

THE BITTER AND THE SWEET
What the Northern Papers Say
About Jefferson Davis.

[From the Philadelphia Times, Ind.]
Jefferson Davis has learned nothing, has forgotten nothing, and he is one of the many who have lived too long.
[From the Albany Express, Rep.]
Jeff has been dead as a door nail for nearly twenty-five years, and not even the Montgomery fiasco will avail to resurrect him.
[From the Hartford Post, Rep.]
All this is emotional, sentimental, possibly very pretty to those who can enjoy it. But the thousands of stricken families of the North who have never ceased to mourn the going out of the bright light of other days, caused by the rebellion led by this man, to-day so honored in the South, can see nothing in this reception except that which awakens the bitterest and the saddest memories.
[From the Troy Times, Rep.]
There were hundreds of braver, worthier and abler men in the Confederacy than Jeff Davis. Yet he is to the people of the South to-day apparently an ideal of moral and physical valor, and exalted to the highest estate as the personification, if not the deification, of the Lost Cause. Can the worship accorded him leave room for unquestioned fealty to the Government he once sought so strenuously to destroy, and which he still regards with imperishable hatred?
[From the Albany Journal, Rep.]
The South has recalled the man who misled it a quarter of a century ago. The South controls the Democracy of the country. It can and probably will dictate nominations in 1888. It is as certain as fate that an ex-Confederate will be a candidate for President or Vice President three years from now. So let nobody say a word about sectional issues or wave the bloody shirt while the South is cheering for Jeff Davis. All it asks is what it wanted in 1860—to be let alone!

[From the New York Times, Rep.]
It is plain that, so far as the future is concerned, and so far as regards his influence, direct or indirect, upon the course of public affairs or public sentiment, Mr. Davis is looked upon in the South very much as he is elsewhere—that is to say, as a person of no consequence whatever. That he should be received, probably for the last time in public, in the South with demonstrations of affectionate admiration is natural and inevitable. He is the most conspicuous remaining memento of events which stirred the Southern heart to its depths. But neither for the Southern people nor for their fellow-countrymen is there in the feeling they have for him a tinge of actual hostility toward our common Government and our common country.

[From the Philadelphia Press, Rep.]
The country at large can forgive the South for turning its back to the light a day or two to pay homage to the personal qualities which endeared Mr. Davis to the hearts of her citizens during the weary years of war; but neither the country nor the South will uphold Mr. Davis in misconstruing his present reception into any regret for the results of the rebellion, or any post-mortem endorsement of the wicked dogmas which he buried at Appomattox, and by whose unhalloved grave he remains sole watcher and mourner.

[From the Brooklyn Union, Rep.]
It is a very sad scene this whole unwise performance. If rhetorical nonsense and vain regret be a pleasure to Mr. Davis and his friends, it would have been cruel for their wiser neighbors and descendants to forbid them such a pleasure on the last occasion they may have to enjoy it. Yet it was a very depressing day for the dominant sentiment which has no sympathy with them. It was a very unwise performance, but the wisdom of attaching too much importance to it.

[From the New York Tribune, Rep.]
Jefferson Davis receives at the hands of Southern citizens honors which they pay to no loyal man, who never violated his oath of allegiance. He is a poor ideal for any people to set up and worship, whose incapacity magnified the losses and sufferings of the war for the misguided people who trusted him. Do Southern fathers really think his example a good one to hold up to their sons for emulation? In Northern States, at all events, the boys have more manly types to venerate.

[From the Lowell Courier, Rep.]
It was a piece of bad taste, if not worse, which instigated such a celebration. Jeff Davis would appear to better advantage in the seclusion of his home, which he may peacefully inhabit, thanks to a magnanimous nation, than in parading himself as the martyr to a Lost Cause. And the Southern people would much better illustrate Grant's sentiment of present and future loyalty to the whole country by refraining from glorification of their past treason.

[From the New York Evening Post, Ind.]
"The official burial of the Confederacy," as somebody has happily styled the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of a soldier's monument at Montgomery, Ala., this week, has been accompanied by high-toned funeral eulogies of the deceased, based naturally upon the *ad de mortuis nisi bonum maxim*. But everybody knows that the Southern people have become convinced that it was best for them, as well as for the rest of us, that the Lost Cause was lost, and that their applause of the Chief of the Confederate States from 1861 to 1865 implies no disloyalty to the United States in 1886.

[From the Worcester Spy, Rep.]
The old man is harmless; his counsels are without influence. He does not live in our times, but in an earlier era whose events are remembered, but whose passions as well as its political philosophies are historic only, and when they are recalled have the curious and romantic interest which belongs to antiquated and obsolete things. Let him talk and let his audience cheer, it can do no harm. They are not his followers now. They may sentimentalize and go through the form of mourning at the graves of the Confederacy at his suggestion, but their conduct in the practical affairs of to-day is not in the least degree influenced by his advice.

[From the New Haven News, Ind.]
The demonstration at Montgomery is on the whole a fitting one. There can be no doubt about the gallantry and good faith of those who fell in the war, fighting on the Southern

side. That they were mistaken only adds to the pathos of their fate, and gallantry and good faith are worthy of honorable remembrance, even when they are mistaken. Gen. Gordon struck the right key for such an occasion when he exhorted his hearers by the memory of the honored dead, and by the newborn fidelity of the South to the Union, to strive for the good of the whole country, and thus by the honorable emulation of good works to place the South in the forefront of the nation's progress. This is wholesome talk, and probably the chattering of the unreconstructed rebel about liberty will do no harm.

