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Selected Poetry.

The Dead Child and the Mocking Bird.

The following poem is in no sense a mere fancy. On the contrary, the strange pathos incident it commemorates actually occurred, not long ago, in the neighborhood of Jacksonville, Fla.

Once, in a land of fields and flowers,
Where the wild wreaths from jasmine
Trail o'er the Florida seas.

We marked our juvenile footsteps run
As we went the laughing road.
She seemed a Helen in the sun,
A bright in the shade.

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Judge Martin.

"H" writing from New York to the Fayetteville Examiner, thus speaks of a prominent man, who once lived in North Carolina:

"The World revisits an old mandate about Judge Francis Xavier Martin of New Orleans, as related by Judah P. Benjamin, the great lawyer, Senator, Confederate Secretary of State, and now Queen's Counsel in London."

Speaking of lawyer's fees, Mr. Benjamin said that the Louisiana Constitution of 1845 was initiated solely to get rid of Chief Justice Felix Xavier Martin, who was then nearly eighty-five years old, and who had fair to live to be a penurious and half-witted centenarian. He had become very absent-minded and was accustomed during the most interesting arguments to matter to himself and either abstracted on a piece of paper. On one occasion while a protracted litigation about 1000 bales of cotton was before him, he had written before him his associate Justices, Thomas S. Sledge and George Rustin, the Chief Justice suddenly looked up and asked what was the amount of the costs and probable fees so far incurred. Getting the answer he took to making calculations, and paid no heed to Mr. Benjamin's argument. At length he heaved a sigh of deep regret and audibly exclaimed: "Poor as poor as I! Our profession has only gotten ninety-nine bales out of the hundred!"

Judge Martin was a native of France, but had resided in New York, N. C., for many years at the close of the last and beginning of the present century. He was editor of a paper there and author and printer of Martin's Revisal and other law books of value at that period. Like everybody that ever lived in North Carolina, he had a strong attachment for that State, and after his emigration to New Orleans, where he found congenial French society, he wrote and published two volumes of a History of North Carolina. I once owned a copy, but supposed it would be hard to find one now. His attachment was further manifested by his subscription to the Fayetteville Observer, in payment for which I would occasionally receive a bank note, accompanied by a school-boy hand, so written as to indicate the partial blindness with which he was afflicted. He had such a reputation for singleness of heart, that he was regarded as a strong test of love that he gave three dollars a year to keep up an intercourse with the State.

The World prints Judge Martin's name as Felix. I think it was Francois.

On Friday last in the Southern Presbyterian Assembly now in session at Staunton, Va., after the disposal of the regular business, an exciting scene occurred.

Dr. Adger, of South Carolina, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, asked that the Assembly authorize his committee to send a telegram of fraternal salutation to the Northern Presbyterian Assembly, now in session at Buffalo, N. Y. He stated that these messages had passed between the respective bodies for years, and that heretofore they had uniformly been forwarded by the Southern Assembly and responded to by this. He proposed that in this instance the Southern Assembly take the initiative.

Dr. Mullaly, of Lexington, Va., bitterly opposed the sending of the telegram, saying that he could never consent to such action as long as the record of denunciation of this body by the Northern Assembly remains unchanged.

The resolution was pressed by Dr. Adger, Dr. Dutton, of Texas, and Dr. Davison, of Kentucky, and quite a sharp discussion ensued.

Dr. Adger's motion was carried by a vote of 108 to 13.

The Raleigh News-Observer of the 21st inst., says that Gen. T. L. Clingman is quoted as saying: "I have been a hard worker in the Democratic party in every contest, but I feel as if I had been a horse behind a wagon trying to push it along with my forehead, while a weak team and an awkward driver were directing it against stumps and into mud-holes. I think that's the way the Democracy has been led."

For our part it seems to us that the Democratic party has achieved great results, especially in Gen. Clingman