymenwe are your friends-we are your brethren. Our hopes are your hopes-our aims are your aims—our destiny is your destiny. We are children of the same parents we are being by an infinite number of ties we are sworn by a mighty vow to be true to ourselves, to men, to Freedom, and to

The state in you have now existing among you is full of countless evils:

It is a meetical and produgal system.

It is inimical to the progress of society.

It is the parent of flagrant vice. It is the source of terrible crimes. It degrades man to the condition of

It deprives its subjects of their social rights as men.

It sunders, and despises, and tramples

upon the ties of nature. It binds the soul of one immortal, respon

sible being in the bonds of another. It tramples upon the consciences of three millions of responsible beings. It denies to three millions of men the

knowledge of the written law and Word of It arrogates the power and the sover-

eignty of the Creator. It builds a barrier between the soul

man and his God. Such a system is destroying your and our peace. It is sounding the alarm of discord in the halls, the legislatures, and at the firesides of the nation. Such a system is leading you to a proposed separation which we willinot accept l We desire that the bond of Peace, of Union, and of Love shall

unite us more and more firmly together.

We call upon, you to pause. We call upon

counsel. We will unite with you to scythes. The abolition of slavery will be a new

and glorious era in your history. It will bless your own age. It will bless your children. It will increase the value of your prop-

It will develop your resources. It will infuse new spirit into your coun-

It will unseal your own lips. It will give you a freedom you dare not

now enjoy. It will palsy the hearts of despots. It will carry joy to a waiting and watching world. It will make the world to ring with pæans

of universal triumph. It will save us from the evils of a greater burden, which increases every year. It will bind us in a union of glorious institutions, of exalted privileges, and of over-

whelming love. It will strengthen, establish, and perpetuate the liberties and the glories of the

American people. It will relieve us of a burden of unspeakable sin, of unanswerable reproach, and .of awful responsibility to the souls of our fel-

low-men. It will relieve us of the burden of guilt in defying the law and the sovereignty of

Let us pause and think! Let us, "in love bearing one another's burdens," " reason together." By the blood of our fathers! By the graves of our sires! By the hopes of man! By the life, the liberty, and the rights of this age! By the widening, deepening, swelling tide which shall succeed us! By the millions unborn! By the undying souls of millions of immortal beings, we call upon you to pause!

Three-quarters of a century have passed away, and the 687,000 slaves of 1776 have multiplied to the three millions of to-day! Brothers! It is not too late! The FOURTH OF JULY, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEV-ENTY-SIX, may witness the jubilee of American Freedom! The sun of that day may rise on sixty millions of freemen, over whom it shall shed its rays in a sublimer Peace! The sun of that day may witness the last link and the last fetter fall from the limb of the last slave! The universal song of redemption may roll over mountain, and hill, and prairie, and savannah, and valley, and the acclamation of the emancipated bondman may peal from every part of our beloved land! The glory of that day who shall describe? The splendor and the triumphs of that scene who shall

paint? Brothers! We call you in love! We will share your burdens! Let us make this our aim! WM. OLAND BOURNE. Mr. Bourne then offered the following

resolutions: Resolved, That we recommend to the people of the United States that they unite in fixing the FOURTH OF JULY, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX, the Centenary of American Independence as the day which shall witness the termination of American slavery.

Resolved, That we call for a convention of two delegates from each of the States of the American Union, who shall meet and deliberate upon the best measures for the abolition of slavery, and uniting us as one people in this glorious work.

On motion, the address and resolutions were ordered to be printed with the proceedings, over the name of the author.

Clerical Anecdote.

Wherever the rifle and the axe of the hardy pioneer were seen, there were also sure to appear, not long afterwards, the saddle-bags of the Methodist minister. An anecdote which we find in the sketch of Richard Nolley well illustrates this. Mr. Nolley was one of a small band of missionaries sent out from the South Carolina Conference about 1812, to labor in the wilds of Mississippi and Louisiana, which were then sparcely settled, and occupied to some extent by tribes of not always friendly Indians. Mr. Nolley was a man of great energy, zeal, and courage. He was exposed to many dangers in the prosecution of his work, both from the hostile saavges and the opposition of white men. But he was rigidly faithful, and omitted no opportunity of doing good to persons of any condition, in whatever obscure corner he could find them. On one occasion, while travelling, he came upon a fresh wagon track, and while following it, he discovered an emigrant family who had just reached the spot where they intended to make their home. The man, who was putting out his team, saw at once by the costume and bearing of the stranger, what was his calling, and exclalmed. "What! another Methdist preacher? I quit Virginia to get out of the way of them, and went to a new settlement in Georgia, where I should be quite beyond their reach; but they got my wife and daughter into the Church. Then, in this late purchase, Choctaw Corner, I found a piece of good land, and was sure I should have some peace of the preachers; but here is one before my wagon is unloaded." "My friend," said Mr. Nolley, "it you go to heaven, you'll find Methodist preachers there; and if you go to hell, I'm afraid you'll find some there; and you see how it is in this world. So you had better make terms with us, and be at peace."

