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A NEW YORK EDITOR REPLIES TO SENATOR HOAR.

Mr Charles R. Miller, editor of The New York Times, replies to Senator Hoar's paper in the April Forum on "Has the South Degenerated?" His reply appears in the May number. Of course the senate has degenerated, and so has the house, and so have many other things. The country has degenerated, and with it the high sense of bonor, and justice, the attachment to liberty, the purity of society, the spirit of public economy and so on ad infinitum. And so has literature in all of its forms. Where are the rivals of Cooper and Hawthorne; of Poe and Longfellow, of Lowell and Lanier, of Emerson and Holmes, of Prescott and Motley, of Bancroft and Hillard? Where are the rivals of Calhoun and Clay, of McDuffie and Badger, of Benton and Webster? Where are the rivals in journalism of the highest kind of Joseph Gales and Horace Greeley, of John Hampden Pleasants and John M. Daniel, of Henry J. Raymond and George Prentice? Is there "decadence" anywhere or all around? We should think there was and in most conspicuous abundance. Where are there lawyers today who equal Marshall and Iredell, Webster and Choate, Reverdy Johnson and Petigru, Badger and the elder Ruffin? The pulpit is about the only thing, the only arena that shows no intellectual decay. The preaching is less successful in results, but it is often as eloquent and as a general thing more creator has not grown stale or lost his scholarly. We do not believe that the

American. Read Calhoun and say honestly if Webster put more brain power his oratory than Calhoun did in his

LITERARY GOSSIP. In Georgia an old question has been revived-that Poe stole his poems from

Thomas H. Chivers, M. D. The Georgians believe it. It is an old controversy that began before Poe died in 1849, and was continued for years, Dr. He said farther: "These furnish the Chivers doing most, if not all, of the writing in behalf of his own claims. are generally idle and good-for-noth-In the May Forum there is a paper upon the controversy by a good northern critic, Mr. Joel Benson, who is quite familiar with the wide range of discussion, and has written upon it be-

fore. Chivers wrote seven or eight volumes that are about forgotten. Some of his poems clearly suggested to Poe two or three of his most famous poems. That is perhaps certain. The workmanship and inspiration of Poe when placed by the poems of the Georgian show a wonderful difference and all for the alleged poetic thief. Much

that Chivers wrote was namby-pamby, or as Mr. Benton says of "the atmosphere of Humpty Dumpty." Yet he rose greatly above this at times and

showed himself a real poet with certain magic and inspiration and art of his own. It is an old charge against the great poets from Homer to Tennysonthat of plagiarism. Shakespeare, Milton, Tennyson and other masters have all been forced upon a critical gridiron. Mr. Benton makes some happy remarks in closing his paper, from which we take this: "No critic will doubt that to Poe be

Africa than the whites. Mr. Bigelow longed the wonderful magic and masfinds the "civilization" introduced by tery of this species of song. If to him who says a thing best the thing bethe whites doing harm rather than good ongs, no one will hesitate to decide to the natives. He says the health of the that Poe is entitled to the bays which crown him. It is a fact that, with all natives is better in savage stage than the contemporary airing of the subunder civilizing associations. They are ject, it is Poe's celebrity and not Chiv exposed to disease far more than in the ers' that remains. The finer instinct wild state. The whites think the rate and touch are what the world takes account of. Chivers, except at rare inof increase will diminish hereafter. tervals, did not approach near enough But the natives are learning to rely

to the true altitude. He put no bounmore upon their own labor for food dary between what was grotesque and what was inspired. He was too shortthan formerly. They now send out breathed to stay poised on the heights their young men to labor when there and was but accidentally poetic. is scarcity. Formerly, they would go Truly enough Shakespeare says: "The lunatic, the lover and the poet. out on a war raid to plunder neighbors. Are of imagination all compact . . .

Their mental and spiritual territo Take JOHNSON'S ries interblend. The same frenzy is the endowment of each-as charcoal is in essence the diamond. As you differentiate and develop it you make your titular distinction and place." A daughter of Charles Dickens, Mamie, will soon publish a volume bearing the title, "My Father as I Recall TONIC.~ Him." It will be read with interest no doubt for the gifted story teller and

in this city might have sat for. And ten council districts. They mayor will so on 894th page. We make a few ex- be elected for four years at a salary of tracts of Mr. Bigelow's studies in the \$15,000 per annum, instead of for two African country. He is a northern au- years at \$10,000, as at present.

thor. He says Mr. Edward J. May, Rev. John Watson ("Ian Maclaren") who is general manager of one of the has a defence of Henry Drummond in extensive mines, not far from Johanthe last North American Review. They nesburg, said that "the natives of Cape were close friends and both loose think-Colony were generally better educated ers on religion, while being full of than those of any other, but were, in beautiful sentiment and religious consequence, "great blackguards and thought. A man can be very religious schemers." Mark the "in consequence." | and not plous.

Senator Daniel, Virginia's gifted and sea-lawyer and agitator class, and eloquent orator, delivered the memorial address in Richmond. He paid a beauing. A great many of these boys protiful tribute to the dead heroes and fess Christ, but they lack all sense of made an earnest plea for a monument right, and gratitude is unknown for the Virginia women, as we learn amongst them." How familiar that from the Dispatch. Senator Daniel has reads. He has nearly 300 natives at hardly fallen below expectation at any work who are paid weekly. He says

"that for two days"-one-third the Dingley's own paper, The Lewiston time you see-"out of every week about (Maine) Evening Journal, admits that half of the number spent their time in the senate bill was directed solely by visiting the drink-shops." But few local interests and by British ideas. It fights occur. The suppression of the says the house will not pass the senliquor traffic in the Orange Free State ate bill and McKinley is much disaphas worked wonders. It was abolishpointed. They are omniverous if that ed on 31st December 1883. To show the greedy bill will not appease their appechanges wrought by this suppression of a great wrong, Mr. Bigelow gives am-

ple evidence from judges and others. Rev. John McNeill, the famous Scotch evangelist, now holding meet-At Ficksburg he found an empty jail. Formerly it was crowded, a perfect ings in New York, is thus described in pandemonium. The business of the The Tribune:

"The Rev. John McNeill is about 43 courts has fallen so much as to range years old, the embodiment of Scotch fully 1,000 per cent. or more. Where manhood, with a voice as mellow as a there were sixty prisoners awaiting girl's or resonant as a sea captain's, according to his mood. He has bright trial at one town, now there were but four. It is seen how the liquor traffic eyes, a tip-tilted nose, a martial beard and a full suit of brown hair, and a and habit works ruin in Africa as in frank, open countenance which com-America. The natives live longer in mands respect as well as admiration."

Fifty Years Ago.

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President Polk in the White House chair, While in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will Sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

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