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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

CHOATE AS AN ORATOR.

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 188'

"Choate was the greatest American ora tor," the judge continued. "I think there are three men who must be recognized as the greatest orators of America, and I will name them in the order of their genius

They were Rufus Choate, Wendell Phillips and Henry Ward Beecher, Beecher made many common-place speeches, but could and did say some fine things. Phillips never delivered an address that was not a marvel of oratory. Choate was the peer of any of the great Roman orators. Choate was one of the warmest, most sympethetic, and genial men in the world. His genius entered into to his fellowship and ripened and mellowed it .- Judge Mc

This is interesting. It shows how a Northern man can insulate himself. Judge McArthur is doubtless honest and frank in his admiration. He really believes that the North had produced the greatest orators, and yet he omits the greatest orator ever born on Northern soil-Sargeant S. Prentiss. Choate was an orator of a high grade. He was a striking character, and he had precisely what all great orators have-fire, and which Daniel Webster lacked in an eminent degree. We heard him once. He was solemn, sensible and dull General Clingman, who served United States Congress so long and with such distinction, and who has such a profound admiration of the "godlike Daniel," as he was called by his most enthusiastic admirers, told us this. He said of all men he saw in the Congress, Mr. Webster grew greater as he receded from him-that he loomed up above all his fellows in his colossal greatness. He said he heard Mr. Webster once speaking in the Senate when a Western member of the House, who afterwards became a leading Senator, interrupted him with the remark, "And that is the great Webster. What is the matter with him?" On went the statesman, when the Westerner said to his annoyance, "Great Scott, is he fuddled?" Gen. C. replied, "no, he is not in liquor." After the speech was ended, the Western Representative said, "I'll be -- if a speech like that wouldn't empty a hall in five minutes in my district." Gen. C. said he had never heard Mr. Webster so animated, and yet to a man accustomed to the earnest eloquence of Corwin, Pugh and other Western men-an eloquence that stirred, controlled, enthused-thought it very dull and un-

interesting. Mr. Webster was no orator, according to either the Greek, French, Southern or Western standard. The same may be said of Mr. Everett He was cold, artificial, studied, rhetorical. We heard his oration on Washington. It was an elegant composition and there were passages of exquisite rhetorical finish and excellence. He recited with studied art. His statues were very deftly wrought out of white marble, but they were

the heart like the unerring and bounding shaft from the archer bow. His mannerism was marked. His posturings were those of a dancing master. His theme, even the felicities of his diction and the graceful flow of his periods, never moved him. He remained self-contained, studied, artificial to the last. He did not feel, and he failed to make others feel. There was too much of art, and not enough of nature in what he did. His passions seemed asleep.

How different is all this from a Demosthenes, a Fox, a Grattan a Prentiss, a Patrick Henry, Preston! Mr. Webster understood the difference if he did not practice it. He said: "True eloquence does not consist in speech. Words and phrases may be marshalled in every way but they cannot compass it. It must exist in the man, and in the occasion." He was right. An orator is born, just as much as a poet is born. True eloquence "must exist in the man." The schools of oratory cannot impart it; neither study nor practice can bring it "from afar."

Patrick Henry was an orator. He knew but little of the schools, but he was a living battery. His was a powerful magnetic organism, his soul was on fire with patriotsm and unquenchable ardor, and at will he commanded the language of nature. His eloquence was a part of himself: it "existed in the man." It is no wonder that he could control an audience as a skilled rider a horse. No one could sit under the inspiration of his genius and the rich tones of his voice and criticise the speaker. The intense magnetism of the orator swept away all resistance and held one in leash.

It was so with Prentiss, with Mc-Duffie, with Preston, with Haskill, with Clay, with Kerr, with all great orators; it is so with all living men who can move great bodies and make them respond to their own will and emotions. But Judge-McArthur never heard of this class in the South Beecher and Choate and Phillips had passion, and so had a score or a half hundred others in the South. Gen. Clingman had heard Prentiss, Web ster, Choate and he told us that George McDuffie was the greatest orator to whom he ever listened.

We have no doubt that the late Bishop Pierce was a greater orator than Beecher although not so great a man. We have no doubt that Bishop Bascom was a greater orator than any man ever born in New England save Prentiss. But "doctors will differ" even as to oratory and orators. The model of the North is the model of a cold climate.

THE NEGROES NOT DYING OUT.

