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SELECT POETRY.

THE COMMON LOT.

BY JAMES MONTGOMERY.

Once in the flight of ages past,
There lived a man; and Who was He?
Mortal! how'er thy lot be cast,
That Man resembled Thee.
Unknown the region of his birth,
The land in which he died unknown;
His name has perished from the earth;
This truth survives alone:

That joy and grief, and hope and fear,
Alternate triumphed in his breast;
His bliss and woe—a smile, a tear!
Oblivion hides the rest,
The bounding pulse, the languid limb,
The changing spirit's rise and fall;
We know that these were felt by him,
For these are felt by all.

He suffered—but his pangs are o'er;
Enjoys—but his delights are fled;
Has friends—but his friends are now no more,
And foes—his foes are dead.
He loved—but whom he loved the grave
Hath left in his unconscious womb;
She was fair—but might could save
Her beauty from the tomb.

He saw whatever than last seen:
Encountered all that troubles thee;
He was—what then hast been?
He is—with that—hail to—
The rolling seasons, day and night,
Such a drowsy, the earth and main,
Such a portion, life and light,
To him exist in vain.

The clouds and sunbeams, o'er his eye
That once their shades and glory threw,
Have left in yonder silent sky,
No vestige where they flew.
The animals of the human race,
Their ranks, since the world began,
Of him afford no other trace,
Than this.—THEIR LIVED A MAN!

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NATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL PROSPERITY DEPENDENT UPON MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL CULTURE.

BY REV. P. L. CONFER.

(Come, red—and should it prove destructive—"tis well;
we write not for nobility; and, as for ourselves, we wonder
what of a copper to be Napoleon's "Ause River," former-

As Patriots, Philanthropists and But to Messrs. Stroh,

Citizens of a free and mighty Republic, we were cer-

tainly no theme more inspiring—none better cal-

culated to claim our deepest attention and to se-

cure our warmest sympathies, than the moral and intel-

lectual cultivation of mind and heart, connected

as it is with the vitality and best interests of

Society, or associated with the success and honor

of our gifted and glorious Confederacy. To the

American people, the true representatives of an en-

lightened and illustrious Land, this important

and appeal in strain and tones of undated sim-

licity, and should be impressed upon the mem-

ories of every rational and intelligent citizen who

boasts of the principles of Freedom, or who is shel-

tered from the storms of Tyranny under the wise

and protective policy of the American Government.

Yes to no people does this topic more pointedly

direct itself than to the happy citizens of our fair

country; nor has there been a period since our ex-

sistence as a Republic that demanded greater exer-

tion for the proper development of mind and mor-

al culture of the public heart than the present—

And it must appear apparent to all—to reflect

that, to preserve the very liberties we so highly

cherish—that, to hold inviolate the American

character, deeds and name—that, to sustain these

social and political institutions, which our fathers' valor and wisdom have laid planned and

done to transmit them unimpaired to succeeding ages,

we must educate the mind and cultivate the heart.

To uphold your country, you must strengthen

the minds of the cherished citizens of your

country: and to promote virtue, we are to dissem-

influence and impress the conscious heart with

the sublimity and beauty that exist in excellence.

We desire a government that shall insure to us

peace, prosperity, power; and do we aspire to ju-

stice, honor, national eminence and renown? Do

we seek for wise laws, sound policies and general

blessings; and are we anxious to carry on trium-

phant the great principles in the science of popu-

lar government, and hope to continue to exhibit

to the world the magnificent truth that Republics

like our own can ever stand as monuments of im-

mortality? If so, then we are to rely on learning

and to depend on virtue.

Knowledge and Morality—god-like principles

and exalted sentiments, the noblest attributes in

the character and constitution of man! Education

and Virtue—fevers of goodness and majestic col-

ours of hallowed strength,—let them tower to the

heavens, and be lasting as time. Upon these de-

pend the welfare of society and our future great-

ness and grandeur as a Government! Blot out

the benign influence of intellect and virtue,—take

from us these endearing qualifications, and you cast us into impenetrable mist, you clothe us in the

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