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saithful unto death."

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Poetry.

When the place of our abiding Is known to earth no more, And the cold world harshly chiding, Shall repeat our story o'er-Far beyond their idle guessing, Far beyond their praise or scorn, Recking not their blame or blessing,

Oh, my love, we shall be gone. "We shall be gone, past night, pass day, Over the hills and far away. When the friend whose love bath crowned us In the life we leave behind,

And were wont to gather round us With their welcomes warm and kind, Still our memory brightly keeping For the sake of long ago, Shall repair with tender weeping

To our grassy pillow low, "We shall be gone, past night, past day, Over the hills and far away. They shall ask with pitying wonder, In their mingled love and pain,

"Shall the links death tore asunder Never re-unite again? From the dark sea whither they drifted To a dim. mysterious shore, Shall the shadows ne'er be lifted-Shall they come to us no more?"

"We shall be gone, past night, past day, Over the hills and far away." As the Arab in the desert, Folds his wandering tent at morn-As the Indian in the forest

Dims his camp-fire and is gone-Is gone, and leaves no traces Save the ashes smouldering gray-So from our household places We shall wander far away :

"We shall be gone, past night, past day, O'er the hills and far away." Far in the infinite spaces. Past the broad sweep of the sun, We shall turn our pilgrim faces

Where the new years are begun. As the earth grows dim and dimmer, Where the great Hereafter lies We shall catch the golden glimmer Of new stars in other skies: "We shall be gone, past night, past day, Over the hills and far away.'

ommunication.

THE OAKS, Feb. 16, 1860.

Your note, kind friends, was duly received and you are entitled to many thanks. You know it is proverbial that gentlemen flatter, and therefore I hesitate quite to credit all your commendations; but if it is indeed true. that my random shots at the follies of the day, are as kindly taken as they are intended, it will embolden me to try again. And you tell me some curiosity is felt as to the ing: authorship of the "Letters." I sadly fear if it were known the interest would cease,-Shall I sketch my portrait? but no; I will e'en try to persuade invself that they would be equally acceptable, whether written by one young and beautiful; or, as is alas! the case, written by one neither very young nor Editors. at all beautiful.

My sister says, "I make a deal of fuss over my visit to that little old Statescille; the' Pa says, that whatever it may be now, it never improved one single bit for twenty years." I tell her to remember that she was detained at home by indisposition, and that perhaps I did receive more attention, that my pretty Fister was not there to monopolize it. She is vonnger and handsomer than I,-indeed despite this somewhat unamiable speech she is a little darling; and her sister dearly loves to see the admiration she excites.

Cousin Harry is very anxious for me to make a second visit to your town, and promises to accompany me at any time, You know he was with us a few days, and walked up with us the day we visited the College. gress, during the war of 1812. He is a handsome boy of nineteen or twenty, and not easily daunted by ladies' eyes; but we saw so many bright faces at the windows. it was rather to much for his equanimity .-He cleared his throat, took his cap off and replaced it, and for the first time I remember was thoroughly out of countenance. Indeed it is rather a formidable battery to face. He ments of a classical education. He fold me on our return, that, from a curtained window, he very distinctly saw a fairy hand Mr. Wm. J. Bingham, in Hillsboro' e tended, and a dainty cambric handkerchief by whom he was prepared for College. unfolded and waved at him; he said the odor In 1828 he entered the Freshman Class of violets filled all the air. It was in vain I of the University of North Carolina. scolded him for his slander, and abused him for his vanity, he averred he was not mista- tinguished for a prompt and faithful ken, and when I still shook my head-"Well discharge of every duty imposed upon Coz," he said, drawing himself up to his full him, as also for a ready and cheerful height, and pushing back the hair from his observance of all the rules and reguhandsome brow, "it is not so very strange." lations of the institution. "No," I said, "nor yet very proper." He has often told the circumstance since, the' he of his class, he, during his whole colknows it provokes me; and tho' I remind legiate course, was among the foremost him that he did not know a lady there.

