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THE JOURNAL.

DONALD BRAE, AN EPIC CONFEDERATE.

L. D. VANN.

Tread lightly, O mortal! this is sacred soil
Tis not "the rude fore fathers of the hamlet"
Who sleeps here: these are the sons of toil
That supped with Lee at death's bloody banquet
No sculptured urn, nor soul enchanting bust,
Marks this, their *post mortem* rest!
Life's last link is broken, and pathetic dust
Is all that's left of the many hero's blest
But will their memory forever perish? Ingratitude, hide thy face! no, this stigma
Shall never tarnish the deeds we cherish,
Till death shall solve life's last enigma
Tis the stilly hour of night Jupiter, the King's
Airy signet of twilight, now sits astride
The ragged edge of day, and silently flings
His searching gaze o'er earth, space and tide.
The moon climbs the oriental dome,
And, from her roseate brow, brushes
Scintillating light, them, from her home in starry chaos, sinks in the waves her blushes!
Now I am alone in death's silent city!
The viewless wings of the phantom-dead
Fan my cheeks! Shades of voiceless pity
Hover round, near my expectant head!
The native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er
With the pale cast of thought, and I sit me down
To muse on scenes here in death's sable shadow
And the ever doubting heart flutter'd, when a sound
Hush! an approaching footstep! heart, be mute
We'll view this angelic wonderer of night
For surely, none but those of seraphic suit
Could glide o'er mother earth so light
Now they draw near! Ah! two mutilé forms
Pass, and stop by a sod covered mound.
One carried, embraced in her slender arms
A wreath of immortels—Faith has no bound
In the breast of her, Eve's fair daughter!
The multiplying years blights not her fadeless love
For Donald Brae, who in Antietam's slaughter
Gave his young life, and passed to realms above.
In prayer's attitude, and in the shadow of Shotwell's
Tomb—death's epic in marble—she whispering told
To night, in hearts throbs, the tale that ever swells
A breaking heart for the weal of a long-lost soul
"O Donald! whatever sphere is blessed by thy spirit
Whether Orion, Sirius, Phaëes, hear my prayer
I am lingering, dying! my soul, I cannot free it
From its earthly hold, or I would join you there
In all the long years since Antietam's fray
I've watched, prayed, and hoped for the time
To quit earth, and to renew, in that day,
The pledge given you in eighteen fifty-nine."
Thus she said, then gently placing the wreath
On her dead soldier-lover's silent grave,
She arose, and with a low, quivering breath,
Whispered "save him, eternal Father! save.
Now turning, her sorrowful steps homeward bent,
Leota—this her name—tripped, and then fell
Prone upon Donald's grave, striking a rent
Stone, and piercing the brain alas! too well!
The careless wanderer in Oakwood will see
A fresh mound, hard by Donald's side;
There sleeps Leota, and now forever free
From turmoil, she sleeps well—Donald's bride
Fast by the babbling, murmuring Clyde,
On Caladonia's cliffs, Reuben stands;
Nestling near its brink, a cottage hides
Its modest head in flowers, up-springing in the sands.
This the ancestral home of Donald Brae,
But no longer the seat of mirthful joy;
For since the day that Donald sailed away,
Flora and Wallace mourn their only boy.
Still they sit 'mid the veins of hope;
Nor fear, nor love, nor fleeting breath,
Have ever whispered in their ears a thought
That their Donald was cold in death!
The cruel deed, done on Antietam's plains;
Is a sealed book to their ever-loving hearts;
Hope is the guiding star that aims
To shield their minds from ruthless sorrows darts.

Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, N. C.

An Excellent Retort.

An only child, a little boy of six years, feeling dull in the house, and naturally anxious for the companionship of children of his own age, one day said to his mother:

"Oh, mamma, do let me go out into the street and play. There are thousands and thousands of boys there to have games with—do please let me go, mamma!"

His mother rebuked him, saying that there could not possibly be thousands of boys in that small village, and that it was very wrong to use such exaggerated expressions. The urchin gravely returned:

"But, mamma, I heard you tell Aunt Mary the other day that my new boots were miles too large for me!"

High Ideals.

