

THE MINSTREL.

BY C. F. BONNER

I am no gifted child of song, Nor harper old and gray, To win the smiles of courtly throng, With some enchanting lay...

I would not bring back the youthful page His true love, time and place, The proud old father in his rage, And put them face to face...

Lady, the silent hours of night, When starts a twinkle free, Are fraught with visions of delight, And memories of thee...

I would recall some loveliest scene, Where island lovers smiled, And bring again the forest scene, At Meribah's island...

Alas! vain it were some glad refrain, To other themes than this, For I would have no note of pain, In this sweet dream of bliss...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

A little boy went to his father crying the other day, and told him that he had kicked a bee that had spitlers in its tail.

What is the child to the mother? It is a soul which requires to be formed. Good teachers make good scholars, but it is only mothers that form men.

The test of our love is obedience. This is the teaching; it sweeps away a whole mass of natural feeling, and shows what is gold and what is brass.

A great thought awakes in our mind a whole world of new expectations, a sunbeam streaming into the darkness shows a thousand atoms floating in its path.

Everything that woman writes there will be thousands of faults against grammar; not that, to a certainty, always a charm never to be found in the letters of men.

Very few people go into an argument in order to discover the truth of the matter. They want to hold their own, and not to lose the victory. Hence the general loss of temper.

When we see the shameful fortunes amassed in all quarters of the globe, we are not impelled to exclaim that "Jehovah's" pieces of silver have rusted across the centuries!

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Vanity is a constantly solicitous self that, even where its own claims are not interested, it indirectly seeks the alms which it is to be showing how little is desired by others.

Truth comes to us from the past as gold is washed down the mountains of Sierra Nevada, in minute but precious particles, and intermixed with infinite alloy, the debris of centuries.

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Spiritual hunger cannot be satisfied by general resolution, stereotyped exercises and formal prayers; but only by close communion with Christ and personal effort of one soul for the welfare of another.

There is scarcely any one of us, even of those who are very sparing of speech, who has not wasted at least one-half of the words which he ever uttered—and every word has been mischievous as well as wasteful.

Great and rare heart-offerings are found almost exclusively among women; nearly all happiness and most blessed moments of love are of their creating, and so also is friendship, especially when it follows love.

As to the one side, though it should enjoy all it can desire, would, notwithstanding, never be content, so on the other side, wisdom ever acquiesces with its immediate condition.

My faith is, that there is a greater amount of revelation given to guide each man by the principles laid down in the Bible, by conscience, and by Providence; than most men are aware of. It is not the light which is defective, it is an eye to see it.

To be forgotten as soon as dead is the miserablest lot of man everywhere, but it is only in the more populous places of the world that this forgetfulness anticipates the two-fold oblivion of the grave, and that men are considered dead because they cease to be remembered.

Providence has so ordered it that only two women have a true interest in the happiness of a man—his own mother and the mother of his children. Besides these two legitimate kinds of love, there is nothing between the two creatures except vain excitement, painful and idle dissipation.

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What did you get? said a wife to her husband, the other day, when he returned from a "black bear" fishing up the Delaware. "Oh! I got lots," he said. "I got tired; I got drunk; I got hungry; I got wet and madd; I got back home, and I think I've got a cold."

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RAILROAD SCHEDULES.

PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT, PETERSBURG, VA., JAN. 24, 1878. SCHEDULE OF TRAINS: TO TAKE EFFECT THURSDAY, JAN. 24TH.

GOING SOUTH. New York Express leaves Petersburg daily at 12:25 A. M. Arrives at Weldon daily at 12:55 P. M. Southern Express leaves Petersburg daily, except Monday, at 12:35 A. M. Arrives at Weldon daily, except Monday, at 1:05 P. M. Freight with Passenger coach attached, leaves Petersburg daily, except Sunday, at 12:35 P. M. Arrives at Weldon daily at 1:05 P. M.

GOING NORTH. New York Express leaves Weldon daily at 3:30 P. M. Arrives at Petersburg daily at 4:15 P. M. Southern Express leaves Weldon daily, Mondays excepted, at 3:27 A. M. Arrives at Petersburg daily, except Monday, at 4:15 A. M. Freight with Passenger coach attached, leaves Weldon daily, except Sunday, at 1:00 P. M. Arrives at Petersburg daily at 1:25 A. M. Through tickets sold to all Eastern and Southern points, and baggage checked through. Freight coaches and parlor cars will run through between Wilmington and New York on all trains, and sleeping cars run through on night trains, sleeping berths can be had for \$1.00—Richmond to Baltimore.