an old escretoire to find some tokens that Thomas L. Clingman, John H. Haughseems to me they meant more a few years distinguished, gentlemen. ago than they do now, and were not sent Mr. Dobbin, while at College, was without some real interest on the part of the an universal favorite with the students jority of the House finally sustained ful and peculiar charm of elocution. giver. The first claimed only a smile, the and faculty, and his amiable characwriter was a vain egotistical person, fully poster and gentlemanly deportment so sessed with the idea of being perfectly irres- won upon the affections of the venera-"tible. To the next I gave a sigh—his after ble President, Dr. Caldwell, that he for 'masterly inactivity' had passed, himself closely to his profession. His the "looked upon the wine when it was red," his family, "it would gladden his heart and fell-he broke his gister's heart, and in to be the father of such a son as James a very short time grief and shame bowed his C. Dobbin.' was enabled to yield to the will of God with- ance devoted two and one half years neither justice or any other considera- part in all its deliberations.

scenes of long ago-how "all our sunshine of reason." grows strangely dark," and chill, and cold!

It needs no hush of the present. To call back the still, calm, past, The slightest summer murmuring.

May be heard thro' the wintry blast, It is perhaps oftenest in a crowd, in scenes apparently the least calculated to recall them,

My mother, oh my mother! I may never which ever remained firm and unalter- to the conduct of England, in the fol- Bench, and having resigned his seat of Father Beauregard. tenderness as constant and as pervading-as and bosom friends during life.

age, which cousin Hal has just brought from sional success. the Post-Office. Many thanks to you and the kind donor.

I have been wondering since Beckie left and checks its pulsations, when any one in the consequences likely to ensue from certain desolated,-its fruitful fields laid waste; but woe, woe unto those whose mad fanaticism will have brought it about. Surely, surely, it were better that a mill-stone were hanged about their necks and they were cast into the depths of the sea. The time may come, (I trust it is not yet; when patience and forbearance may cease to be virtues, but wee unto those men by whom the offense cometh.-Then will our boasted and glorious Republic be a by-word and a mocking to the nations of the Old World.

But I must not indulge this train of thought Let us trust that a wise and merciful Provi dence will vet bring order out of confusion and that our United Country has yet a high mission to fulfil in the history of the world. For the present Farewell.

MARY L-P. S .- Beckie has just been back again, her thimble on and taking it off half a dozen times, and twisting the corner of her apron completely up, she took from her pocket a Valentine she had received this morning .in boy; and I want you please to read it."-Miss Rebeccie L." and contained a number appended. Beneath a painted ring was writ-

So is my love for you my friend." Beneath a pair of hearts pierced by an inmense spear was,

"If you loves I, as I loves you, No knife shall cut our loves in two." But the gem of the collection was the follow

> She's as fair as a lilly, And red as a rose, She has teeth like to pearls And a beautiful nose,

My fair maid will doubtless dream to-night of rings, and hearts, and Cupid's darts Pleasant dreams to you likewise, Messrs.

[From the North Carolina University Magazine.] A Biographical Sketch of the Late James C. Dobbin.

BY JAMES BANKS, ESQ.

The late Hon. James C. Dobbin the eldest child of John M. and Ahness C. Dobbin, was born in Favetteville, North Carolina, in the year 1814, and was called after his maternal grandfather, James Cochrane, who represented the Orange District in Con-

His father, John M. Dobbin, was a of thirty years, and died in 1837 deeply lamented.

At an early age James C. Dobbin was sent to school in his native town, where he rapidly acquired the rudiwas afterwards sent to the school of

While at the University he was dis-

Though much the youngest member in that honorable field of rivalry, and Night. I have just remembered that this graduated with high distinction in is Valentine's day, and have been rummag. 1832, in the same class with Hon.

