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TO THE CONFEDERATE SHAFT.

John R. Morris, in News and Observer.

When Karnac's wondrous pillars
are no more
High o'er an urban site of Egypt's
state,
When wizard-shadows of old col-
umnas, crowned,
On flood of tawny Nile, no longer
float,
Then, from thy base, O shaft, yet
pierce the light
Toward watching stars, toward
throne, o'er kinged by God,
And point an age that may not read
our books
(Our tongue, perchance, then olden,
is forgot)
To mystery deeper than the mystic
lore
Of heathen priest 'gainst shrine to
Isis wrought—
Mystery of dying love for home, for
kin,
For Empire South—now ever daz-
zling wreck
Of whiter flame than Egypt's splen-
dor left.

No trace of love did pagan chisel
leave
Where speechless sphinx and Men-
non's vocal stone
Were naught but shapes of mon-
arch's monster-pride;
But, thou, sprung tall, from dream
of woman's love,
Art sign of love o'er soil of those
who loved, themselves,
'Till, sweating blood, their tens of
passion burst,
Then knightly men, who loved
their Sofran State,
To crucifixion went.

Suggestions Which Fit Here.

Charlotte Observer.

We read in the Philadelphia
Times that Judge McPherson, of the
Dauphin county, Pa., court, in a
charge to the jury in a suit growing
out of the attempt of a foreign
building and loan association to col-
lect a mortgage with usurious inter-
est, gives in a direction in which it
is very much needed. "The State
of Pennsylvania," he says, "for
good reasons of its own, has char-
tered building and loan associations.
Our own associations are for the
most part local in their character
and are managed by persons with
whom the members of the associa-
tion are or may become acquainted.
Associations like the plaintiff are
scattered all over the country, and
what their character and by whom
they are managed we know."

Commenting upon this the Times
says: "Investors need just such advice
as that included in Judge McPherson's
charge to protect them against the
deception practiced by some of
these foreign concerns. More than
one Pennsylvania investor in these
foreign associations have learned to
their cost when seeking to withdraw
investments that the promises of
perfect security and large interest
were false and were glad to recover
a part of their original investment.
The safe and sure policy for those
who want to invest their small sav-
ings in building and loan associa-
tions is to invest in a local associa-
tion. The rate of interest they will
secure on their money will be only
the legal rate, but they will be pre-
tured to get their money back if
they want it, and if they are bor-
rowers they will not be compelled to
pay usurious interest. The Penn-
sylvania building and loan associa-
tions with a few exceptions are well
and safely managed, and furnish
one of the best possible agencies for
the investment of small savings. As
much cannot be truthfully said for
some of the foreign associations
which promise investors a much
higher rate of profit."

Strike out "Pennsylvania" where-
ever they may appear in the forego-
ing, and insert "North Carolina,"
and it applies with full force to this
State—except that the Times sug-
gests that there are "a few" local
building and loan associations in
its State which are not "well and
safely managed," while we think
there are none such with us. The
point is that people who run away
from the home associations and take
up with those on the outside because
the latter promise low rates to bor-
rowers and enormous profits to
shareholders, are almost certain to
get stuck. Take the building and
loan associations of Charlotte: they
are managed by the best business
talent here, and by as honest and
conscientious men as there are any-
where. They are conducted within
the law, civil and moral, and with
every possible economy. If any-
body comes here and says that his
building and loan association can de-
liver a legitimate business, comply with
the laws of North Carolina and either
lend money cheaper or pay the
shareholder a higher rate of interest
than the home institution can—
why, he just simply can't do it. There
is just so much profit in this busi-
ness, carefully, legally and honestly
done, and figures are made to lie
when they are made to show profits
of 12, 15 or 20 per cent. It can't
be done without somebody being
robbed.

Stick to the home institution or
get stuck

Praise undeserved is scandal in
disguise.—Pope.

THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

Non A. M. Waddell's Tribute to Him at
the Unveiling of the Confederate Mon-
ument in Raleigh May 20.

He needs no vindication from
mortal lips. Taught from child-
hood, as all American youth had
been, that in any event and under
all circumstances, his first allegiance
and whole duty was to his State,
her call for his services was his
sufficient justification, as it was his
proudest badge of citizenship. He
did not hate, but had always loved
the Union, and would have been
ready, as his fathers always were,
to give his fortune and his life in its
defense against a foreign foe; but
he loved his State more, and to her
appeal his heart leaped responsive
and his hand grasped the sword.

Who shall frame in fitting words
the story of his career? Courage
on the battlefield is the common at-
tribute of good soldiers everywhere,
and if that constituted his only
claim to admiration, he would be
but an ordinary figure on the page
of history.