L. E. CLARKE, Dispatcher of Trains. R. M. SULLY, General Superintendent. Feb 20 11

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY. Commencing Monday, Feb. 4th, 1878, trains on this road will run as follows: LEAVE PETERSBURG NORTH. 6:30 A. M.—Through Mail, daily, except Monday, connecting with Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad for all points East and West. Stops only at Manchester and Chester. 11:35 A. M.—Daily, (except Sunday) with Passenger Coach attached. 2:30 P. M.—Accommodation train daily, with passenger coach attached. 6:30 P. M.—Through Mail daily connecting with Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad for all points East and West, making close connection with Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for Virginia Springs and all points West and North. This train only stops at Manchester and Chester. Passengers for Clover Hill connect at Chester, (except Sunday) by taking P. M. train. LEAVE RICHMOND SOUTH. 8:40 A. M.—Through Mail daily, connecting for Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Columbia, Augusta, Raleigh, Atlanta, Nacora, Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans, and all points south and southwest. This train stops only at Manchester and Chester. 1:05 P. M.—Accommodation (daily except Sunday). Stops only at Manchester and Chester. 4:15 P. M.—Freight (daily except Sunday) with coach attached. 11:10 P. M.—Through Mail (daily except Sundays) connecting with Weldon, Wilmington, Charleston, Columbia, Augusta and Savannah. Pullman sleeping-car for Wilmington and the South. Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars run between Richmond and Baltimore on the night train. Passengers can remain in Car at Baltimore until 11 A. M. Additional charge for sleeping car accommodations \$1.00. All trains leaving Petersburg will start from the Appomattox Depot. Feb 14 11

WILMINGTON & WELDON RAILROAD CO. Change of Schedule. MAIL TRAIN. Leave Union Depot daily at 9:05 A. M. Arrive at Goldsboro - 2:08 A. M. Rocky Mount - 1:40 P. M. Weldon - 3:10 P. M. Leave Weldon daily at 12:45 P. M. Arrive at Rocky Mount - 2:15 P. M. Goldsboro - 2:55 P. M. Union Depot - 7:15 P. M. EXPRESS TRAIN AND THROUGH FREIGHT TRAINS. Leave Union Depot daily at 11:00 P. M. Arrive at Goldsboro - 4:55 A. M. Rocky Mount - 4:21 A. M. Weldon - 11:00 A. M. Leave Weldon daily at 9:00 P. M. Arrive at Rocky Mount - 11:50 P. M. Goldsboro - 2:29 A. M. Union Depot - 8:50 A. M. The mail train makes close connection at Weldon for all points North via Bay Line and Acquia Creek routes. Express Train connects on with Acquia Creek route. PULLMAN'S PALACE SLEEPING CARS on this Train. FREIGHT TRAINS will leave Wilmington tri-weekly at 8:00 A. M., and arrive at 1:40 P. M. JOHN E. DIVINE, Gen'l Superintendent.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. OFFICE SUP'T. OF TRANSPORTATION, S. & R. R. CO. PORTSMOUTH, VA., JAN. 8, 1878. Trains of this Road will leave Weldon daily, except Sundays, as follows: Mail Train at : : 3:15 P. M. Through Freight at : : 4:30 A. M. Way Freight Tri-Weekly : : 6:00 A. M. Through Freight : : 8:0 A. M. Mail Train stops at all Stations. Steamer leaves Franklin Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, for Edenton, Plymouth and landings on Blackwater and Chowan rivers. Apply to R. O. EDWARDS, Agent, Weldon, or to E. G. GHIO, Sup't. of Transportation, Portsmouth, Va.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. RALEIGH & GASTON RAILROAD. SUNDAY TRAINS' OFFICE. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19, 1878. MAIL TRAIN. Leave Raleigh, : : 10:30 A. M. Arrives at Weldon, : : 3:40 P. M. Leaves Weldon at : : 12:40 P. M. Arrives at Raleigh, : : 6:15 P. M. ACCOMMODATION TRAIN. Leave Raleigh, : : 9:30 P. M. Arrives at Weldon, : : 5:50 A. M. Leaves Weldon : : 9:30 P. M. Arrives at Raleigh, : : 6:25 A. M. Mail train makes close connection Weldon with the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and Bay Line Steamers via Falls more, to and from all points North, West and Southwest, and with Petersburg Railroad via Petersburg, Richmond, and Washington City, to and from all points North and Northwest. Also at Raleigh with the North Carolina Railroad to and from all points South and Southwest, and with the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line to Hayward and Fayetteville. JNO. C. WINDER, Gen'l Superintendent, may 30s

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