We are right in deploring the distance that exists between our life as it is and as we know it ought to be; but we should have still greater cause for sorrow did we find our conceptions of purity, love, truth and goodness fading from our minds. Those who simply hold those ideals in an indolent and self-indulgent way, never transforming them into action or infusing them into daily life, will soon lose them altogether. Their continuance depends upon the use that is made of them. They are not simply to be admired, reverenced and cherished—they are to be obeyed. If we do not render them this obedience, they will flit from us and leave us poor indeed.

After writing sentences one day the scholars exchanged work for correction. A small boy marked an error, and then at the foot of the paper made the following explanatory note: "He didn't begin Mazaeychewsits with a caterpilla."

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

News and Observer:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

29TH DAY.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order by Lt. Gov. Holt, and opened with prayer by Senator Moore.

BILLS PASSED THIRD READING.

To encourage mechanical proficiency in North Carolina; to amend the law regulating the election of trustees for the North Carolina College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts; resolution in relation to raising a joint select committee on election of Board of Agriculture, to consist of two Senators and three Representatives.

BILLS PASSED SECOND READING.

Abolishing the Shell Fish Commission and to pay the present commissioners; to amend section 2,566 of the code so as to require the rudiments of agriculture in the public schools of the State; to make four and a half feet a lawful fence in certain counties; to incorporate the town of James City in Craven county.

A bill to promote the efficiency of the State Guard coming upon its third reading acted as a declaration of war. General Stubbs had charge of this bill as chairman of the committee on military affairs. The first skirmish was made by General Lusk, on the side of those opposed to the bill, but he was met by flank movements under Colonels Payne and Means and repulsed. Col. Barber threw out his forces in support of General Stubbs and was met by opposing skirmish under command of Colonel Bivar. The lines being drawn up for final action the command not ordered a roll call and the battle was won by General Stubbs by 25 ayes, 14 nays.

30TH DAY.

HOUSE.

The House was opened with prayer by the Rev. John S. Watkins, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church.

The following bills of a general nature were introduced: To compel clerks of Superior Courts to take bonds before the issue of a summons; to prohibit dredging for oysters in certain waters of this State; to make the principal of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution more efficient making the requirements as to qualifications more rigid; relating to the cancellation of mortgages, deeds, &c.; to prevent the adulteration of crude turpentine or spirits of turpentine by mixing therewith petroleum oil or other ingredients; amending section 2,834 of the code relating to birds; to provide an alternative method for working the public roads of the State.

PASSED THIRD READING.

H. B. 614, authorizing the commissioners of Greene county to levy a special tax; S. B. 44, authorizing justices of the peace to take bond upon continuance of criminal cases; S. B. 146, relating to indigent and other apprentices; S. B. 274, to provide for the publication of summons, orders and notices; enables service of summons to be made on corporations; S. B. 214, for the relief of sheriffs, tax collectors and their legal representatives.

30TH DAY.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order by Lt. Gov. Holt.

BILLS PASSED THIRD READING.

To incorporate James City, Craven county; to make 4½ feet a lawful fence in certain counties; to prevent increase and spread of hog cholera; to incorporate Wrightsville and Onslow Navigation Co.; to explain and amend chapter 119, laws 1887; to repeal chapter 72, laws 1887, and amend section 2,040 code; to amend section 2,828 code relating to trespass on crops; to amend section 3,535 code in relation to fee for pilotage; to prohibit bushes and blinds on boats in fowling for ducks in Currituck sound; to incorporate and protect camp ground Hatteras circuit M. E. church South; to protect private graveyards.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill of Senator Williams, of Pitt, to prevent the buying and selling of futures, was taken up.

Mr. Williams, in support of his bill, said he championed the bill as a farmer and in behalf of the farming classes as a well as for its purpose to elevate the morals of the State. He thought the system of gambling in the necessities of life and products of the soil was a curse to our land. Mr. Williams was not well and could not make a lengthy speech on the merits of the bill. The measure does not apply to manufacturers who may contract for the actual future delivery of cotton. It is intended to affect the margin business, where there is no intention of any delivery.

The bill was equally as strongly opposed as it was supported. Sundry amendments were submitted, among which was one that this act shall not apply to future contracts of marriage." The bill passed its second reading on a call of the roll—ayes 37, noes 3. The bill also passed its third reading.

The special order of railroad commission bill was fixed for Tuesday, February 19th, at 11 o'clock.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the appointments made by the Governor of B. R. Moore as solicitor and W. R. French as clerk of the New Hanover Criminal Court.

