BIOGRAPHY

ASKETCH

Life and Public Services

HENRY CLAY.

[CONCLUDED.] Henry Clay is now (1844) in his sixty seventh year, and notwithstanding his varied and arduous labors, tasking his mental and physical powers to an extraordinary degree, and the several periods of dangerous illness. to which he has been subject, he bears in his personal appearance the promise of a vigorous, bealthful and protracted old age. In mies. We have fairly stated the head and stature he is tall, sinewy, erect and com- front of his offending. manding, with finely formed limbs and frame capable of much endurance. From his fea-

tures you might at first infer that he was a hardy backwoodsman, who had been accus- the Cleveland (Ohio) Herald, of April, 1843: tomed rather to the privations and trials of a frontier life than to the arena of debate and his vicinity, who has been largely engaged the diplomatic table. But when you meet his in the purchase and manufacture of bemp, full, cienr, gray eye, you see in its flishes for bagging and bale-rope, for the New-Or the conscious power of a well-trained and leans market, by the fall in value, and the panoplied intellect as well as the glance of an embarrassments of the times, which have been intrepid sobl. Its lustre gives animation to felt with prodigious force for a year past, in the whole countenance, its varying express the great South-Western Emperium, was of his speaking lies in his clear, rotund and in- his creditors. The whole amount of his liadescribably melodious voice, which is of wides bilities was near \$50,000-about one-half compass, and as distinct in its low as in its of which was due to Mr. Clay for advances high tones. The effects of it, when a pas- to enable the manufacturer to prosecute his sion is to be portrayed, or a feeling of pathos business, so advantageous to the farming inaroused, is like that of a rich instrument upon terest of Kentucky, with the hope of an im-

Nothing could be more felicitous than M Clay's personal manners and mode of address. They impress every one with the conviction that he is a true man-that there tentates as at a Barbecue with his own stituents-his perfect self-possession and pose of manner spring, not so much from long intercouse with the world as from the rooted democratic instinct, that dignity character, which looks solely to the inwa man, and sees not the stars and garters .w which he may be externally decorated.

Among the eminent men who have bor testimony to those qualities, which render Ma Clay so worthy a candidate for the highest of fice in the gift of the American people Col. Richard M. Johnson of Kentucky .-We are indebted to the Richmond Whig for the following anecdote:

" On the 30th September last, Col. Joh son being in Staunton, Virginia, a number gentlemen paid him the respect of calling see him. One of the company remarked him, 'Colonel, when you reach the railro junction, you will be near the Slashes Hanover.' The honest old warrior's for immediately lit up with an expression of sir cerity and pleasure, and he eloquently said *I shall be delighted to see that place. Even spot of ground Henry Clay touches he mortalizes. I have been in public life for fo ty years, and in that time have been associ ated with all the great men of the country. Leaving out Madison and Gallatin, who was old men when I first stepped upon the thester of politics, I will place Jefferson first, the Henry Clay. He is a perfect Hercules in al the qualities that can adorn human nature. Some men may excel him in a single qualityfor instance, Webster may be a greater cian, or some may be more renowned for dee researches, but take Clay all in all, he had not an equal in the Union, either in the North or South-the East or the West. In moral courage-in physical courage-in oratory in patriotism, and in every noble quality, he is without a superior. I have been associated with him on Committees in connexion with Calhoun, Lowndes, Cheves, Webster, and other distinguished individuals, but Clay was always the master-spirit. We looked up to him as the Ajax Telamon; and by his counsel we were guided in our deliberations. It the rest of the Committee assembled before him and were in doubt how to proceed, when he made his appearance, all eyes were turned pon him-and we were certain to be right when we followed his opinion. He is a great man, a very great man."

As a writer, Mr. Clay will creditably compare with any of the public men of the day. d old Saxon words over those derived Lotin and Greek las na, his land report of 1882;

ding and raising of cattle, on an extensive years to efface.

