Selected Poetry.

The Dead.

Number the grains of sand outspread
Wherever Ocean's billows flow;
Or count the bright stars overhead,
As these in their proud courses glow;

Count all the tribes on earth that creep,
Or that expand the wing in air;
Number the hosts that in the deep
Existence and its pleasures share;

Count the green leaves that in the breath
Of spring's blithe gale are dancing fast;
Or those, all faded, sere in death,
Which flit before the wintry blast;

Ay! number these, and myriads more,
All countless as they seem to be;
There still remains an ampler store
Untold by, and unknown to thee.

Askest thou—"Who, or what be they?"
Oh! think upon thy mortal doom;
And with anointed eye survey
The silent empire of the tomb!

Think of all those who erst have been
Living as thou art—even now;
Looking upon life's busy scene
With glance as careless, light, as thou.

All these, like thee, have lived and moved,
Have seen—what now thou look'st upon,
Have fear'd, hoped, hated, mourned, or lov'd,
And now from mortal sight are gone.

Yes, though unseen of human eye,
Their relics slumber in the earth—
The boon of immortality
To them was given with vital birth.

They were; and having been, they are!
Earth but contains their mould'ring dust,
Their deathless spirits, near or far,
With thine must rise to meet the just.

Then know'st not but they hover near,
Witness of every secret deed,
With shunning human eye or ear,
The spirits of the dead may heed.

An awful thought it is to think
The viewless dead out number all
Who, bound by life's connecting link,
Now share with us this earthly ball.

It is a thought as dread and high
And one to wake a fearful thrill,
To think, while all who live must die,
The dead, the dead, are living still!

Clouds.

BY REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL.

I cannot look above and see
You high-piled pillowy mass
Of Evening clouds, so swimmingly,
In gold and purple pass.
And think not Lord how thou wast seen,
On Israel's desert way,
Before them, in thy shadowy screen,
Pavilioned all the day!

Or of those robes of gorgeous hue,
Which the Redeemer wore,
When ravished from his follower's view
Aloft his flight he bore.
When lifted, as on mighty wing,
He curtained his ascent,
And, wrapt in clouds, went triumphing
Above the firmament.

Is it a trail of that same pall
Of many-colored dyes,
That high above, o'ermantling all,
Hangs midway down the skies—
Or borders of those sweeping folds,
Which shall be all unfurled
About the Savior, when he holds
His judgment on the world?

For in like manner as he went,
My soul, hast thou forgot?
Shall be his terrible descent
When man expecteth not!
Strength, Son of Man, against that hour,
Be to our spirits given,
When thou shalt come again with power,
Upon the clouds of heaven.

Separation.

We parted in silence, we parted at night,
On the banks of that lonely river,
Where the fragrant limes their boughs unite,
We met and we parted forever.
The night wind sang, and the stars above,
Told many a touching story
Of friends long past to the kingdom of love,
Where the soul wears its mantle of glory.

But ere we sighed our last farewell,
In wild and bitter sorrow,
Our whispered vows (remembered well)
Spoke peace to the coming morrow.
The lips that echoed that vow of mine
Are cold as that lonely river,
And that eye (the beautiful spirit-shrine)
Has shrouded its fire forever.

And now on the midnight sky I look,
And my heart grows full to weeping;
Each star is to me a sealed book,
Some tale of the loved one keeping.
We parted in silence, we parted in tears
On the banks of that lonely river,
But the fragrance and bloom of those by-gone years,
Will hang around its waters forever.

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Platform of the American Party of North Carolina

At a Convention of the American party, held at Raleigh, on the 19th of October, 1855, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, as the causes which rendered the secrecy of the American organization necessary in its infancy, no longer exist—all the secret ceremonials of the order whether of initiation obligations, signs, constitutions, rituals, or passwords be abolished—that we do constitute ourselves into a publicly-organized *party*—that we do challenge our opponents to the public discussion of our principles—and we do hereby invite and invoke the aid and co-operation of all the citizens of the State without regard to their former political affiliations, in maintaining and carrying out the great aims, principles and objects of the American Party.

Resolved, That we do hereby ratify and endorse the principles enunciated in the platform of the American party, by the National Council of the same, begun and held at Philadelphia, on the 5th day of June, 1855, in relation to the political policy of the Government—whilst at the same time, we consider the three great primary principles of the organization, which constitute the basis of our party, as paramount in importance to any issues of mere governmental policy.

Resolved, That these three great primary principles are, *first* the confinement of the honors, offices and responsibilities of political station, under our government, to native-born Americans—with a due regard at the same time, to the protection of the foreign-born in all the civil rights and privileges guaranteed to freemen by the constitution, whether Federal or State.

Secondly, Resistance to religious intolerance, and a rigid maintenance of the great principle of religious freedom—by excluding from office and power, those who would persecute for opinions sake how could control the politics of the country through Church influence or priestly interference: and who acknowledge an allegiance to any power of earth whether civil or ecclesiastical as paramount to that which they owe to the Constitution.