[From the Boston Journal, Rep.]
The attachment of the South to the Confederacy, however extravagant its expression, is for the most part simply one of sentiment. It is a sentimental cause which they mourn; a cause lost, and which the wisest of them would not find, if they could. If the question were put to the intelligent people of the South to-day: "Would you, if you could make the States which entered the Rebellion, a separate government?" the answer would be, we are confident, unhesitatingly in the negative. We believe this because the most prominent men from the South have practically admitted that it is better as it is, and because the press of the South, which expresses the sentiments of the intelligence of the South, have time and again declared that the present order of things is better than any change based upon the theory of a division of the Republic could be.

THE LESSON OF LABOR.
[The Valley Virginian.]
A recent examination of the Eastern penitentiary of the State of Pennsylvania revealed the fact, as stated by the warden, that of thirteen hundred convicts, only thirteen of them had been mechanics. This is suggestive and illustrates the conservative, healthful and moral influence of the training necessary for the successful prosecution of mechanical pursuits. As stated by the warden, "Of doctors, lawyers and other professional men we get plenty, but mechanics don't come here." It may be safely affirmed that the most conservative, unobtrusive and useful element of any community is composed of those who are engaged in mechanical employment. In the process of learning, their mental capacities are developed with uniformity and their time consumed in acquiring a knowledge of a trade, which if industriously pursued, is certain to yield a fair living. They are not driven to the cultivation of their wits to make a living without labor, or to encourage a species of slavery practice by which they may overreach their neighbor. Their knowledge is generally in demand, and those who employ them get an equivalent for what they pay. Habits of honesty, fair dealing and sobriety are thus cultivated and the mind kept at an equipoise, and moral character given a robust, healthy growth which is proof against temptation.

There are no two institutions of learning in the State, which promise to do more to give a high and honorable tone to society than the Miller Manual Labor School and the Blacksburg Agricultural College. The curriculum combines mental with manual training, preparing the student for usefulness in either department of endeavor, and qualifying him to meet the demands of both or either. A sense of self reliance is inspired, a conscientious independence is felt, which stimulates the growth of the nobler traits of manhood and assures the community a useful citizen.

We are reminded, by the train of thought we are indulging, of a notable instance of the result of mechanical training. Almost everybody in Virginia knows of John M. Robinson. He is now President of the Carolina Central railroad, the Raleigh & Gaston railroad, the Raleigh & Augusta railroad, the Seaboard & Roanoke railroad, and the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, and Vice President of the Old Dominion Steam Ship Company. When quite a young man his father placed him in a machine shop as a regular apprentice. After learning what he could there he went to Paris and there served for three years in the most extensive and complete of the shops of that great city, and returned to Virginia a master machinist. During the war he was assigned to duty as an engineer, and while traveling from Richmond to Danville the usefulness of his knowledge was brought into requisition. The engine of the railroad got out of order. The engineer examined it carefully, but could not discover where the fault was, and the prospect was that the train would remain where it was until another engine could be procured. In the war he was assigned to duty as a passenger, pulled off his coat, crawled under the engine, and turning on his back carefully examined the intricate machinery of the engine, finally called for a wrench, and after using that, asked for a hammer and cold chisel, and after applying these as the necessity of the case required, he came out and told the engineer to prepare to start. Scarcely had the anxious passengers time to get aboard, before the iron horse moved off, as a thing of life, in complete order, and the trip was made without further delay or obstruction. The knowledge Mr. Robinson had acquired in the shops not only served a good purpose in this emergency, but has made him one of the most successful railroad men in the United States. Every enterprise with which he has been associated has been eminently successful. His training has been such as to acquaint him with all the wants of a railroad or steamboat and to give direction when necessary to have them supplied. And this would not be the case, but for his early mechanical training, or if he had simply studied the scientific part of a profession.

What Virginia and the South now most need is technical knowledge—that their young men be educated in the skill of the shops, and become equipped to take hold of the enterprises, with which her future prosperity must be inseparably identified. The masculine energies and capacities of men cannot afford to waste time in noticing the gossips and drawers, the dudes and the nannies. Their work is demanded, their mission higher and the nobler of State paramount. The hands, hearts and stout arms of the earnest workers must mould the destiny of the commonwealth—elevate its moral tone, give strength to its institutions, fashion its legislation and build up its waste places.

We want more John M. Robinsons—more fathers like his who will study

the interests of their boys and the State, and place them where they will become useful citizens and essential factors in the great enterprises which alone can make Virginia what she should be and cause her to advance to her proper place in the sisterhood of States.

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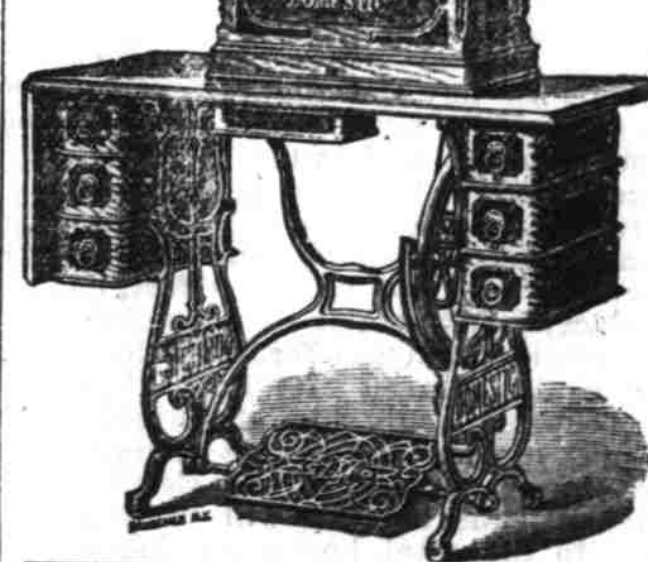
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