Scale, and no man has done better service to the Philanthropist, the Patriot, and the farming interests of the country. He is Christian, what a relief to turn from this spec-

In early life, Mr. Clay had a fondness for play-not for the sake of the money sported but for the company and the excitement. He has, on several occasions given up targ sums that he had won, and often saved men from ruin. He has never played at a public table or at gambling houses. For umcards of thirty years he has not played at any game of hazard. We mention these facis because there is much misrepresentation abroad or the subject; and the most grossly exaggerated stories have been made current by his ene-

As an instance of that magnanimity which Mr. Clay carries into all the transactions of life, we may quote the following facts from

" A near relative of Mr. Clay, residing in sion faithfully interprets the emotions and lately compelled to make an assignment of sentiments of the orator. Much of the charm his property to trustees, for the benefit of all provement in the condition of things, so that a suspension of the work and of the payment might be avoided.

"The sale of the property took place about a fortnight ago, and as usual in such cases no sham about him and his opinions. Frank attracted several hundred persons, and among affable, natural and communicative as much them many of the creditors. Mr. Clay then at home among European princes and politold them in substance that the assignment self included-that the amount due him was as large as all the other claims combinedthat from the relationship in which he stood to the debtor, it was probable some, and perhaps many of the creditors, had become such under the expectation that, if difficulty occurred, he, Mr. Clay, would protect themfor asking him to do so, yet rather than that any man should think he had the slettest reason to complain of him, and in order further and then if any thing was left he would take it. The sale was made—the other creditors all Mr. Clay got for his \$25,000.

share of the proceeds."

materials will be drawn for a monument more perennial than marble or brass. Never were the views of a public man upon all questions of public policy more ingenuously and unequivocally expressed-more clearly and broadly defined. On no one point is there an indication of shuffling-of a disposition to opinion. In contemplating his career, we of "Philip Van Artevelder"

"All my life long I have beheld with most respect the man Who knew himself and knew the ways before

And from amongst them chose considerately, With a clear foresight, not a blindfold courage And, having chosen, with a steadfast mind Pursued his purposes."

Such a man is Henry Clay! And in no one public act of his life does he seem to have been actuated by other than pure and patriotic motives. "I WOULD BATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE PRESIDENT." In that expression we have a key to his conduct from the momen he first entered the National Councils; and in that expression we have an earnest of the single-heartedness of purpose with which irs of the country will be conduct

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and the husband first in his manhood, breaks

As to the friends who may call to citement. There are long intervals of siawindler; and our reputation, at home and
lence and detected symptoms of weariness;
becomined to a broad, has received stains, which it will take

an early riser, and methodical and industri-ous in the disposition of his time. tacle of dishonor and mal-administration, to ness, and terrible misgivings of each other's easy and pleasant deportment, and making the the Pospect of Heary Clay's election in No-worth and affection, till, by and by, they can friends casy and permitting them to enjoy "With

our imperfect sketch of his life and public ser- hollow world for support, which one who was Speak with deliberation. The other sex the widest range his favor, which are daily and hourly manifesting themselves in every quarter of the Remeetings of the people every where, in his beempt in this place to convey an idea of their character and weight. That they are the infallible precursors of the election of Henry preceding it, illumined only by that burst of sunshine which visited us in the election

In this hope, we take a temporary leave of ne subject of our biography. What further distinctions and glories may await him, time only can reveal. But the past is secure .men. His fame is incorporated with the history of the Republic. May they both be blended with the highest honor which a free eople can bestow.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Women and Marriage.