Mr. D. read law with Judge Strange peal of the tariff of 1842, and after an committee, of which John W. Ellis artisan. he was an inmate of his house and mem- elaborate argument intended to show (now Governor of North Carolina,) 'What do you wish, sir?' said the ber of his family, and thus possessed that it taxed every other branch of was chairman, and through him a bill venerable preacher. the advantage of the Judge's oral in- industry for the sole purpose for en- was reported, favorable to the prayer To speak with you a moment, restruction, and also laid the foundation riching the manufacturer, he proceed- of the memorialist. In the mean time plied the stranger in a manner so agi- genuity to get into debt, and the other guano, the offal and sewerage of cities,

meet another love equal to thine, a care and able, and made them fond companions lowing beautiful and characteristic re- in the Legislature, the Hon: Keneth 'Most willingly,' said the preacher.

than an effort to success.

encouraging and instructive to the landed aristocracy, associated wealth, fortune, accident, chance, or other-liabilities which become due on the States included, the lands yet tilled young members of the profession than and party vindictiveness levelled at wise had lost it. "He prizes life, who 30th of this month, and I cannot meet in many places yield diminished crops, that of Mr. Dobbin. No accidental him, there has appeared a learned, a knows its value—he prizes intellect, them. It will be the first time my sign and every year witnesses a smaller recircumstance occurred by which he seiz- leading Premier, Sir Robert Peel, who, who from experience and the workings nature has been dishonored, and I can turn for the labor spent upon them. "Its from Bill, Miss Mary, Mas Harry's wait- ed on fame by a single effort. No one blending in his character much of the of intellect, has made its power known.' not bear the idea of this disgrace. It The evil is becoming one of great magcase can be cited as that which made philanthropy of Burke, the bold and These were truisms with Mr. Dobbin. is after having in vain solicited assistant nitude, and already is extensively pre-Of course I complied. It was addressed To the man. His practice and reputation matchless eloquence of Chatham, and The best monument for any man is that tance from my friends who would be valent. It is beginning to excite atdaily increased by his faithful dis- the patriotism of Hampden, has had which commemorates his good deeds. glad to help me if they could, that I tention, we might say alarm, in many of little devices, to each of which a verse was charge of duty. 'He was content to the moral courage and magnanimity The 'Dix Asylum' is Mr. Dobbin's determined to drown myself." and Henry, who were the leaders of observation, and that the system of lanthropist.

In the year 1845, he was nominated Americans. by the Democratic party as a candi-

ed upon the Committee of Contested bad legislation.' all their deliberations and reports.

da, between Cabell and Breckenbrough | zeal.

his views of this case.

Britain.

that the past rises most vividly before me. of that reciprocal esteem and affection ed to enforce his positions by reference Governor Ellis was elected to the tated as at once to arrest the attention half to avoid paying it,

