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**SOME BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS.**  
Greater Than Riches, Fame or Honor Is the Presence of a Child in the Home.  
"The Bethlehem Cradle" is the subject of some of the most beautiful thoughts expressed by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage in the Christmas issue of the Christian Herald. He suggests how Christ might have made the first visit to this world: He could have descended in a cloud, as His next visit is to be, or like Elijah, a chariot of fire might have borne Him to earth. But no! childhood was to be honored by its advent. "He must have a child's like limbs, and a child's dimpled hands, and a child's beaming eye, and a child's innocent face, and a child's heart to be open to all time to come, and a cradle was to mean more than a grave."  
"God has infinite resources, and He can give presents of great value, but when He wants to give the richest possible gift to a household, He looks around all the worlds and all the universe, and then gives a child."  
What a beautiful thought! and what mother is there who will not indorse it? Nothing on this earth is as lovely as a pure, innocent little child as it looks up into the mother's face with its little wondering eyes. She realizes how helpless it is and how dependent it is on her for everything; its very helplessness makes it dearer if possible. Talmage says: "Do not say, 'It is only a child.' Rather say, 'It is only an immortal.' It is only a masterpiece of Jehovah. It is only a being that shall outlive sin, and moon, and stars."  
"Yes, in all ages God has honored childhood. He makes almost every picture a failure unless there is a child either playing on the floor or looking through a window, or seated on the lap gazing into the face of the mother. It was a child in Naaman's kitchen who told that great Syrian warrior where he might go and get cured of the leprosy. It was to the cradle of leaves, in which a child was laid, rocked by the Nile, that God called the attention of history. It was a sick child that evoked Christ's curative sympathies. It was a child that He sat in the midst of the spilling disciples to teach the lesson of humanity."  
Should not we, then, who are mothers, appreciate this greatest of all earthly gifts, our precious little ones? Doubless we do appreciate them, if love is appreciation; but are we patient? do we try and bear with their little faults? Do we feel the great responsibility of training them for time and eternity? When we look abroad and see how many of these dear little ones so sadly neglected, it aches the heart of every true woman. I shall never forget a scene I witnessed a few weeks ago at the orphan's home, in the baby cottage. Sixteen clean, sweet, innocent babies, some over three years old, most of them beautiful children; but to my eye there was an inexpressible sadness in the scene, even though I knew they were well cared for. Yet they were little waifs, no real mother's love would ever be theirs. I could but exclaim: "God bless the children of our land!" and I am ready to say, in the beautiful words of Talmage, "Is there any voice softer than a child's cry? Is there any music so sweet as a child's voice? Is there any plume so wavy as a child's hair? And he might have added: Is there any heart so pure and loving as a child's heart? It is not to be wondered at that we are told we must become as a child, ere we can hope to enter the kingdom of heaven." ACK.