Bishop Penick is of the opinion that the negroes are gradually becoming extinct. He says that from 60 to 100 per cent, more negroes die in the cities than whites. This is true, but the negroes are far more prolific than the whites and the mortality among country negroes is far less than among the town negroes. But for these two facts the dying out of the race would only be a question of time. The mortality is greater as the population is dense. In New Orleans the negro death rate is 60 per cent. greater than that of the whites. In Charleston and Washington City the mortality is said to be 100 per cent. greater. That is, two negroes die for every white person in

every 100 population of each race. It is well understood why it is that the death rate is so much greater among colored than among whites. The want of cleanliness, the condition of their homes, the prevalence of certain nameless diseases among them, and the perpetuation of these diseases, or their effects in their children, all conspire to make the death rate alarmingly excessive. The New Orleans Times-Democrat takes the view the STAR has always taken: that the negro race will not become extinct because the births are equal or more than equal to the deaths. It says of other races, to show that a high mortality does not necessarily indicate that a race is dying out:

"There is a light mortality in France, yet the population is at a standstill, while in Germany, where the death rate is much heavier, the population is increasing rapidly. In New England the mortality is far heavier among the foreign born than among the natives, but the former are increasing the faster. And no more conspicuous evidence could be cited to prove that a heavy mortality may be coincident with a rapidly increasing race than the French Canadian. The French Canadians die in such numbers The French Canadians die in such numbers that in this country it would be deemed equal to an epidemic, the death rate exceeding that of the negroes, yet the race grows more rapidly than that of any other known. It has doubled itself every twenty years since Canada fell into possession of the English—with little if any immigration from France. It has crowded the English speaking people out of almost all Canada:

That the condition of the negroes as a race is advanced in the last twenty years is debatable. There are intelligent men who take opposing views. The death rate keeps up to the high standard, and this clearly shows that their habits are not improved. The negroes need to be taught very much of sanitary laws. Until they learn how impor tant is cleanliness as to the person, their dwellings and surroundings, and that stagnant water or water standing in pools to be evaporated by the sun means sickness and death there will not be much diminution of the death rate among them. We agree with the New Orleans paper when it says:

Those who have given money for the lished colleges throughout the South have done well; but they could have done much better had they devoted some of this money to the amelioration of the condition of the negroes, and particularly to instructing them in the laws of health and hygiene. It is a subject worthy of consideration by the people of the South, and, indeed, of all the country. The negro mortality of the South helps to swell the death rate of that section; the negro quarters are hotbeds where disease is generated, and comes forth to slay its thousands."

NOT FOR BUSY MEN.

Why do not the Southern school teachers adopt either Stephens's or Holmes's History of the United States as a text book in the schools of all kinds? The common schools of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Louisiana have adopted Holmes's "New History" as the textbook. By using Southern school books the pupils would not be taught falsehoods concerning the war with the North as they are taught when Northern books are used.

Marshal Lannes made a capita remark when the Marquis of Montes quieu told him of taking a coat from an ancestor's drawer. Said the great soldier of Napoleon: "I am au ancestor myself."

More than seventy-five copies of Dabney's brilliant and striking novel "Don Miff" have been sold in Wil mington. One young lady told us she thought it was far more enjoyable than Hardy's masterpiece, "Far from the Madding Crowd."

Mr. Margaret J. Preston's new volume of verse is well received in the North. It is called "Colonial Ballads, Sonnets and Other Verse," The Boston Post says appreciatively:

"Mrs. Margaret J. Preston has a charming way of telling stories in verse; her Colonisl Ballads are spirited, patriotic, full of generous things; and she delights in making a poem of some tender, brave or picturesqu incident; and in telling, for children, characteristic anecdotes and traditions of the youth of the old painters. Of course she writes sonnets noble in feeling, religious, full of fancy and of hero worship; but her greatest success is in her ballads and stories in verse. It will be a pity if sonnets wile ber from that which she does with so much grace and sweetness, and tempt to that path which more than any other in literature is

There are the fewest number of really eminent poets who ever succeeded in writing the sonnet, a most difficult form of verse with artificial limitations. Probably of the tens of thousands of experiments there are not more than two or three hundred sonnets of a high-water mark, and not a dozen of the very first rank. Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth and a half dozen others have done great work in this special line. Of American sonnet writers we think that Paul H. Hayne and George Boker have been the most successful.

The best living Southern poet is Samuel Minturn Peck, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has written two or three short poems that deserve to be immortal. We have no doubt that they will through the centuries be found in any tasteful and fair anthology of American verse that may be printed. He has published one volume of verse with the title of "Cap and Bells." A second volume is announced. He has also had some of his songs set to music. A popu lar one is called "A Knot of Blue." He is under thirty years of age.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Danbury Reporter, copies what the STAR said in rem to the Baltimore American on easylvania tobacco.

"Our peerless State contemporary has overlooked a most important point in in-stituting a comparison between the net profit on an acre of tobacco grown in Lancaster county last year, and instances where "That has been beaten fifty times in North Carolina," by not giving instances of an acre of tobacco grown in Granville or Vance county last year. The comparison should be drawn from instances of what an acre of tobacco netted last year during the depressed condition of the to-

bacco market. The STAR did not have the figures for last year and it desired to speak of its own knowledge. The Oxford paper did not furnish the needed data tifeless. He lacked the divine af
flatus—"the glorious burst of winged words"—that sent his thoughts to little more than a century it has increased nearly a hundred fold. The ex
from France. It has crowded the English speaking people out of almost all Canada; it has poured over a quarter of a million wrote of other years because our information was trustworthy. We hitherto unintelligible have no doubt that instances can be ble of explanation.

planation lies in early marriages and the found of more than \$400 being leavy birth-rate of the habitans. made to the acre in 1886, and in spite of "the depressed condition of the tobacco market."