But it is the moral aspect of his
career that is sublime. It was his
magnificent struggle against over-
whelming odds for the preservation
of constitutional liberty, for the
right of self government, for all,
indeed, that was sacred in his heri-
tage that has made him a hero and
a martyr for all time. And this
magnificent struggle was made, not
only against overwhelming forces
and resources and equipments, but
in a country blockaded at every
port, gradually stripped of the com-
monest means of subsistence,
unable to pay for his services, and
finally reduced to rags and starva-
tion. Still, throughout it all, even
to the last moment, he stood inflex-
ible, patient, cheerful, self-sacrific-
ing, brave and true. Who can with-
hold from such virtues the tribute
of praise, and honor, and respect,
and who that hath the semblance
of a man dare call their possessor a
traitor?

Just at the formation of the
Union North Carolina held back and
refused accession to it, so at the
formation of the Confederacy, with
characteristic conservatism, she with-
held her assent, in the hope of an
amicable adjustment, until the
proclamation of the newly elected
sectional President, calling on her
for troops to war on her Southern
sisters, fell upon her ears and fired
her soul. On this same historic day,
34 years ago, she again declared her
independence, and girded herself
for battle. The war cloud burst,
and for four years its pitiless pol-
iting fell upon her people. How did
they acquit themselves in the con-
flict? Did they prove themselves
worthy of their Revolutionary sires?
For answer I turn, not to the testi-
mony of any commanding officer,
living or dead, Federal or Confed-
erate—not even to that utterance of
that stainless Lee, in the last ages
of Appomattox: "God bless old
North Carolina." I point to the
inscription on that stone, "First at
Bethel, last at Appomattox."

I cite the appalling and unprac-
dented fact that at Gettysburg, her
ever memorable Twenty-Sixth Reg-
iment lost 90 per cent of the men
carried into action.

I put in evidence the fact that,
on several battle fields of Virginia,
she left more dead and wounded
than all the other Southern States
combined.

I remind you that her Thirty-
Second Regiment floated the stand-
ard of the Confederate States at the
farthest point North which it ever
reached.

I proudly show that one of her
sons, commanding a Confederate
ship, was the only man who car-
ried the Confederate flag around the
world.

And, finally, I show that when
the end came, and her banners were
furled, both at Appomattox and at
Greensboro, she stacked twice as
many rifles as any other State of the
Confederacy.

This is the answer, the glorious
answer, which North Carolina makes
to those who ask where she was and
what she did during the war be-
tween the States. To every call of
duty—whether to stain with bleed-
ing feet the rough line of march, or
to labor in the trenches, or to lead
the way into the flaming hell of bat-
tle, or to cover a retreat—her steady
answer always was "Ademum."

Shall I recite the times and the
places and the deeds? Ask me to
condense years into an hour, a vol-
ume into word, a prolonged and
thrilling tragedy into a brief sigh.

gradly through lowland stretches,
they seek the sea; go, stand upon
the heights of Cemetery Ridge, on
South Mountain, or the blue hills
which overlook the valley of the
Shenandoah, or the steep ascent of
Lookout—and to him that hath
ears to hear, from breezes and stream
aye, and from the very rocks will
come a tribute of praise and honor
to the Old North State.

She boasts not; she never did of
any of her achievements. So far
from it, she has never preserved the
memorials of them, which other
people are careful to keep of their
own, but has been content to sub-
stitute for them a sacred shrine in
his own heart, to which, when un-
kind neighbors sneer, or degenerate
sons dishonor her, she turns with
gratitude and honest pride. May
God forever bless and preserve her!

I invoke, too, His choicest bless-
ings upon you, Oh, women of North
Carolina! who have pursued with
unflinching zeal and devotion the
noble design which is this day ac-
complished, and upon which you
may now look with the supremest
satisfaction. You have not erected
this monument exclusively to the
Confederate Dead of our own State,
nor do we confine our loving trib-
utes to them alone.

We embrace the wide sweep of
our affectionate remembrance all
who laid down their lives in de-
fence of the rights and liberties of
the Southern States and people.

From the cold blue lakes upon
the Canadian border to where the
warm waves lap softly upon the
yellow sands of the Gulf, on a thou-
sand hill sides and in a thousand
valleys they sleep—some beneath
monuments like this, some in pri-
vate cemeteries, thousands, alas! in
unknown graves. We love and hon-
or the memory of all alike. They
deserve such tribute if mortal men
ever did, and never was it paid more
sincerely than now and here.