HOUSE.

The House was opened with prayer at 10 o'clock.

A petition was presented from citizens of Pitt county asking the repeal of certain oppressive laws relating to the impounding of stock by the town of Greenville.

The committee on education offered a substitute for the bill abolishing the normal schools of the State. This bill abolishes all the white normal schools and appropriates the money now used to run the normals to be applied to holding teachers' institutes throughout the State. It leaves off the training school feature of the Senate bill.

To permit the incorporation of fire companies of the State without the payment of tax; to provide for better and additional roads in Buncombe county; relating to the Raleigh and Albemarle Railroad Company.

PASSED THIRD READING.

H. B. 549, to prohibit the hunting and chasing of deer in certain localities in Currituck county; H. B. 586, requiring the Secretary of State to place the number of survey and certificate in the grant; H. B. 266, to require surveyors' chains to be sealed by the standard keeper, 22 standard yards being the length; H. B. 636, incorporating the Farmers' Co-operative School of North Carolina of a high grade at Morehead City; H. B. 675, to protect the oyster interests of Carteret county; H. B.—to prevent obstruction in Nine Mile creek, in Onslow and Duplin counties; H. B. 719, authorizing the State Board of Education to sell to A. M. Swindell certain lands on which he now resides, 500 acres.

A message was received from the Governor nominating Mr. B. R. Moore to be solicitor, and Mr. W. R. French to be clerk of the Criminal Court of New Hanover county.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Mr. Cooke, from the committee on railroad commission, made a majority report in favor of a commission.

Mr. Walser from the same committee made a minority report against some of the features of the bill as reported by the majority.

On motion of Mr. Cooke the railroad commission bill was made a special order for Thursday at 11 o'clock, to be considered from day to day until disposed of, and that three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Walser, three hundred copies of the minority report were ordered printed.

31ST DAY.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order by Lt. Gov. Holt.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter, of this city.

A large number of petitions for local option went to the omnibus bill pigeon hole.

The Senate began work in dead earnest and 25 bills were successively laid upon the table, having been unfavorably reported upon by committees. This was the spirit of the Senate until S. B. 118 was read, to alter the Constitution, giving power to the General Assembly to establish corporeal punishment. Upon a call of the roll it failed to pass its second reading, ayes 15, noes 26.

The Senate as a committee of the whole, Mr. Pou, of Johnston, in the chair, took up consideration of the school bill which had passed the House of Representatives as a substitute for the Senate bill on the same subject. Some few changes were made in the bill but none of great importance. The material changes from the law of two years ago provides for the school year to end June 30 instead of November 30, so far as relates to county officers, thus not dividing the school sessions into two fiscal years.

Pending consideration of the school bill the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The bill to amend the charter of the Norfolk & Southern R. R. Co. passed its third reading.

A resolution asking that the Senate create a select committee of eight on the game laws of the State was adopted.

HOUSE.

The judiciary committee reported favorably bills to promote the cultivation of shell fish in Onslow county; relating to railroad tax in Onslow county. Finance, favorably—to permit the incorporation of fire companies without the payment of the usual tax; requiring certain railroad and other corporations who fail or refuse to pay taxes to pay the same. Corporations, favorably—incorporating the Farmers' Alliance and sub-Alliance; S. B. 187, to promote the efficiency of the State Guard (this bill appropriates $5,000 for an annual encampment).

The unfinished business of the day before, the consideration of H. B. 474, for the protection of schools and colleges, was taken up. This bill relates to lewd women. After some discussion, upon a call for the yeas and nays, the bill passed by a vote of 75 to 31.

PASSED THIRD READING.

H. B. 132, to compel hucksters and butchers to keep a book of registration of the ear marks and brands of the stock purchased, the names of parties from whom purchased, etc.; S. B., abolishing the white normal schools of the State, and applying the proceeds of taxation for that purpose to the holding of county institutes in connection with the institutes already established, to be under the control of the State Board of Education; H. B. 610, to protect owners of land adjoining the lands of railroad corporations (preventing turning streams out of their natural courses).

S. B. 187, to promote the efficiency of the State Guard, passed its second reading by a vote of 56 to 51.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting a petition from the citizens of Carteret county, relating to carrying away oysters in the shell; also a report from the Attorney General on this subject asking for a proper consideration of the matter by the General Assembly.

A Veteran's Example.

