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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

At Lexington, N. C., Oct. 1, 1890.

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 18th.—Ex-Governor Cameron has published in the Index-Appal the following letter to W. S. Dashiell of Richmond, Va., renouncing all allegiance to the Republican party.

"Until now any reply to your favor of the 30th of August has been precluded by a painful illness, from which I have had as yet only partial relief. It had been my wish, in response to your question, to give not only my view as to the duty of Southern men in the political crisis now rapidly unfolding, but to set forth at length the reasons which form the basis of that conclusion. As it is, my physical condition precludes the almost brevity that is consistent with clearness, and I must postpone all argument as to the soundness of my opinion and the propriety of my position to some more convenient season. I have been taught by the events of eighteen months past that men or our antecedents and convictions can no longer with self-respect lend our voices, our votes, or even the negative support of silence to the Republican party as it is expounded by the organization in this State, or as it is administered by the present executive and legislative departments of the United States Government. The Republican party presses no longer the sentiment of speaking for the entire country, but bases its claim to supremacy on sectional prejudices and sectional interests, pure and simple. Not only so, but the directors of its policy have not hesitated in attainment of their ends to prostitute the pledged faith of the party in sight of all the world, and to renounce in their congressional enactments the promises solemnly made in the Chicago platform.

They stand self-convicted, not only of false pretense and public faith, but of mathematical malignancy in seeking to retain power by reinvoking the war sentiment as the North and West, and by reasserting all the stock phrases of Fanaticism and Sectionalism which could stir the South into resentment and revolt. Their object was and is to force the fighting as between a solid North and a solid South, and at the same time use the small contingent of Southern Republicans in Congress to minimize the power of the South by such political abominations as the Lodge bill, and by framing a tariff law (under pretext of protection to American labor and American products) as to increase every burden of the customs upon the weaker section, and as to leave in force, in all its shameless inequalities, the revenue tax upon the tobacco of Virginia, Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, and Florida.

The utterances of McKinley on the floor of the House (in the presence of the Chicago platform, and the leader of the House of Representatives, and the chairman of the committee which framed the Tamm bill), and the action of Senate on Monday in regard to the tobacco clause, constitute an open declaration of war against Southern development, and we must realize that this action, apart from the inherent injustice of a Southern tax, and absolute infidelity of a solemn promise given to the tobacco States by the Chicago convention.

The record on the floor will be no better, and the tariff act, with its so-called revenue and application of latest duties, is a clear and deliberate declaration of war against the South, and these injustices and promises which the Southern Republicans have the same interest in Southern development.

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Mr. Reed would have no objection and no influence. The passage of this act into law would be a public calamity. Its passage by a majority of the House of Representatives fixes the responsibility on the Republican party.

The bill for a bank by Senator Quay in the Senate only voices the protest of a frightened financial and commercial South, and only proves that Mr. Quay is afraid to risk this campaign on an issue which one section would regard as a blunder, and the other as a crime.

I see no reason to believe that the President has been in secret sympathy with all that his party has done and left undone in Congress. His own performance has not, however, been one whit in advance of the Legislative Department. He has done nothing south of Mason and Dixon's line since inauguration, except to recognize with reluctance that any such country existed. His appointments, with just few enough honorable variations to prove the rule, have been of men not representative in character, influence, or capacity. He has shown utter inaptitude to square his actions with his utterances, his performance with his promises, his principles with his prejudices, or his status with his status. He has been the instrument willing or unwilling of the machine elements of his party; and for the want of brave and catholic action he has made himself responsible for the fact that in the North and West there is a divided Republican party and that in the South there is none worthy of the name. After less than two years of his administration Mr. Harrison has removed the last vestige with which we had hoped that the Republican party, by fostering an American policy, by subordinating the past to the present, by equal consideration for all sections, by removal of unnecessary burdens of taxation, might prove itself the restorer of the Union as well as the preserver of the Federal Government.

ALL SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS CAN DO.
It is not worth while for one man, or one thousand men, to seek to stay the current of party which has swept Republicanism from its legitimate moorings. But one thing remains in my judgment for us to do—for men who recognize a higher duty than that which can be expressed by a party name—and that is to free ourselves from all part and lot with a party which has no faith too sacred for violation and recognition no pledge as too solemn to be broken. I cannot lend myself to the oppression of my people; and if there is no political organization which meets the full measure of our approval, we can at least leave that which violates our every idea of right and sentiment. Not presuming to set up for any other man, or set of men, a standard of duty, and willing to concede to every man also that freedom of thought and action I have always claimed for myself, my resolves, founded on a desire to be true to myself all sympathy or co-operation with the Republican party in the crusade against this section which it now espouses, and under the leadership to which it submits.

Sincerely your friend,
WILLIAM E. CAMERON.
To W. S. Dashiell, Esq., Richmond, Va.

"Don't, O! don't tell him any more drink! have pity on me!" cried a poor heart-broken wife to a gin shop keeper. "You have got nearly all my hand in the world; my poor husband's character, health, and reason are nearly all gone. For the sake of our poor wretched family, don't let him have any more liquor!"

"Get out of my shop or I'll turn you out; don't come here with your woe," said the gin shop keeper, who had been drinking gin all day.

A Partis Youngster

"That's a queer thing about a baby," "7?" "He cries himself asleep and everybody else awake!"

Orator

—Yes, gentlemen and fellow citizens, the wealth of the country is in its soil! Old Hayseed (in back seat)—Guess ye never tried farmin', did ye?