utterly unselfish. Life must henceforth be, Mr. Dobbin was called to the bar "Mr. Chairman:—It has fallen to by Mr. Ellis be taken up, and that "I have just heard your sermon, said those who are not in the habit of thinknot for my own ease or enjoyment, but for in 1835, and having taken an office in our lot to become actors on the thea- one hundred thousand dollars be ap- the artisan. the good of others; a warfare with the real Fayetteville, he devoted himself assid- tre of public life at a most remarka- propriated to its erection. This mo- 'Well, I am glad of it, for I have and the present. O for a faith which more would to the strict and energetic per- ble era in the history of the world. tion Mr. Rayner advocated in a speech said some things which should not be distinctly realizes that the Cross must first be suit of his profession. Whether cli- The human mind evincing its mighty of great power, eloquence and beauty, lost upon either of us." borne, the Crown is only for those "who are ents called or not he was, during bu- and mysterious capabilities is achiev- but it was negatived by a vote, ayes 'Oh! sir, you have certainly spoken tinue to yield the precious products siness hours, always in his office, and ing triumphs at once wonderful and 44, noes 66, under circumstances which beautifully. Nobody could have done that clothe and support man. Yet Late as it is I hear the door bell ring, and this remarkable regularity was in some sublime. The elements of nature are induced the belief that the bill could better. You have extolled the bene- every farmer knows by experience, my maid Beckie brings me your litttle pack- measure the foundation of his profes- playthings for it to sport with. Earth, not pass. ocean, air, lightning, yield subservient The amiable and beloved wife of Mr. sir, I do not believe in Providence. is far from being the fact. He can He did not, as too many young law- in the hands of genius to minister to Dobbin had, a day or two before Mr. There is no Providence for me. Wait call to mind many an "old field," even yers do, select a large circuit in the the wants, the purposes, the pleasures Rayner spoke, been committed to her a minute, and judge for yourself. I am in this new country, that is already outset, but wisely husbanded his time of man. Science is fast developing mother earth, and he was not in atten- a carpenter by trade. I have a wife "worn out" as the phrase goes, and the room, how much she and the rest of our and energies for a faithful discharge to the meanest capacities, the hidden dance upon the house. Miss Dix, and three children. We are honest which will not repay for the labor of darkies know of the present aspect of affairs North and South. With what interest we watch the papers; and how it chills the heart, watch the papers; and how it chills the heart, watch the papers; and how it chills the heart, watch the papers and how it chills the heart, watch the papers and how it chills the heart, watch the papers and how it chills the heart, watch the papers and how it chills the heart, which will not repay for the meanest capacities, the midden anxious for the fate of the bill and working people who never wronged cultivating it. It would seem surprishaving confidence in Mr. Dobbin's inhaving confidence in Mr. Dobb Robeson. His theory was, 'let a man ing influence, to elevate and bless the ture, had him waited upon, and remind- you that N. is an honest man, getting, been disturbed by the share of the whose judgment we have confidence, predicts build up a reputation at home-let it people. The control of electricity is ed of his wife's request that he would his living by the sweat of his brow; radiate and precede him rather than astonishing the world. The power of advocate and support the measure. that he pays his debts; that he does courses of policy. Our sunny land may be that he should precede it.' By acting steam is annihilating distance, and The appeal could not be withstood, and not drink; that he does not play; and which have become utterly exhausted, upon this theory, every extension of making cities and towns and strangers he promised to try on the coming day. that he takes good care of his family. and are in consequence worthless, his circuit more resembled a triumph at once neighbors and friends. Amid When the House met Mr. Dobbin 'I can easily believe all this, my Yet such is the fact. The quantity of these mighty movements in the fields was present. The bill had been re- friend, interrupted Father Beaure- land that has been robbed of a portion The first capital case in which he of science, literature and philosophy, considered, and was then pending on appeared was where a negro was inthe liberal spirit of free government, a motion to appropriate \$25,000. Mr. words of his visitor, but to what does useless, is greater than many people dicted in the Superior Court of Cum- in its steady and onward progress, is Dobbin proposed a substitute and sug- all this lead, and what connection is are aware of. Such lands exist in albarland, in 1837, for the killing of an- beginning to accomplish much for the gested a plan by which, in four years, there between these details and your most every State in the Union, but other negro. He had the honor to be amelioration of the condition of the State could raise \$85,000, and in unbelief in Providence?" associated in the defence with the Hon. human family, so long the hope of the advocating this measure he delivered, "You shall hear; you see before you, Robert Strange who had just been e- statesman and philanthropist. The in the language of the Raleigh Regis- a man resolved to throw himself into lected to the Senate of the United illiberal maxims of bad government, ter, "one of the most touchingly beau- the river?" States, and had resigned his seat up- too long supported for false reverence tiful efforts," ever heard in the Legis- "Good heavens!" cried Father the new and rich States of Alabama, on the Bench. In the management of for their antiquity, are beginning to lature of the State. The bill was pass- Beauregard, justly alarmed at this ac- Mississippi and Louisiana. There are the case Mr. Dobbin displayed great give place to enlightened suggestions ed almost unanimously. ingenuity, and in his arguments to the of experience. England, the birth- While we refrain from eulogy, (be- from such a fatal step!-You not on- sissippi river, of which the planter and jury gave evidence of those peculiar place, is proposing to become the grave of commercial restriction. In that mong the most successful criminal advocates in North Carolina.

