

FOR THE STRAY.



The following lines were suggested by the death of a brother, six years old, who died while I was absent from home, whose grave I visited on my return.

The Dying Boy.

When the fatal hour of destiny was near,
Cause - the mother sat and watched, with eagle eye,
Life's flickering taper, which through oil
Night had dimly burned, as lamp needing oil.

Morning came,
And found the anxious mother, her heart
Upraised to God in prayer - her soul submerged
In grief. The soft tread of those who came and went,

When, in a cloud of fire, the meek Nazarene
Ascended, brighter grew the pathway,
Brighter still, as the spirit onward sped.

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The Journal which has been published by this title, at the City of Washington, for the last year and a half, has never been a source of profit to any one concerned in it, living indeed, afforded a very inadequate remuneration for the time and labor bestowed upon it.

Originally established by the late Genl. G. M. Davis, and continued by his son-in-law, the late Genl. S. M. Miles, the Journal has been published by the present proprietors by purchase, influenced by the hope of seeing a common cause, by making its light to shine with usefulness, if not with profit.

The hope which called this paper into existence has passed away; yet the JOURNAL has not gone with it, but has shone on with a steadiness which ought to inspire confidence in the disposition and ability of its present proprietors to supply with any engagement, which they may enter into with the Public.

It has been determined that the JOURNAL shall continue to be published as a public Journal, independently of the circumstances which called it into being. It has been abundantly shown, however, by the experiment which has been made, that another Journal, at the city of Washington, published twice or three a week, is not demanded by the Public.

It is believed that there are many of the most valuable class of citizens, in all parts of the country, that would willingly pay for the expense of subscription to a weekly paper, in order to know the progress of the war, and the views of the General Government and among foreign Nations, but who cannot well afford, from their hard and honest earnings, to pay for it more than double that expense.

The JOURNAL, then, shall become a weekly newspaper from and after the 14th day of next month (March).

It will be printed on its present size and type, at three dollars per annum, payable in advance. Subscriptions to it are invited by the assurance that, without regard to the extent of its encouragement, or to its account of profit and loss, the JOURNAL will continue to be published, as proposed, with undiminished regularity, for years to come.

For the Proprietors,
THOMAS G. FORSTER.

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