Stand then, bronze image of him
who wore the gray! Thou canst
not meet with calmer men than did
he the sunshine and the storm. Not
more enduring is thy granite base
than the love on which he rests.
Thou art a triumph of Art; he was
God's gift to his country. Thou
shalt perish, but he shall live for-
ever in the hearts of his people.

A Model Wife.

Tammany Times.

The best natured woman in the
world resides in the city of Austin.
She has been married a number of
years to a man named Peterby, who
is one of the most disagreeable quar-
relsome men outside of the Texas
legislature. And yet Mr. and Mrs.
Peterby have never had a quarrel,
for the reason that it is impossi-
ble to make her angry. He has ac-
cused her and occasionally waited a
chair at her, just to see if she
wouldn't get angry, but she suffered
disappointment in each and every
instance. Peterby had been brag-
ging to his friends about what a
good natured wife he had, and Gil-
hooly offered to bet if he would go
home, raise a fuss and pull the table
cloth full of dishes off the table she
would show signs of temper. He
had tried that with his wife once,
but he never repeated the experi-
ment.

Peterby said he didn't want to
rob a friend of his money, but he
knew he could win. At last he
made the bet. The friend was to
watch him through a window. Pe-
terby came home apparently fight-
ing drunk. She saw him coming,
went to the gate, kissed him and
assisted his tottering steps into the
house. He sat down hard in the
middle of the floor and howled out:

"Confound your ugly picture;
what did you pull that chair from
under me for?"

"I hope you did not hurt your-
self," she replied, smiling kindly.
"I was to blame for it. I am so
awkward. But I'll try and not do
it again if you will forgive me this
time." And she helped him to his
feet, although she had nothing to
do with his falling. He then sat
down on the sofa, and sliding off
the floor abused her like a pickpocket
for lifting up the other end of the
sofa. She said she was sorry and
finally led him to the supper table.
He threw a plate at her, but she
asked him if he would take tea or
coffee. Then the brute seized the
table cloth and pulled the dishes
and everything over him in one grand
crash. Some women might have
lost their temper, but not so with
Mrs. Peterby. She did not even
blubber like a child; she did not
even sulk or pout. With a pleasant
smile, she said:

"Well, George, this is a new idea.
We have been married 10 years and
have never eaten our supper on the
floor. Won't it be fun! Just like
those picnics we used to have before
we were married," and then the
angelic woman deliberately sat down
on the floor along side of the wretch,
arranged the dishes and fixed him
up a nice supper. This broke him
up. He owned up he was only fool-
ing her and offered to give her \$50
to buy herself a new dress with. She
took the money and bought him a
new suit of clothes and a box of
cigars with it. Heaven will have
to be repaired and whitewashed be-
fore it is fit for that kind of a wo-
man.

DECLARATION FOR FREE COINAGE.

The Democratic State Executive Committee
Re-Affirms the Platform of Last Year.

At a conference of the executive
committee of the Democratic party of
North Carolina, held in Raleigh,
May 20th, 1895, the following resolu-
tions were adopted and ordered to
be published:

1st. That the executive commit-
tee of the Democratic party of the
State of North Carolina, acting and
speaking for and in behalf of the
party, republish, reiterate and em-
phasize the declaration of the party
made in the State convention, Au-
gust 8, 1894, in favor of the free
and unlimited coinage of silver at
the ratio of 16 to 1.

2d. That time and pressing
events have proven the wisdom of
this latest declaration of the party
on this all-absorbing question, and
we appeal to the Democratic press
and people of the State to give it
their loyal, open and aggressive sup-
port.

3d. That in advocating the free
and unlimited coinage of silver by
the government of the United
States, we are not asking any favor
or concessions from any one, but
are simply demanding that the great
wrong done the masses of the Amer-
ican people by the Republican party
in 1873 be undone, and that silver
be restored to the position it occu-
pied from the foundation of our
government up to the perpetration
of that great Republican crime.

4th. That in our judgment the
immediate resumption of the free
and unlimited coinage of silver by
the government of the United
States, as it existed prior to 1873,
without waiting one moment for
the cooperation, and without refer-
ence to the conduct of policy of any
nation on earth, is the great duty
that now confronts the American
people, and we appeal to all men of
every shade of political opinion in
North Carolina who believes as we
do that the restoration of the free
and unlimited coinage of silver
means the restoration of prosperity
to our homes, to join with us in the
great battle of 1896, which we in-
tend to wage to wipe out the Repub-
lican crime of 1873, and to secure
for our beloved old State good laws
and government.

