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AN OLD FAVORITE

THE SONG OF THE MYSTIC

By Father Ryan

FATHER ABRAM RYAN was born 1824, some say, in Limerick, Ireland, and others, Norfolk, Va. While still others say Hagerstown, Md. He was ordained to the priesthood and labored in many southern cities. He died in 1882. He was devoted to the cause of the south, and, aside from his devotional poems, none of his writings has more passion or sincerity than those commemorating the deeds of the Confederate army and the cause for which it fought.

I WALK DOWN THE VALLEY OF SILENCE—
Down the dim, voiceless valley—alone,
And I hear not the fall of a footstep
Around me save God's and my own;
And the hush of my heart is as holy
As hovers where angels have flown:

Long ago I was weary of voices
Whose music my heart could not win;
Long ago I was weary of noises
That fretted my soul with their din;
Long ago I was weary of places
Where I met but the human—and sin.

In the hush of the Valley of Silence
I dream all the songs that I sing,
And the music floats down the dim valley
That to hearts like the dove of the deluge,
A message of peace they may bring.

Do you ask me the place of the valley,
Ye hearts that are hallowed by care?
It lieth afar from mountains,
And one is the dark mount of Sorrow
And one the bright mountain of Prayer.

DEMOCRATIC APPROPRIATIONS.

Seventh Day Adventists Sure the Day is Nearing Its End.

The Democratic party is always open and frank with the people. It has nothing to conceal, its management is clean, it has no defamers, it has always met every responsibility as it has arisen, and in this campaign proposes to do the same thing.

With the exception of the building for the blind at Raleigh, which the Fusionists decorated with Jim Young's name as a person to whom credit should be given, a small appropriation to the deaf and dumb institute at Morantown, and one or two small appropriations in 1895 for betterments to the insane asylum, the Fusionists did nothing for our great charitable institutions. In 1897 the Democratic party met the indebtedness and mismanagement of the penitentiary and attempted to look after the oyster industry of the State. It increased the appropriations to the various charitable institutions and made liberal appropriations for permanent improvements. But in 1901 it was seen that the contemplated improvements had not been made with the growth of the State, that numbers of the State's persons were cared for in the jails and county homes of the various counties, that the deaf and dumb and blind were not sufficiently cared for, that the old Confederate soldier was not sufficiently looked after at the Soldiers' Home, and that the pensions previously paid to him were totally inadequate. The Democratic party, in advocating the Constitutional Amendment, had pledged itself to the maintenance of a four-month school, in each district of the State, that numbers of the State's persons were cared for in the jails and county homes of the various counties, that the deaf and dumb and blind were not sufficiently cared for, that the old Confederate soldier was not sufficiently looked after at the Soldiers' Home, and that the pensions previously paid to him were totally inadequate.

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS.

A PATHEPIC STORY.

A pathetic story comes from Brooklyn. A certain man, who had served a term in the penitentiary, after being released, went home to his wife and two little children, who had been suffering great deprivation during his enforced absence. The children were overjoyed to see their father, and they never knew the cause of his absence. The wife had remained devoted to her husband, and there was a most happy family reunion. The man does not appear to be of a vicious or criminal nature, and declared that the offense for which he had been punished was not intentional. He determined then when he got back to Brooklyn to work hard for his family and atone by all means in his power for the disgrace he had brought upon them. With this good intention he went out to seek for work. But he searched in vain. It was known that he had been in the penitentiary and no one would employ him. His position became pitiable. In desperation he applied to a street car company for employment and filled out an application with an assumed name, but did not sign it. He was employed as a conductor and went to work with joy. The company found him to be reliable and faithful and his family was very happy in what they called the period of prosperity. One day after he had been some time on the passengers on the car the conductor recognized the judge who had sentenced him to the penitentiary, but who had been lenient with him and had told the judge who he was and gave him his history. Later on the judge mentioned the incident to a friend, and the story came to the ears of a policeman, who had a grudge against the man and who promptly arrested him. The conductor had violated the law by applying for employment under an assumed name. The arrest seemed to have ended a happy career and brought ruin again upon a family of innocent people who were just recovering from a great calamity.

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Northern People Coming South.

The cry of the time is for cheap land, cheap in price, but rich in productive-ness. Land has become so high in the middle West that farmers are looking elsewhere for a more favorable location where they can become owners and not tenants of the soil. The South is offering some exceptionally good bargains in land values and in locations that are easily accessible to railroads. A demonstration of what these lands can produce was exemplified in the fine exhibit shown on the Iowa State Fair grounds last week by the Southern Railway. Fair visitors were amazed to see what can be raised in southern states, and especially was this noticeable in the many varieties of grain grown. The showing of fruit could not be excelled anywhere, and the grasses grown for fodder were the equal of anything in that line. There is a fine field of northern farmers in the South, and many of those who have gone down there have made a great success of their farming. These lands are suitable for every branch of agriculture and can be easily obtained therefrom. This is especially so in the states of Virginia, the two Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. Mr. John P. Olsen, who had charge of this fine exhibit on the fair ground, said to a representative of "The Homestead," "I have seen a lot of people who find out that a good farm in the South was very valuable, and that other grains besides cotton could be grown at a profit. No section of the United States can offer a better place for stock raising, at a less cost, than the South. Water and pasture are in abundance. Not an acre of this land requires irrigation to make it productive. If any of our readers are seeking a home where land is cheap and very productive the climate genial and beautiful educational facilities good, and where success can be made, let them write to me at once." John F. Olsen, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway Co., 225 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., and he will be pleased to answer all inquiries and furnish maps and pamphlets descriptive of this new South.

Pensions for Confederate Soldiers.

F. M. Simmons, at Greensboro.

During our tenure we have appropriated at the end of the present fiscal year will have spent over two hundred thousand dollars more than the Fusionists appropriated and spent during the four years of their tenure of office for pensions to disabled Confederate soldiers. Who will complain? Who will begrudge this pittance to these old heroes?

The Republican party has voted through Congress this year a bill appropriating one hundred and forty million dollars for pensions to Union soldiers. The Republican party has voted through Congress this year another bill pensioning certain persons who left the Confederate army, and it is said there will be paid out under this bill about five hundred thousand dollars annually in North Carolina. The amount North Carolina will have to contribute towards the payment of these pensions to Union soldiers during the present year will reach between twenty and thirty hundred thousand dollars. We do not criticize or complain of just pensions to Union soldiers, but it would be ungracious indeed in that party which has voted these liberal pensions, and to the payment of which we so largely contribute, to the brave men who followed Grant and Sheridan, to begrudge the little mite which we have felt able to contribute to relieve in part at least the pressing needs of the brave men who followed Lee and Jackson.

THE COLONEL IS A WARM NUMBER.

Charlotte Observer.

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