THE PERIODICALS. The Forum for June has the following contents: Is Andover Romanizing? Prof. Francis L. Patton: Books that have helped me, Andrew Lang; What is the object of Life, Prof. C J. Romanes; Why the Revised Edition has failed, John Fulton; False potions of Government, Prof. Lester T. Ward; On things Social, Eliza Lynn Linton; Capital Punishment, Rev. J. M. Buckley: Railway Passes and the Public, J. T. Brooks; The Control of the Pacific, Commander H. B. Taylor; An Evil of the Schools, Ed. Cary; The Form and Speed of Yatchs, Prof. R. H. Thurston. The Forum is published by the Forum Publishing Company, 97 Fifth Avenue, New York at \$5 per annum.

The Atlantic Monthly for June has the following bill of fare for its readers: A Crucial Experiment, T. P. Quincy; The Theory of the Social Compact, A Sketch of its History, A. Lawrence Lowell; Ballad of Pentyre Town, Graham R. Tomson; Paul Patoff. XI. (continued), XII. F. Marion Crawford; Enceladus P. Recall, Andrew Hedbrooke; Nursery classes in School, H. E. Scudder: The Second Son, XIX. (continued), XX., XXI M. O. W. Oliphant and T. B. Aldrich; A Caged Bird, Sarah Orne Jewett; Completed Work of the Federal Condition, John Fiske; Our Hundred Days in Europe, IV. Olivier Wendell Holmes; Elihu Vedder's Pictures. William Howe Downes; Richardson's American Literature, The Goethe-Carlyle Correspondence, Chinese Ghosts, The Contributors' Club, Books of the Month.

CURRENT COMMENT.

- - Moreover, Mr. Sherman's studied application of the epithet "Confederate" to the Democratic party of to-day and his labored effort to show that by the election of Mr. Cleveland "Confederate" ideas were made dominant, is as foolish as insulting. Whose votes does he hope to win by that? There are thousands of men not only among those who voted for Mr. Cleveland, but among those who voted for Hancock and for Tilden, who were as patriotic as Mr. Sherman, whose devotion to their country at least brought them no wealth, and who never surrendered their honest convictions for either place or pelf. Is it good policy for Mr. Sherman to challenge comparison on these points? He appears to think that it is, but we take the liberty of admonishing him that it will not bring him any nearer that goal of his ambition which, in his somewhat devious way, he has so long pursued and never attained. If we disregard what Mr. Sherman has to say of the past-as the country certainly will disregard it--and ask what he has to say of the future, the answer will be, almost nothing. His long speech contains only one brief indication of the policy he proposes in the name of his party on any current opinion .- New York Times. Mugroump.

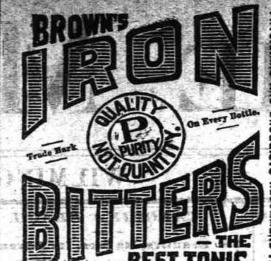
-- But the little boom is burst. The censure of the bloody-shirt swingers for his kindly utterances at the South proved too much for him. And yesterday at Springfield Mr. Sherman fell into his old habits again. No man can be nominated for President, much less elected, who treats the rebellion as still rampant, speaks of the Democratic party as "the left wing of the new Confed erate army" and advocates the perpetuation of the war taxes. Poor Sherman! he has exhibited his Bourbonism and his demagogy to no purpose. Mr. Blaine will now go abroad more convinced than ever that sometimes silence is golden. - New York World, Ind. Dem.

The Work of the Wilmington Star.

Richmond State Dem. The Wilmington, (N. C.), STAR and the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record are still opposed in opinion as to the status of industrial life in North Carolina. The Record is an industrial boomer, whilst the STAR, which is in a position to understand the true situation in the good old Tar-Heel State, and not wishing to have the people deceived by flattering accounts of industrial progress, states frankly the facts in the case. Wilmington has doubled its population in the last twenty years, and many other cities of North Carolina are fairly prosperous; but according to the STAR the State is handicapped by the high tariff. The farmers are not as thrifty as they should be. Many of them, like some of the Virginia farmers, are very poor. Some of them grow poorer and poorer every year in spite of their energy in field and forest. These facts the STAR constantly lays before the public, whilst the Manufacturer's Record, which means well, no doubt, tries to refute the statements of the Wilmington paper. Our exchange, in its issue of yesterday, says: [Here follows the extract.] Long may the STAR flourish to battle for the interests of the whole State. Would that more of our journals understood the difference between a small class and the people at large.

Hittite Inscriptions. English Churchman.

The mysterious Hittite inscriptions first found by Burckhardt in A. D. in 1808, and rediscovered in 1872, have long baffled every attept to decipher them. It is now announced that Captain Claude Conder, R. E., has succeeded in reading and translating them. The documents showing how he has arrived at this discovery have been placed in the hands of Sir Charles Wilson and Sir Charles Warren. In about a month particulars will be published by the Palestine Exploration Fund. We are informed that much light is thrown on the early chapters of Genesis, and certain names in ancient history hitherto unintelligible are now capa-



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