BY N. P. WILLIS. I have speculated a great deal upon matrimen, the pride of gay circles, married-as must not think that all before you are Elysian into costly houses, and their friends have all panions of frail human rature. Old comexcome and looked at their splendid arrange- ions will be dissolved by distance, time, and away and committed them to their sunny pertaining to this life is on the change. hopes cheerfully and without fear. It is nathat although there was no ground whatever tural for the young to be sanguine, and at sant and easy disposition, is the greatest acsuch times I am carried away by similar feel- complishment in a lady. I have endeavored ings. I love to get unobserved into a corner, from the first to the present time, to bring you and watch the bride in her white attire, and up in such a manuer as to form you for future. that every debt due to others should be paid, with her smiling face and her soft eyes moving usefulness in society. Woman was never he now released all interest under the assign. before me in the pride of life, weave a waking made merely to see and be seen; but to fill ment until every dollar due to others was paid, dream of her future happiness, and persuade an important space in the great chain in namyself that it will be true. I think how they ture, planend and formed by the Almighty will sit upon the luxurious sofa, as the twi- Parent of the Universe. You have been eduwere all paid, and what little remained was light falls, and build gay hopes and murmur cated in habits of industry, frugality, econo-"How different this from the ordinary and how thrillingly the hallowed kiss, and the disappointed me. course, when Mr. Clay being the confidential beautiful endearments of wedded life, will creditor, would have been first paid, and in make even the parting joyous, and how gladthis case the only one paid, and who but Hen- ly they will come back from the crowd and ry Clay could be found, under such circum. the empty mirth of the gay, to each other's der and season; therefore let method and or- vale, on the bank of a clear stream, which, But it is with Mr. Clay's public history hesitating caress listening eagerly for his foot- family mottoes. that we have mainly to dea!. The Legisla- steps as the night steals on, and with an affective annals of the Nation are the sources tion as undying as his pulse, folds her to his from which it may be derived. There it arms. I can feel the very tide flowing through stands aimply and immutably recorded, his heart and gaze with him on her graceful is incapable of her own business, and is liathrough a peried of nearly forty years. From form as she moves about him for the kind ble to imposition by her own servants every bim, who, in her life, beholds his own those magnificent quarries of the past, the offices of affection, soothing all his unquiet day. But in these things you have been incares, and making him forget even himself, in structed. her young and unshadowed beauty.

I go forward for years and see her luxurigirlish graces, ripen into dignity, and her bright loveliness chastened with the gentle meekness place for the man of your choice. Pleasant for limited divorce, when petitioned for by the chest formerly in the posses of maternal affection. Her husband looks try and a happy disposition will ever be con- wife. are often reminded of these lines by the author first won her, and children are growing up reason and common sense ever guide, these, a two thirds vote of the Legislature. about them, and they go on, full of honor and aided by a pleasant, friendly disposition, ren- A special law is required in Maryland, Vir- trait of General Wolf paint untroubled years, and are remembered when der life happy; and without these it is not ginia and South Carolina to authorize a di-

I say I love to dream thus when I go to She married with the highest prospects; but, In Massachusetts and New Jersey, wilful her days at Newport, R. I.; the give the young bride joy. It is the natural from a petulent, peevish, complaining disposi- desertion for five consecutive years, without glass found with Capt. Nathan Ha tendency of feeling touched by loveliness, tion, and negligence, everything went wrong; canse, is cause for divorce. that fears nothing for itself, and, if ever I and her home became a place of disquietude vield to darker feelings, it is because the light to her husband. To avoid this, he sought wilful desertion for three years, with total death of Andre, and of the picture is changed. I am not fond of places to pass away vacant time; where as neglect of duty. dwelling upon such changes, and I will not, sociated with dose more wicked than himself, In New Hampshire, joining the association minutely, now. I allude to it only because I be contra trust that my simple page will be read by all was los some of the young and beautiful beings who the charity of her friends. more daily across my path. I would whis. Be pleasant and obliging to your neighbors sertion for three per to them as they glide by joyously and con- - ready to grant assistance when necessary. In Maine and Ohio, habitual drunk

ide: and many, oh, many an hour will she we are human and liable to err. s, and dream such dreams as these. She

asiness no longer, and go them And now we approach the termination of out separate to seek relief, and lean upon a