We know of no lawyer's history so

date to represent them in Congress liberal spirit? Shall republican Amer- his friends had not the numerical force told me a celebrated priest. I re- will hold good in reference to cotton from the Raleigh District. This nom- ica, so boastful of her greatness and to elect him, and the State from that mained and heard you through; all and tobacco lands, and the time has ination was unsolicited and unexpect- freedom, be outstripped in her career time until 1854 was represented in you said was very good, very fine, but fully come when public attention ed. Considering his youth, his pre- in this cause of human rights by mon- the Senate by the Hon. George E. I was still in the dark; I could see no should be every where directed toviously retired life, the District and archical England? No sir, I do not, Badger. the able men who therein resided, it cannot, and will not believe it. I have In the year 1852, Mr. Dobbin was was an extremely flattering testimoni- an abiding, unshaken, faith in the ul- the State Elector of the Democratic and see me, to confide in me, and yet she is therefore peculiarly interested

held, and after some hesitation he ac- "Mr. Chairman, we may surpass the to address the people. After the elec- vidence?" cepted the nomination and entered up- nations of the earth in science, in arms tion, he received an invitation from For a moment the man was silent, When the fields have given out, as and in arts; the genius of our people General Pierce to become a member and then replied: His competitor was his old class may attract the admiration of mankind of his Cabinet, and after the inaugu- "It is strange, sir, very strange, mate, John H. Haughton, Esq., an -may cause beauty and symmetry ration on the fourth of March, 1853, still I see no way for me to pay my all of the Southern States. what has able and talented Whig. Mr. Dobbin to live on canvas -may almost make he was chosen by the President for debts.' was elected by a majority of two thou- the marble from the quarry to breathe the Navy Department. From that During this interview the heart of sand votes, though in the previous and speak'-may charm the world with time forward to the incoming of Mr. the good priest was deeply moved; he them by artificial means? Not at all. merchant in Fayetteville for a period campaign his democratic predecessor elegant attainments in poetry and Buchanan, the history of Mr. Dobbin, had heard the unhappy man's story. They went to Texas! Or if not to had beaten his whig rival only about learning, but much, very much, will as a public man, is the history of the whose manners and language sufficient. Texas, they moved where the lands At the commencement of the Twen- political escutcheon will still be marr- 'in his great office,' is spoken 'trumpet- ther investigation he resolved at once traveler robbed of all his "plunder," ty-Ninth Congress Mr. Dobbin was ed, while Commerce is trammeled, and tongued' throughout the land. Of his to act in his behalf. present and had the honor to be plac- Agriculture and trade depressed by energy, his readiness, his decision, his "Listen, my friend," said he to him; and they invited the weeds and briars

Elections, and took an active part in At the close of the session he re- his administrative capacity, his sug- unfortunate through the agency of the cruel spoliations to which they had turned to Favetteville, and prosecuted gestiveness of mind, his unrivalled suc- others, and I wish I could help you out been so remorselessly subjected! In the contested election from Flori- his legal pursuits with energy and cess, there are witnesses on sea and of your trouble. How much money

Mr. Dobbin was of opinion that Cabell On the meeting of Congress he was None was ever more beloved than still I can contribute something to was not entitled to his seat, and so again in attendance, and on the "Three he, whether he sat in office disposing wards making up the sum." In the New Jersey contested elec- ble speech, which in its range embrac- mestic and social circle, joyously par- than three thousand francs will suffice tion between Runk and Farlee, he was ed the "Mexican War," "Wilmot Pro- ticipating in the pleasures of life. He me." chairman of the majority committee, viso," and "Extension of Slave Terri- was firm in his purposes, decided in Father Beauregard rose, opened his and submitted their report. In this tory," that attracted the attention of all his convictions of duty, and exact secretary, and taking therefrom a huncase he was active and zealous, and the whole country and gave rank to in execution, however painful; yet dred louis, returned to the poor artis labored to have the matter determin- Mr. Dobbin among the ablest deba- those who may have fallen under the san, and said: "My friend, here are ed at an early day. For, having satters in Congress. This speech, which condemnation of his judgement or his a hundred louis. I should not have back with an ever increasing impetus. isfied himself that nineteen of the stu- was much praised at the time as an a- official policy are ready to acknowl- been able to have done this myself, but dents at the College of New Jersey ble and thorough vindication of South- edge that he was upright in all his a few days since the princess Clotilde had a right to vote, he was anxious ern rights upon constitutional grounds, aims nor 'set down aught in malice. after having heard me preach on charist people of the "old States" will there-Thomas L. Clingman, John H. Haughhave not seen the light for a long time. It ton, Thomas S. Ashe, and other, now was not entitled to his seat but, that is referred for specimens of his power Runk, the whig member, was. A ma- of argument, as well as for his grace- come of the State-to be fanned once to any whom I should judge worthy of