Concerning Large Armies.

The following facts, culled from the fields of ancient story, may be of some interest at the present time: The city of Thebes had a hundred gates

and could send out at each gate, 10,000 fighting men and 200 chariots-in all 1,000,000 men and 2,000 chariots.

ships and 3,000 small vessels, and a land cer passes, challenges the former, and deforce of 300,000 men. At the battle in mands the watchword. "The precious which he was defeated, 150,000 were slain. | blood of Christ!" called out the startled Carthage, consisted of 330 vessels, with word of the night, and uttering uncon-140,000 men. The Carthaginian fleet sciously the thought which was at that monumbered 350 vessels, with 150,000 men. ment filling his soul. Next moment he Romans, including allies, 80,000 foot and 6,000 horse; of the Carthaginians 40,000 spoke had rung through the gallery and

bear the burden of its removal. We will Italy, a little before Hannibal's time, was share the burdens, that we may share the able to send into the field nearly 1,000,000

Semiramis employed 2,000,000 men in building the mighty Babylon. She took 100,000 Indian prisoners at the Indus, and sunk 1,000 boats. Sennacherib lost in a single night 185,-000 men by the destroying angel-2. Kings

xix: 35-37. A short time after the taking of Babylon, the forces of Cyrus consisted of 600,000 armed with scythes.

An army of Cambyses, 50,000 strong, was buried up in the desert sand of Africa by a South wind.

When Xerxes arrived at Thermopylæ his land and sea forces amounted to 2,641,-610, exclusive of servants, eunuchs, women, sutlers, &c.; in all numbering 5,483,-320. So say Herodolus, Plutarch, and Isocrates.

The army of Artaxerxes, before the battle of Cunaxa, amounted to about 1,-200,000. Ten thousand horses and 100,000 foot fell on the fatal field of Issus.

When Jerusalem was taken by Titus, 1 100,000 perished in various ways. The force of Darius at Arbela numbered more than 1.000,000. The Persians lost 90,000 men in this battle; Alexander about 500 men. So says Diodorous. Arian says the Persians in this battle lost 300,100;

the Greeks 1200. The army of Tamerlane is said to have mounted to 1,600,000, and that of his antagonist, Bajazet, to 1,400,000.

> The Fly. To be recited to a Little Child. BY THEODORE TILTON.

Here's a fly; Let us watch him, you and I. How he crawls Upon the walls-Yet he never falls I believe, with such legs

You and I could walk on eggs! There he goes On his toes Tickling baby's nose! Spots of red Dot his head: Rainbows on his back are spread. That small speck

Is his neck; See him nod and beck! I can show you if you choose, Where to look to find his shoes; Three small pairs Made of hairs ; * These he always wears!

Black and brown Is his gown; He can wear it upside down. It is laced Round his waist; I admire his taste; Yet, though tight his clothes are made He will lose them, I'm afraid. If to-night

In the sun Webs are spun: What if he gets into one? When it rains He complains On the window-panes. Tongues to talk have you and I; God has given the little fly No such things;

So he sings

Of the candle light.

He gets sight

With his buzzing wings. He can eat Bread and meat; There's his mouth between his feet. On his back Is a sack Like a peddler's pack.

Does the baby understand? Then the fly shall kiss her hand! Put a crumb On her thumb Maybe he will come! Catch him? No!

Let him go; Never hurt an insect so. But, no doubt, He flies out Just to gad about. Now you see his wings of silk Drabbled in the baby's milk!

Fie! oh fie! Foolish fly, How will he get dry?

All wet flies Twist their thighs; Then they wipe their heads and eyes: Cats, you know, Wash just so; Then their whiskers grow! Flies have hair too short to comb;

So they fly bareheaded home: But the Gnat Wears a hat; Do you believe that?