rices. The enthusiastic demonstrations in their lover and friend could not give them. Heed this, ye who are winning by your in- be it so ! let it be regulate nocent beauty, the affections of high minded. At the close of the week, if possible, let time. From public, and which point to him as the only and thinking beings! Remember that he will your work for the time, he done; so that on dust beneath our candidate of the Democratic Whigs of the give up the brother of his heart with whom Sunday you may improve your time in such athan in the foaming deen from the m Union at the next Presidential election; the he has had, ever, a fellowship of mind—the a manner as will be appropriate to the day, that corrupts the secret treas umerous nominations, and the cordial testi- society of his contemporary runners in the and never, extraordinaries excepted, let that soars above his eyry in the clouds monials of state legislatures, and of primary race of fume, who have held him with a stern your seat be vacant at church. companiouship; and often, in his passionate As to dress, decency is becoming to all; the shepherd's fold from the comin the autumn of 1844, we firmly and fully themes of men, and the mysteries of know. Farmer. believe. The triumph will be rendered all the ledge? Oh! no, lady-believe me-no! ore glorious from its contrast with the re- Trust not your influence to such light fetters verse and disappointments of the sixteen years | Credit not the old-fashioned absurdity, that woman's is a secondary lot-ministering to would charge you to water the undying bud, give it a healthy culture, and open its beauty His name lives in the hearts of his country- to the sun, and then you may hope that when your life is bound with another, you will go every earthly interest.

ON THE DAY OF HER MARRIAGE.

Now, Polly, as you are about to leave us, a few words seem appropriate to the occasion. Although I regret the separation, yet I mony. I have seen young and beautiful wo- pleased that your prospects are good. You the world says-well! some have removed fields. Toil, care, and trouble, are the comments for hoppiness, and they have gone death. New ones are formed. Every thing

A well cultivated mind, united with a pleain low tone's the new unforbidden tenderness, my, and neatness, and in these you have not

It is for the man to provide, and for the -you shall see it-has sprung up in me. wife to take care and see that every thing

A thorough knowledge of every kind of pensible, for without such knowledge a lady admonished thee, may now also reward thee.

to make your fire-side the most agreeable desirable, Remember your cousin Eliza, vorce,

fidently, the secret of an unclouded future. Be careful of their characters, and do not The picture I have drawn above is not per readily believe an ill report. Throw the man. In Indiana and Mis liar. It is colored like the fancies of the the of charity over their failings, knowing that ness for two years is su it with her rich jewels lying loose on her fin- tattler, and give no place to the reports

Let your Bible show it is used. O

half, are matters of present history, which it love, will break away from the arena of his but extravagance opens the door to want; fol. cust, to the cattle upon a thousan is the province of the newspapers of the day burning ambition, to come to listen to the low the fashion of the day as far as decency the rose of Sharon to the cedar of Lebanor to note. So overwhelming are they in their "voice of the charmer." It will bewilder and good sense will approve, but avoid singu- -from the crystal stream, gushing forth out amount, that it would be useless for us to at- him at first, but it will not be long; and then larity. Be not troubled for what you have of the flinty rock, to the wide waters of the think you that an idle blandishment will chain not; be thankful for and take care of what deluge-from the barren waste to the fruitful the mind that has been used for years, to an you have. A leghorn hat loaded with flow- vineyard, and the land flowing with milk and equal communication? Think you he will ers, will not cure the head-ache, nor a gold honey-from the lonely path of the wi Clay to the Presidency of the United States, give up, for a weak dalliance, the animated watch prevent the consumption.—American to the gathering of a mighty multitude—from

The Teaching of Nature.

teacher of the sons of Israel, there was one in sackcloth, to the prince in purple robusimmortality is as complete and your gift of But Hilliel was concerned about the young still small voice, to the thunders of Omnipo with noxious weeds.

rises from it?

this stagnant pool is like the soul of the idler. language and spirit of the Bible." Who would wish to tarry any where near him?

field, on which grew only thorns and thistles, that choaked the grain and wholesome plants And Hilliel leaned upon his staff, and said : This field has a good bottom for bearing every useful and luxurious product; but it has been passed by and neglected, so that now it produces abundance of thistles, and thorns, and poisonous weeds, among which screents and salamanders nestle. Before, you saw the soul-now, see the life of the idler.