**RANSOM'S BRIGADE.**  
**ITS GALLANT CONDUCT IN THE RECAPTURE OF PLYMOUTH.**  
By Edwin G. Moore, of Company A, Twenty-fourth North Carolina Regiment.  
[Atlanta Journal.]  
In the winter of 1861-62, by the capture of Hatteras, Roanoke Island, and New Bern, all the tidewater region of North Carolina east of Wilmington lay at the mercy of the Union forces.  
To render these conquests permanent, and to serve as bases for further invasions into the State, they were strongly fortified several strategic points; among these was Plymouth, situated on the south bank of the Roanoke river, a few miles above the Albemarle sound.  
The region of country thus brought under subjection included the principal waterways of the State, the most valuable fisheries of the South, and many thousands of acres of fertile and productive agricultural lands. Indeed, on account of the fall of Roanoke Island, Southeast Virginia, including Norfolk, Portsmouth and its great navy-yard, was abandoned to the enemy.  
These disasters naturally produced great depression among the people of North Carolina, and in certain quarters discontent and unmeasured criticism of the Confederate authorities.  
But there was no waning in devotion to the cause; the State contributed her treasure, almost to the last dollar, and her sons, to the number of 120,000, before the conflict ended.  
The Confederate Government made an ineffectual effort to regain New Bern in the winter of 1862-'63, but it was not until April, 1864, that any important success to regain the lost ground was accomplished. This was the recapture of Plymouth, by a force under General Robert F. Hoke, consisting of his own division, composed of North Carolinians, Georgians, and Virginians, and the brigade of General M. W. Ransom, composed of the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, thirty-fifth, Forty-ninth, and Fifty-sixth North Carolina regiments. The Eight North Carolina Regiment was temporarily attached to Ransom's Brigade for this expedition, and it should be mentioned that Branch's Artillery of Virginia formed a part of the brigade.  
The first step taken for the recapture of Plymouth was the construction of the Albemarle, a small, but powerful, iron-plated steam ram. This boat had been commenced the year previous at Halifax on the Roanoke, and when completed the forces under General Hoke were put in motion and arrived at their destination on the evening of April 17, 1864.  
The town of Plymouth was directly accessible from two directions, the west and south. By a flank movement it could be approached from the east, but on the north was the river, held by a fleet of gunboats, and beyond was an impassible swamp.  
The object of the preliminary operations was to enable the Albemarle to pass the river batteries on the western side. The dispositions of the forces for this purpose was as follows: General Hoke's brigade approached the western side of the town, and General Ransom's the southern. In the absence of the official reports of this battle the details of the narrative which follows must be confined mainly to the operations of Ransom's brigade and even then to the limited view of the writer's observations and experience. So, on the evening of the 17th of April, while Ransom's brigade was reorganizing a mile distant from the southern fortifications, Col. William J. Clark, of the Twenty-fourth North Carolina Regiment called aside the officers of company A, of which the writer was a member, and instructed them that he wished the company to deploy as skirmishers, and develop what force held a certain point which he indicated, and if possible, to be held, and the order was immediately obeyed, and the company maintained a spirited resistance in a few moments. The object for which Company A, had been sent out had scarcely been accomplished before the entire brigade advanced in fine array, firing as they moved. This demonstration drew forth the concentration of all the enemy's batteries on the south side, including the heavy guns on board their fleet.  
General Hoke was making a similar show of attack on the western side, and the two demonstrations so engaged the attention of the enemy that the Albemarle, commanded by Captain J. W. Cook, succeeded in passing the batteries which guarded the river approach and assailed the fleet in front of the town. Swift and thorough was the work of our little boat. In a short time the entire fleet of the enemy were either sent to the bottom or driven out of the harbor. The Albemarle succeeded in withdrawing to a place of safety, and the remaining forces withdrew for the evening.  
The work of capturing Plymouth was by no means accomplished. All of its lines of defence were still in tact. Fort

Williams, a powerful earthwork, thrown up to a considerable height, commanded the field directly south and enfiladed the approaches, both east and west. Extending from this fort to the river, and enclosing the town, were lines of breast-works. The roads leading into the enclosure were protected by stockades, or timbers firmly set in the ground. The daytime of April 18th and 19th was occupied in resting by a portion of our forces, and in reconnoitering by others. General Hoke selected the eastern front as the most feasible point of assault along the river side, since the fleet was not there to interfere. To this work Ransom's brigade was assigned. Late on the evening of the 19th Ransom approached a creek of some depth but little width, which was stoutly defended by an outpost of the enemy. By the aid of Branch's Battery these were forced to move back, and quickly—a pontoon having been laid—a line of skirmishers passed over and took position at the crest of a gentle rise from the creek. As soon as possible the brigade passed over and took position. A detachment of one company from each regiment had been made. Company A, of the Twenty-fourth, being the number. These were deployed as skirmishers and advanced some distance in front of the principal line. We inferred from these arrangements that an assault upon the enemy's works was contemplated, and that we of the skirmish line were expected to lead. Soon word came along the line of skirmishers that Captain Durham, of the Forty-ninth, would command us. From this we know that serious work was ahead.

I must pause here and pay a passing tribute to the memory of this officer. He had already distinguished himself for skill and courage in the service. However, on account of his superior business qualities he was offered the post of quartermaster for his regiment. This he would accept only on condition that he should be permitted to participate in all the dangers to which his command might be exposed. Thus it came about that the quartermaster of the Forty-ninth Regiment was frequently placed in command of detachments, both of infantry and cavalry, which required cool courage and skillful leadership. Young, handsome, and lovable, he was popular with the men. A few weeks later he gave his life to the cause near Drewry's Bluff, and rarely has a braver spirit ascended from a battlefield than was that of Captain Durham, of the Forty-ninth.  
The information that Captain Durham would command inspired us with the faith that we would be well led. But there were long hours of waiting. The disposition of the forces was completed by 9 o'clock. The moon was at her full, and not a cloud obscured her light. We had not more than fairly taken position before the enemy turned his batteries upon us. All night long his shells hurled above and around us, and sometimes exploded in our very midst. But no response did we make; dead silence reigned throughout our lines. Action under such circumstances enhances the courage of men; inaction weakens it. Then it is that thoughtful men engage in introspection and sit in judgment upon their past lives. They realize fully the force of Hamlet's conclusion that "Thus conscience does make cowards of us all, And thus the native hue of resolution Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought; And enterprises of great pitch and moment, With this regard, their currents turn awry, And lose the name of action."