More than we-So how bright their eyes must be Little Fly Ope your eye-

Spiders are near by! For a secret I can tell, Spiders never treat flies well ! Then, away! Do not stay— Little fly, good-day!

The Watchword,

In one of the great rock-galleries of Gib-Sessettis, King of Egypt, led against his enemies 600,000 men, 24,000 cavalry, and twenty-seven scythe armed abasis.

and twenty-seven scythe armed chariots, going their rounds, the one meditating on the blood which had brought peace to his Hamilear went from Carthage and landed, soul, the other darkly brooding over his own near Palermo. He had a fleet of 2,000 disquietudes and doubts. Suddenly an offi-A Roman fleet, led by Regulus against veteran, forgetting for a moment the pass-At the battle of Cannæ there were of the corrected himself, and the officer, no doubt Miller Breckinridge, of Missouri, on the foot and 10,000 horse. Of these, 70,000 entered the ears of his fellow-soldier at the abolition of slavery in that State. He argues were slain in all, and 10,000 taken priss other end, like a message from heaven. It that the State cannot hold slavery long, and seemed as if an angel had spoken, or rather that the absence of the emancipation law Hannibal, during his campaign in Italy as if God himself had proclaimed the good keeps free laborers out of the State; and very and Spain, plundered 400 towns and de-stroyed 300,000 men.

| Description of Christ!" Yes; that was peace! | soon there will—indeed, there is already, a loss to the State, from the want of laboring blood of Christ!" Yes; that was peace! loss to the State, from the want of laboring Ninus, the Assyrian King, about 2,200 His troubled soul, was now at rest. That men to develop its resources.—Princeton years B. C., led against the Bactrians his midnight voice had spoken the good news Standard.

you to hear our voice, and listen to a holier | horse, and 16,000 chariots armed with | sage. "The precious blood of Christ!"- | Breckinridge, formerly a Professor in the strange but blessed watchword; never to be forgotten. For many a day and year, no doubt, it would be the joy and rejoicing of his heart.

VARIETIES.

Preaching Politics .- In Dr. Sprague's 'Annals of the American Pulpit," is a sketch of the life of Dr. David Elv. of Huntingdon, Conn., in which may be found a very good illustration of the complaints made against political preaching now-afoot, 120,000 horse and 2,000 chariots days. The Doctor was a zealous friend of the cause of the American Colonies in the days of the American Revolution, and among his people were a good many tories, who were on the watch for his words. He was charged with preaching politics in a neighboring parish, and it was thought proper to trace the report to its source. The parish was visited, and inquiry made: "Did Dr. Ely preach politics when here?" 'Yes." "What did he say?" "Well, sir, if he did not preach politics, he prayed politics." "What did he say?" he said, 'Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished!""

Antiquarian Discovery.—Sir H. Rawlinson announces to those who are interested in the comparative chronology of the Jewish and Assyrian kingdoms, the discovery of a Cuneiform document which promises to be of the greatest possible value in determining the dates of all great events which occurred in Western Asia between the beginning of the ninth and the latter half of the seventh century B. C.

Giving the Hand .- A very solemn method of taking an oath in the East, is by joining hands, uttering at the same time a curse upon the false swearer. To this form, the wise man probably alludes in that proverb: "Though hand join in hand"—though they ratify their agreement by oath-"the wicked shall not go unpunished; but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered." This form of swearing is still observed in Egypt and the vicinity.

A Good Suggestion.—It has been suggested that in view of the times and the necessity of the people being prepared for any and every emergency, that each of the townships form within their limits military organizations for the purpose of drilling and acquiring general military knowledge, and that one afternoon of each week be fixed for the purpose of taking practical lessons upon the subject. The plan strikes us as a good one, and every township should at once adopt it. Let the thing be started .- Media Advertiser.

Yes; and let the employers pay the whole week's wages, without deducting anything for lost time.