Upon the Oregon Question, Mr. he was elected, Mr. Dobbin declined ment of his own chamber, and there my friend, your visit here, at this They will have to adopt an entire new Dobbin spoke. He thought the time to be a candidate again, and betook to die! the did not fulfill the promise of his youth. has been heard to say in the bosom of and that a notice to terminate the joint efforts in Congress gave very general tenancy should be served upon Great satisfaction to his friends and to his constituents, and once more at the bar. On the Public Land Bill, then be- he added to his former success.

marks: Rayner moved that the bill introduced 'I am ready to listen. Sit down.'

the Fayetteville bar at that time, but commercial restriction and high pro- He was a delegate to the Baltimore self?" The poor man's tears answered sally throughout the South and West, with whom he was so shortly to con- tection is wrong, oppressive and should Convention, in 1852-was the leader to these interrogatories, but he replied, be abandoned. Already, sir, has of the North Carolina delegation, and after a moment's pause, "When I am He was frequently desired to repre- much been done-already has the after the nomination of Mr. Buchanan dead the world will take pity on them, sent his native county, Cumberland, British tariff, so long pleaded as the had been given up as beyond hope, he I cannot live to see them bear the bury in the State Legislature, but this he excuse for ours, been radically reform- made a most gallant effort in behalf den of my shame." invariably declined, alleging that he ed and in obedience to the persevering of General Pierce, which was followed "How was it then, with such charge of his professional duties, and that the next gale that crosses the all the contending parties in this body. you came to hear me preach?

Million Bill" he delivered an admira- or withholding patronage, or in the do-

came home to receive the joyous wel- the unfortunate, and to distribute more by the breezes that he loved-to a sistance. It has already done much Having served out the term for which repose for a time in the sacred retire- good, softened the ills of many; but

Translated from the French. An Overruling Providence.

Father Beauregard* had just preached in one of the churches of the capital his beautiful sermon upon Providence, gather's noble form, and made his hair pre- Mr. Dobbin commenced the study fore Congress, he delivered an able In the Legislature of North Caroli- which, like all his other sermons, had maturely grey. To my last Valentine I gave of the law in the office of the Hon. and elequent speech. He rose above na for the session of 1848-9, Mr. Dob- drawn together a considerable crowd a tear. The writer was cut off in his young Robert Strange, at that time one of party trammels and said, "I am oppos- bin occupied a deservedly high posi- of auditors. Upon returning home, manhood, with all his glorious hopes and as the Judges of the Superior Court of ed to the policy of ceding these lands tion. He was placed upon the judi- he had just disrobed himself, in order pirations for this world unfulfilled, the' he North Carolina, and under his guid- to the States in which they lie;" that ciary committee, and took a prominent to rest after his extreme fatigue, when a stranger was announced, desirous to ance devoted two and one had years out a murmur.