But the longest night, no matter what its horrors, must have an end. At the first appearance of light in the East the quiet, but firm command of Durham, "Forward, men!" was given. Instantly every man of the skirmishers was upon his feet and began to press forward. The ground over which we were to move was a level plane several hundred yards in extent. All obstructions had been removed, and it had been used by the enemy as a parade-ground and a place for target practice.  
The pickets gave us a parting shot and retired quickly. We returned the compliment and pushed forward. When within fifty yards of the enemy's works of defence the writer was brought to the ground by an enfilading shot from the left from Fort Williams, which was pointing down a leaden hail upon our ranks. But Ransom's main line was up, silent, grim, unbroken, irresistible, firing not a shot. It stepped on and over the enemy's works, and then, as if every energy had been put for that supreme moment, the men gave forth such a yell as only Confederate victors could give. But the voices of 500 comrades, equally brave, who had started on that perilous march, were not heard in that exultant shout. They lay dead or wounded on the plane.  
General Hoke had well held the enemy to its defences on the western side, but by the success of Ransom, its lines were untenable, and all of the enemy who had not been captured retired to Fort Williams. This stronghold contained the

struggle a few hours longer, and then surrendered, making the Confederate victory complete.  
It was the fortune of the writer to occupy a place in the line which defended Myrce's Hill at Fredericksburg, and to witness the repeated onsets of Burnside's thousands against that strong position. Well does he remember how Meigs's celebrated brigade from New York, selecting a somewhat different point of attack, and advancing in column under cover of some buildings, sought by a rush to penetrate our lines only to recoil well destroyed by the blow which it received. But not upon the famous field of Fredericksburg did he see anything which surpassed the conduct of Ransom's brigade at Plymouth. Indeed, the late Colonel Duncan K. McRae, of North Carolina, declared that it was very similar in many respects, and compared favorably in all respects, to the storming of the Malakoff in the Crimean war.  
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**MARK TWAIN REVEALS A SECRET.**  
The Union was Saved, But the People of the South are not Ashamed of the Part They Took.  
At the Lincoln celebration last week in New York, at Carnegie Hall, Mark Twain who acted as chairman, in introducing Col. Henry Waterman as the orator of the evening referred humorously to his own military career, as follows: "I was born in a slave State. My father was a slave owner before the Civil War and I was a second lieutenant in the Confederate service—for awhile. [Laughter.] "Oh, I could have stayed longer. There was plenty of time. The trouble was with the weather. I never saw such weather. I was there, and I have no apologies to offer. But I will say that if this cousin of mine, Henry Waterman, the orator of the evening, who was born and reared in a slave State and was a colonel in the Confederate service, had rendered me such assistance as he could and taken my advice the Union armies would never have been victorious. I laid out the whole plan with remarkable foresight, and if Colonel Waterman had carried out my orders I should have succeeded in vast the enterprise. [Laughter.] "It was my intention to drive General Grant into the Pacific Ocean. If I could have had the proper assistance from Col. Waterman it would have been accomplished. I told Waterman to surround the Eastern armies and wait until I came up. [Laughter.] But he stood upon the punctilio of military etiquette and refused to take orders from a second lieutenant of the Confederate Army, and so the Union was saved. He was inebriate. No, this is the first time that this secret has ever been revealed. No one outside of my family has ever known these facts, but they're the truth of how Waterman saved the Union, and to think that up this very hour that man gets no pension! That's the way we treat people who save Unions for us. There ought to be some blush on the cheek of these present this evening, but to tell the truth, we are out of practice." [Laughter.] Mark Twain then began to talk in a serious vein. His tone and manner changed. The audience soon stopped laughing and took the speaker seriously. He said: "The hearts of this whole nation, North and South, were in the war. We of the South, were not ashamed of the part we took. We believed in those days in what we were fighting for—the right—and it was a noble fight, for we were fighting for our sweethearts, our homes and our lives. To-day we no longer regret the result, but we of the South are not ashamed that we made the endeavor. And you, too, are proud of the record we made."

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