Druggist

—Try it again, six. What was it your mamma told you to get? Little girl (with another severe mental effort)—I think it was "I died of opossum." I want a dime's worth.

Bridget (in the witness-box)

—Did he have an impediment in his speech? Faith, and that he had, for his false teeth were loose, an' he kep' jumpin' up and down, hitting the words in two. Shure it was an impediment he had!

Prayer

—Will you, William, take this woman, Susan, to be your lawful wife? Susan—Will he take me? What on earth do you suppose I brought the little dude here for! Will he? You bet he will!

A Hoosier maiden

said Charles Johnson for breach of promise. Charles acknowledged the engagement, but proved that he broke it only after seeing the plaintiff knock her father down because he asked her not to go barefooted around the house. The jury were only five minutes returning a verdict in his favor.

Not Afraid to Die

Almost the only printed matter found in the far North when the relics of Sir John Franklin's expedition were discovered in the icy region was a leaf from Tom's "Student's Manual" with this dialogue on it: "Are you afraid to die?" "No." "Why does the uncertainty of another state give you no concern?" "Because God has said: 'Fear not; when thou passest through the waters I will be with thee.'" The poor victim perhaps treasured the page, read and re-read it, and gazed on it until the mists of death crept over him. He was not found, but the page told those who were searching how one at least of those brave seamen died.

Several years ago

I was one evening sitting in my study when a lad entered my presence, and asked if I would be willing to lend him something to read. I replied in the affirmative, and inquired what kind of reading matter he desired. He expressed a wish for something that was "exciting," and I requested him to be a little more definite. Then he gave me a vivid summary of a work which he had recently read to his great enjoyment; evidently one of those trashy romances of which so many are published in "Boys' Libraries," whose perusal can be no more beneficial.

I went to my book case and took from it one of Abbott's histories for young people, "The History of Darius the Great." Opening it, I read a paragraph in which is given an account of his shooting of Ombyses of his friend's son through the heart with an arrow behind the father's eyes. Then I asked if he thought the book would suit him, and he answered, "Yes sir."

He carried the book away with him, and two evenings later returned with it, inquiring if I would lend him another similar to it. I did so, and let him have other volumes in succession, until within three months after receiving the first, he had read the thirty and odd volumes forming the series—read them understandingly I learned by questioning him, and acquired a taste for substantial literary food.

This summer he will graduate with the highest honors from one of the foremost colleges in the country, having defrayed the expenses of the preparatory school and the college by his earnings when his mates were many of them resting. He intends eventually to practise at the bar, where one of his dispositions is likely to become a "shining light," if neither a Webster nor a Choate.

He is pleased to attribute his desire for an education to my encouragement years since; but I can conscientiously credit myself only with having brought to his consideration the books to which I have referred.

Young friends, read these same books, or books of a similar character, instead of the printed "stuff" which greets your vision on every side. You will find the story of real "dash-and-blood heroes" and "heroines" quite as "exciting" as is that of fictitious personages, and reading of them will be stimulated to emulate their noblest, to abhor their worst traits. Best of all, such books will incite you to acquire additional information relative to those concerning whom you have been reading, and eventually to secure an education that will fit you to make your way through the world successfully.

If you give your children nothing else, give them a solid, well-rounded, Christian education. I need not, however, their numerous late brain and heart eaters. A practical education will be worth more to them than thousands without such knowledge.—Rev. J. M. Edmond.

Next to acquiring good friends

the best acquisition is that of good books.—C. C. Colton.

When a man has no desire but to speak the plain truth, he is not apt to be very talkative. The living Church has a living Head. Men are fallible, but he is infallible. Men die, but he ever liveth. So, beloved, ye need not doubt that he will bring you to the goal.

If you succeed well, and art well, and be convinced what is God's interest, and prosecute it, you will find that you act for a great many who are God's own.—Oswell Crownwell.

There is nothing so much needed at the present time as this broad land of ours as a general revival of pure evangelical religion. Christians need it; sinners need it; and every interest of Church and State would be promoted by it.—Rev. H. M. Ford.

The article of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, in the August number of the Forum, on "The Decolletain Modern Life," is as plain a piece of writing as we have seen for many a day. This capable woman does not spare the indecencies of our fashionable "society" at any point. As to the "evening dress"—say, rather, undress—she says: "The time has come for such a protest against this abomination as will smite women in the dust for shame." In another paragraph she adds: "Let us have done with playing about the fire, and call a low thing low, and out with it. An immodest dress does not cover a modest woman. If your costume is coarse and vulgar, you can blame no pen which calls you coarse and vulgar." Still again she declares: "Between the ballet girl who dances for her bread, and the society girl who dresses as she does for a title or a fortune, there is a gap to be sure; but, for one, I would take my chances with the ballet girl if I had to face the social standing of another life, with either record behind me." On the subject of dancing she is equally explicit: "The nautch dance is modest inside our walls." If a preacher had spoken thus, the probability is that he would have been called narrow and bigoted.—Nashville Advocate.

I am so grateful for the beneficial results obtained from using S. S. S. that I want to add my testimony to that already published, for the public good. I was a mass of sores before using, but am now entirely cured.

Ex-Governor Cameron, of Virginia, who recently withdrew from the Republican party, has issued his opinion to the Virginia Democratic Association, expressing the following views: "I have been added that Mr. Cameron's Moore of Orange county, who had been under study and investigation, offered his services to the Democratic party."