At this session the philanthropist, see him. Taking time only to change the has been denominated the perfection the has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of that science which has been denominated the perfection to the mastery of the mastery ture to erect an Asylum for the Insane. to the unknown visitor, whose manners During a portion of the time that In this speech he advocated the re- The memorial was referred to a select and appearance denoted him to be an

fits of an overruling Providence. But, whenever he does think of it, that this

knowledgement .- "God preserve you "old fields," within sight of the Mis-

labor and to wait,' and not ashamed to proclaim that he can no longer re- monument! That, if nothing else, "But, my friend, what will become to learn from Toomer, Eccles, Strange sist the convictions of experience and shows him to be the patriot and phi- of your wife, who loves you, your children who need you, if you drown your-

was happy and contented in the dis- demand of an outraged people, we hope soon by the adoption as the choice of frightful plan as this in contemplation

experienced more real joy in the bo- Atlantic will come laden with the He was elected to the Legislature "It was only by chance, sir; I had som of his family than he could ever tidings of a still greater triumph in in that year for the last time-was no intention of doing so. - I was in the expect from the excitement of politi- the repeal of the corn laws, so oppres- nominated by the Democratic party, neighborhood of the church and now sive to Englishmen, and injurious to in caucus, for the United States Sen- ticed the crowd entering; mechanical diminished. The same thing is true ate, but not receiving two votes in open | ly, as it were, I went in with the restal of other kinds of crops in many of the "And shall we not reciprocate this session, from Democratic members, I asked who was going to preach; they States of the Union. The same truth Providence for me.

"What, to hear my sermon, to come al of that high esteem in which he was timate triumph of so righteous a cause. party and attended several meetings in all this you do not recognize a Pro- in this subject. Yet hitherto it has

be unaccomplished; the beauty of our Navy itself. How he bore himself ly attested his veracity.—Without fure were "rich." The old fields, like a

will cover your debts? I am not richa

"Oh! sir, you are too good! Les

critical juncture of affairs, is, in us view, a stream of light upon the ways

ruling Providence." gratitude, the poor carpenter fell on

the fewest briars. Some people use one-half their in- rious kinds of fertilizers, such as bones,

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ing closely upon any subject, that the soil is inexhaustible; that they may continue to draw from it crop after crop in perpetuity, and it will still conplowman, there should already appear farms that once yielded bountifully useless, is greater than many people more especially in the South. In Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, there are great quantities of such worn out lands, and they may be found even in querters, and very justly; for if the same evil process of taking from the soil and returning nothing to it, which has hitherto prevailed almost univerand to a considerable extent throughout the whole country, should continue unabated for a few years longer, a large proportion of the soil at present in cultivation would become exhausted and refuse to yield its income!

It appears by the census returns that the wheat lands of Alabama, as well as of other States, have become impoverished to such an extent that the vield per acre has already greatly wards the growing evil. The South is a peculiarly agricultural region, and never, so to speak, been thought of. they have not unfrequently done, in many quarters and in various, if not been the practical consequence? Did the owners ever think of replenishing were left to take care of themselves, incorruptible integrity, his influence, "I believe you to be an honest man, to come and cover from mortal gaze

It must be evident even to the su-

perficial observer that this exhausting

process cannot go on forever. The "rich lands," will all be taken up after a while, and what is worse, they will in their turn become poor. And then what? The tides of population have already overflowed the mountains, and joined in the lullaby which the placid Pacific sings to the setting sun. Thenceforward, they must flow The new States will soon be peopled and the rich lands taken up. The them, like a faithless husband who deserts the tried companion of his bosom for some fairer and deceitful coquet, one which will no longer be available. policy. They will have to inaugurate the policy of compensation; that is, of of God to man. Take this money, returning to the soil the elements pay your debts, and believe in an over- which are indispensable to the production of the crops which they require. Full of surprise, and overwhelming The philosophy of old and worn out fields is very simple and easily underhis knees at the feet of the good fath, stood. A vegetable production, such er; he could not speak a word, but as corn or cotton, requires certain eleraising his streaming eyes to heaven ments in the soil for their growth. in a language more powerful than These elements exist in the soil in words, expressed the joy of his delig- limited quantities, and when they have been exhausted by constant repetition * Beauregard was a French Jesuit preacher, who died in of crops, without any return of the elements in question, the soil of course If you fall into misfortune, disen- gives out, and crops fail because their gage yourself as well as you can elements are no longer found in it. In Creep through the bushes that have order to restore to it fertility, these elements must be brought back in va-

lashes, stable manure, etc., etc., The