Rebel Audacity.—A young German, who has recently escaped from Richmond, says: United as the rebels are on most points, they are still more so in favor of the grand scheme for the invasion and plundering of the North. Of this they talk by day and dream by night. The hope of the rich plunder of Northern cities, and the retribution which they expect to mete out to the hated Yankee race, is the great spur to their valor, and woe to the North if they should succeed. Their first movement of invasion, they assert, will be made in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The British Revenue.—The total revenue of the United Kingdom for the year ending June 30th, 1862, amounted to £69,-

85,789, derive	d from	the	followi
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This is \$348,428,945, being more than double our tariff, excise, war tax, and all our other national incomes; and yet the English, as a people, are less wealthy than

£69,685,789

Whom to Write to at Washington .-- Important to Business Men.—As there are many persons who wish to communicate with the different bereaus of the War Department, a memorandum of the proper persons to address may be useful to our

All letters relating to pay of soldiers on furlough or in hospitals should be addressed to General B. F. Larned, Paymaster General. Applications for back pay, and the \$100

bounty of deceased soldiers, should be addressed to Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor. Applications for pay of teamsters, employees of Quartermaster's Department, or

for horses killed in service, should be addressed to Hon. R. I. Atkinson, Third Auditor. Applications relating to pay and bounty in the marine or naval service should be

addressed to Hon. Robert Berrian, Fourth Letters concerning soldiers in the army should be addressed to Adjutant General Lorenzo Thomas.

What are we Fighting for ?-Dr. Thomson, of the Advocate and Journal, replies that we are fighting, 1st. To put down an unprovoked rebellion against the most liberal and beneficent Government on earth. .2d. For the unity of the country. 3d. For human freedom. 4th. For the peace of future ages. 5th. For free government in our land and in all lands for all ages to

What Woman Can Do. Near the village of Austerlitz, in Columbia County, N. Y. lives a young woman-whose husband has raltar, two British soldiers had mounted gone to the war, who takes his place in the guard; one at each end of the wast tunnel, field, clears land, hoes crops, repairs fences, One was a believing man, whose soul had and does all the farm work as well as any

Iron Sleepers.-Iron sleepers have been aid down on the Madras (Indian) Railroad n place of wooden sleepers. It has been found that wooden sleepers decay so rapidly n tropical climates, that iron has been reorted to as a more economical material This railroad is 406 miles in length, and tretches across the Indian Peninsula from Madras to Beypoor.

Judge Breckinridge on Emancipation. - We are rejoiced to learn from a copy of an Oration delivered by the Hon. Samuel

army, consisting of 1,700,000 foot, 200,000 to him, and God had carried home the mes. Judge B. is a son of the late Rev. John

Princeton Seminary, and consequently a nephew of Dr. R. J. Breckinridge, of Danville, Kentucky, and cousin of the traitor

John C. Breckinridge.

This War has proved that the United States have more military resources, and can put into the field greater armies, than any nation on the earth. It has proved that the United States Government has no friends among the governments of Europe, and furthermore that it needs none. It has proved that the genius and mechanical skill of American inventors is as remarkable in war as in peace.

Report of Hon. Reverdy Johnson.-Hon. Reverdy Johnson, of Maryland, has made his report to the Government upon the points in the administration of affairs in New Orleans he not long since went thither to ministrate, and the President has approved its conclusions. It is understood that he recommends the return to the Consul of the Netherlands of the LARGE RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER \$800,000 seized by Butler, that the \$716,-000 be returned to the French Consul, and also that a large amount of sugar and other merchandise be relinquished to the Greek British and other foreign merchants domi ciled in New Orleans, as, according to Mr. Johnson, these seizures by Gen. Butler cannot be justified by civil or military law.

Brigadier General Joseph P. Plummer died at Corinth, Mississippi, on Sunday morning, Aug. 11, from congestion of the brain Gen. Plummer was a native of Barre, Massachusetts, and was born in 1820. In 1837. he entered West Point Academy, and was a member of the same class with Nathaniel Lyon, Schuyler Hamilton, James Totten, Don Carlos Buell, and others who have become distinguished in the war. He entered the army and held a captain's commission time, but had not intermitted his duties in consequence. On the evening of his death he rode from his headquarters to those of his superior general, and finding him absent had taken a seat to await his arrival. Here a sudden vertigo attacked him, and he almost immediately expired.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of Alabama. - The well known Dr. Ross has recently turned up in the presence of Gen. Rosseau, of our forces, as the defender of treason and rebellion. The charge having been sustained, he was leaving the General's tent under guard, when he remarked: "Well, General, we must each do as we think best, and I hope we shall both meet in heaven." The General, with a mixture of sternness and pleasantry, replied: "Your getting to heaven, sir, will depend altogether upon your future conduct; before we can reasonably hope to meet in that region, you and I must both become better men.

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