And, *Thirdly*, unswerving devotion to the UNION of these States, and resistance to all factions and sectional attempts to weaken its bonds.

Resolved, That in all nominations for political station hereafter to be made by the American Party, it is recommended that the same be done in open public meeting—and that all those who agree with us in principle, and who concur in our aims and objects, shall hereafter be recognized as members of the American Party.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the American Party in this State to hold a Convention of delegates, to be appointed in public primary meetings in the respective counties, in Greensboro on Thursday the 10th day of April next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to be run by the American Party for Governor at the next election—that each county appoint as many Delegates as it chooses, and that the mode of voting in said convention be regulated by the convention itself.

Resolved, That we consider the 22d day of February next—the time heretofore selected by the National Council of the American order, for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President, as too early a day for that purpose—and we do hereby recommend to our brethren of the American party throughout the Union, the propriety of postponing the holding of said convention, to some time in the months of June or July.

Resolved, However, lest such postponement may not take place, it is deemed advisable to appoint two delegates to represent the State at large in such nominating Convention,—and it is recommended to the American Party in each Congressional District to hold primary meetings in the respective counties, and appoint delegates to District Convention, for the selection of a delegate from each respective District to said nominating Convention.

Resolved, That an Executive Central Committee of five, be appointed by this body, whose duty it shall be to attend to the general concerns of the American party in this State, to carry on the necessary correspondence, and take such inceptive steps as may be deemed necessary for the more thorough organization of the said party—and that said executive committee be authorized and requested to appoint a County Executive Committee for each County in the State; and that said County Executive Committee do further appoint a sub-committee for each election precinct in the county with a view to a more thorough and complete organization of the American party in North Carolina.

Platform of the American Party, adopted at the session of the National Council, February 21st, 1856.

1st. An humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, for his protecting care vouchsafed to our fathers in their successful Revolutionary struggle, and hitherto manifested to us, their descendants, in the preservation of the liberties, the independence, and the union of these States.

2d. The perpetuation of the Federal Union, as the palladium of our civil and religious liberties, and the only sure bulwark of American Independence.

3d. *Americans must rule America*, and to this end, native-born citizens should be selected for all State, Federal and municipal offices or government employment, in preference to all others; nevertheless,

4th. Persons born of American parents residing temporarily abroad, should be entitled to all the rights of native-born citizens; but,

5th. No person should be selected for political station, (whether of native or foreign birth,) who recognises any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power, or who refuses to recognize the Federal and State constitutions (each within its sphere) as paramount to all other laws, as rules of political action.

6th. The unqualified recognition and maintenance of the reserved rights of the several States, and the cultivation of harmony and fraternal good will, between the citizens of the several States, and to this end, non interference by Congress with questions appertaining solely to the individual States, and non-intervention by each State with the affairs of any other State.

7th. The recognition of the right of the native-born and naturalized citizens of the United States, permanently residing in any Territory thereof, to frame their constitution and laws, and to regulate their domestic and social affairs in their own mode, subject only to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, with the privilege of admission into the Union whenever they have the requisite population for one Representative in Congress. *Provided always*, that none but those who are citizens of the United States, under the constitution and laws thereof, and who have a fixed residence in any such Territory, ought to participate in the formation of such constitution, or in the enactment of laws for said Territory or State.

8th. An enforcement of the principle that no State or Territory ought to admit others than citizens of the United States to the right of suffrage, or of holding political office.

9th. A change in the laws of naturalization, making a continued residence of twenty-one years, of all not heretofore provided for, an indispensable requisite for citizenship hereafter, and excluding all paupers and persons convicted of crime, from landing upon our shores; but no interference with the vested rights of foreigners.

10th. Opposition to any union between Church and State; no interference with religious faith, or worship, and no test oaths for office.

11th. Free and thorough investigation into any and all alleged abuses of public functionaries, and a strict economy in public expenditures.

12th. The maintenance and enforcement of all laws constitutionally enacted; until said laws shall be repealed, or shall be declared null and void by competent judicial authority.

13th. Opposition to the reckless and unwise policy of the present administration in the general management of our national affairs, and more especially as shown in removing "Americans" [by designation] and conservatives in principle, from office, and placing foreigners and ultraists in their places; as shown in a truckling subserviency to the stronger, and an insolent and cowardly bravado towards the weaker powers; as shown in reopening sectional agitation, by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; as shown in granting to unnaturalized foreigners the right of suffrage in Kansas and Nebraska; as shown in vacillating course on the Kansas and Nebraska question; as shown in the corruptions which pervade some of the departments of the government; as shown in disgraceful mutilations of naval officers through prejudice or caprice; and as shown in the blundering mismanagement of our foreign relations.

14th. Therefore, to remedy existing evils, and prevent the disastrous consequences wherein, resulting therefrom, we would hold up the "American party" upon the principles hereinbefore stated.

15th. That each State Council shall have authority to amend their several constitutions, so as to abolish the several degrees, and institute a pledge of honor, instead of other obligations for fellowship and admission into the party.

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