5th. That we send greetings to
our Democratic brethren of Illinois,
thanking them for the bold, open
and aggressive stand they have taken
in favor of the immediate resump-
tion of the coinage of silver, and
we send them our assurances of
our hearty sympathy and co-opera-
tion in 1896.

6th. That regarding the ques-
tion of the resumption of free and
unlimited coinage of silver as the
overshadowing one in American pol-
itics, we urge that such action be
taken by the various bi-metallic
leagues as will open the way to a
union of the friends of silver coin-
age in their support of the candi-
date for the presidency and candi-
dates for Congress who can be relied
upon to stand by the people in their
great struggle for financial emanci-
pation from the evils of the single
gold standard.

7th. That while we concede the
right of every citizen of the State to
go as a delegate to the so called
sound money convention, to be held
in Memphis this week, or to be rep-
resented by delegates thereto, we do
at the same time protest that in so
doing they do not represent the Dem-
ocratic sentiment of this State.

There is more Catarrh in this sec-
tion of the country than all other
diseases put together, and until the
last few years was supposed to be
incurable. For a great many years
doctors pronounced it a local dis-
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TOPICS OF ALL SORTS

A Republican contemporary asks:
"After Death What?" If he doesn't
break off from his present associates
he'll find out.

Mr. D.—"If you get my coat done
by Saturday I shall be forever in-
debted to you." Tailor.—"If that
is the case, it won't be done."

It is said that dew will not form
on some colors. While a yellow
board will be covered with dew, a
red or black one beside it will be
perfectly dry.

Wife—What do you think of my
new walking dress, Charles?
Husband—Should think there was
room for quite an extensive prome-
nade in the sleeves alone.

Find your niche, and fill it. If it
be ever so little, if it be only to be
holder of wood and drawer of water,
do something in this great battle for
God and truth.—Spurgeon.

The young lady who made 700
words out of "conservatory" las
autumn has run away from home.
Her mother wanted her make three
loaves of bread out of flour.

A New York doctor says a diet of
oats is good for one who is threaten-
ed with baldness, as it contains sil-
icon to fertilize the hair patch and
stimulate the crop. This should give
oats a boom.

Clergyman (showing lady visitor
around the church)—Now, madam,
you have seen the organ, the font,
and the nave, I should next like to
conduct you to the altar.

Lady Visitor.—Oh! this is so
sudden.

A new cure has been found for
erysipelas, a serum, to which the
inventor has given the name of
antistreptococcine. This is unique.
If there be anything in a name this
decoction ought to be a stunner, but
it wouldn't be worth a continental
in a case of lockjaw.

Rev. W. H. H. Lawhorn owns a
horse 22 years old, that he has been
driving since 1880 in travelling to
his appointments, and in that time
has travelled over 40,000 miles.
The horse, notwithstanding his age,
is apparently as good as ever and can
travel 40 miles a day, says the
Charlotte Record.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says she owes
a good deal to corsets, because the
agreeable sensation of taking them
off is full compensation for the dis-
comfort in wearing them. Her case
is something like that of the small
boy who said he liked to have the
toothache "because it felt so good
when it stopped."

The King of Dahomey is an ac-
complished savage. He was edu-
cated in Europe and speaks fluently
several languages, but it is said that
a woman with whom he was smitten
kicked him and then he couldn't
find language in his several lan-
guages to express his sentiments,
got mad and turned savage.

The devil must have his head-
quarters in Cincinnati, for there
isn't another town in this country
which could produce such an incar-
nation of diabolism as the woman
of that town who to avenge some
grievance exposed herself to the
smallpox and then called upon the
persons against whom she had
grievance. She visited fifty persons
in all and eleven of them were pro-
tected with the disease. She couldn't
be indicted for murder, but she
might be locked up for life on gen-
eral principles.

The Charlotte News says:—"Mrs.
Lease hasn't a very flattering op-
inion of the coming man if the follow-
ing attributed to her is correct: She
says: 'Men are becoming lump
backed, round-shouldered, knock-
kneed, lantern-jawed, moquito-
legged, hairless, toothless, senseless
creatures.' That's a reflection on
her husband. If the old man
would make her do her share of
looking after the babies instead of
running around over the country
making political speeches her opin-
ion of man might be changed."

The Monroe Enquirer says:—"Never
in the history of civil govern-
ment, have men been so keen
for office as are some of the Popu-
lists. They scramble for the most
petty offices as if the fate of the
country depended upon their office
holding. We learn that a newly
appointed magistrate in this county
who wanted to be qualified for the
office and found that he could not
be, because he had been appointed
to fill a vacancy, when no vacancy
existed, threatens to bring suit
against the Clerk of the Court."

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