Then was Sabot affected with shame and penitonce, and said: Master, why did you bring me into so solitary and gloomy a region? It is the admonitory image of thy soul and life. Hilliel replied. As you would not credit my words, I have sought to see whether the voice of nature would penetrate thy heart. Sabot pressed his teacher's hand, and said: You have not been unsuccessful. A new life

So it was: Sabot became an active young within her circle of movement, is done in or- man. Then Hilliel took him into a fruitful stances, to reject the whole or at any rate his quiet company. I picture to myself that der be considered important. A place for in beautiful meanderings, flowed through young creature who blushes even now, at his every thing, and every thing in time are good flowery meads, amid fruit-trees, and overshadowing shrubbery. See here, said the old man to the delighted youth, the image of business, appropriate to the kitchen, is inche, thy new, industrious life. Nature, which has Her charms and beauty can only delight

Grounds for Divorce.

evade or defer the responsibility of uttering an on her with a proud eye; and shows her the sidered necessary to this important end-but | In Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama, the the camp stool of Reveren same fervent love and delicate attention which a foolish fondness is disgusting to all. Let judicial decree of divorce must be affirmed by Williams, once President of

In Connecticut, divorces are granted for

or Eliza was thrown upon three years, is good cause for divorce,

the wild ass in the desert, to the lamb within the tear that falls in secret, to the din of battle, and the shout of a triumphant host-from the solitary wanderer in the wilderness, to the Among the disciples of Hilleil, the wise satrap on the throne-from the mourner clad the necessities of her lord and master! It is named Sabot, who hated all kinds of labor, from the grawings of the worm that dieth not of General Harrison, and disappeared at his a higher destiny I would award you. If your and gave himself up to idleness and sloth. to the scraphic visions of the blest-from the mind as capable as ours, I would put no wis- man, and determined to cure him. So at tence from the depths of hell to the regions of dom of mine against Gcd's allotment. I length he took him out into the valley of Hip- eternal glory, there is no degree of beauty nom, near Jerusalem. There was stagnant or deformity, no tendency to good or evil, no water full of reptiles and insects, and covered shade of darkness or gleam of light, that does not come within the cognizance of the Holy When they had reached the valley, Hilliel Scriptures; and therefore there is no impres equally, and in fellowship that shall pervade laid down his staff, and said : Here let us rest sion or conception of the mind that may no on our way. The youth was astonished, and find a corresponding picture; no thirst for exsaid: What I master, in this hateful marsh! cellence that may not meet with its full supply Brother Jonathau's Wife's Advice Do you not perceive what a poisonous vapor and no condition of humanity necessarily excluded from the unlimitted scope of adapta-You are right, my son, replied the teacher; tion and of sympathy comprehended in the

The following fine description of the great eclipse of 1806, is from the pen of Mr. E. S. Thomas, the venerable editor of the Cincin natl Evening Post :

It was our happiness to be at Providence Rhode Island, when the total eclipse of June, 1806, took place-the day was perfectly bright -the phenomenon commenced between eleven and twelve o'clock, and after the sun became totally obscured, it remained so for more than half an hour. Its operation upon animated nature was truly and awfully sublime! The pirds flew about in every direction, in evident distress and terror, the domestic fowls ran about in all directions, cackling as in a fright. Horses galloped round their pastures nei ing; while the horned cattle, which seemed more affrighted than the rest, tore up the earth with their horns and feet in madness-all this uproar was followed by the silence of midnight, when the eclipse was completed-the birds retired to their resting places-the fowls to their roosts, the horses to their stalls, and the cattle to their mangers; while the stars shone forth in their beauty, and all was still; when the sun began to reappear a large numper of musicians, students of Brown University, assembled upon the terrace of the college, and struck up Milton's hymn to light. The effect was altogether sublime and beautiful. Nothing that ever met our eve before or since, was equal to it.

Curious Relies.

You will be mistress of your house, and In New York, conjugal infidelity is the Among the relies of the Historical Society observe the rules in which you have been edu- only cause for divorce-a bill has been intro- at New Haven, Ct., there is a cane manuant hair put soberly away from her brow, her cated. You will endeaver above all things duced at the present session of the Legisla- factured from the root of the tree on which ture, making habitual drunkenness a cause the Salem witches were hung; the old oak of Aaron Burr; the chair of Roger General Putnam's old tavern of the keel of Cook's old sl that passed round the world ar hung by the British on Long Islan during the revolution, order book of a Britis abit of intemperance, and of Shakere and remaining with them during of the memorable battle of Bunker Hill, one

35; expenditores \$32,140. In 1843,