Gen. Sherman, the veteran of all the Veterans who fought for the Union, has expressed, in a magnanimous and soldierly letter, his entire sympathy with the effort to secure help in this city for the maintenance of a Confederate Soldiers' Home at Austin, Texas.

The impulsive old soldier goes even further, in an interview with the promoter of this enterprise, and favors the admission to the Union Soldiers' Homes, maintained by the Government, of the disabled and the needy veterans in gray. The suggestion is creditable to Gen. Sherman's generous heart, but it is not one that the Southern people could accept or the Northern people approve. The spirit in which the retired General of the army meets the proposition to extend a helping hand from our abundance to the needy survivors of the Lost Cause is, however, a rebuke to the narrow and proscriptive feeling of those among us who, though they had not the patriotism or courage to fight against secession, are very fierce in their animosities against the South nearly a quarter of a century after the ending of the conflict.

Gen. Sherman's magnanimous spirit and his practical suggestions should meet with a hearty response from our citizens.—N. Y. World.

PROMPTNESS

First a cold, then a cough, then consumption, then death. "I took Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption the moment I began to cough, and I believe it saved my life." WARREN S. WHITARE, Washington. Sold by R. Berry, New Berne, N. C.

TO MY VALENTINE.

Your love is a beautiful beckoning beam,
A sweet, a hopeless, a changeable dream,
An echo remembered in silence and heard
As a soft thrilling note of a tropical bird,
A cadence of music so infinitely mild,
It maketh my heart in delirium beat wild,
But alas, it is also a shadow so dark,
I have thrown on the shoals full many a bark.
'Tis a breath, or a whisper so passingly low,
That it dies ere back is reflected the glow;
Thy love is a charm of only a day,
So frail and tender, it soon fades away;
A rare, a bright, a fair blooming flower,
From bud to decay, it lasts but an hour,
It robs every heart of its beauty and mirth,
While inspiring the thoughts and unhallowing earth.
Thy love is a charmed enchanting fold,
But thy heart, or its center is frozen and cold;
But combines the cheerful life-giving glow
Of love's lighted furnace, and despair's frigid snow;
Be merciful, remove the cold freezing pall,
Which ever my spirit and heart must enthrall.
For the sweetest, the saddest all earth can afford,
Is a blow, or a wound from Dan cupid's sword.

N. E. SCARBOROUGH.

Ventilating our Homes.

An old writer says: "When men lived in houses of reeds, they had constitutions of oak; when they live in houses of oak, they have constitutions of reeds."

Evidently the truth inculcated is that the better the air and more bountiful its supply, the healthier is the inmate of a house, be it palace or cottage. Too often the very wealth of a house builder militates against his splendid mansion becoming that ideal home of comfort that it should be, and the inmate of some wretched, leaky little hovel, perched on a rocky hillside, will have every advantage over such a one as regards vigor of body and elasticity of spirits.

Such is the elasticity of air that, rightly used for us, a slight force only is needed to put and keep it in motion. The difference of 20° Fahrenheit in temperature between outdoor air and indoor air will cause the passage of about eight cubic feet of air each hour through every square yard of wall surface made of brick. A plastered wall also admits of the free passage of air, and actually serves as an efficient filter by arresting the progress of dust or any of those particles—often injurious—with which the atmosphere is laden.

Heat is the great motor for ventilation, whether natural or artificial, and the great problem in winter is to introduce a sufficient quantity of pure warmed air to make one's room comfortable without attendant draughts that shall imperil the health of their occupants.

Open fireplaces, whether the fuel consumed in them be wood or coal, are among the very best ventilators that we have, and yet the question of expense is bringing them more and more into disuse. But there is no need to be discouraged on that score, because the eyes of all practical people are being opened to the importance of combining the twin forces of heat and ventilation in such a manner as shall tend, in the future, to prolong life as well as render it more comfortable and enjoyable.—N. Y. Fashion Bazar.

Peterson for March is a most varied and attractive number. There is a beautiful steel engraving, besides the double fashion plate and numerous excellent wood illustrations. The opening article, "The Three Victorias," is capitally written, and gives capital portraits of the three royal ladies. The new serial, "A Modern Petruchio," promises to be a story of great interest, and the short stories are among the best to be found in the month's magazines. There is any number of pretty needle work designs, and the household department displays its usual excelence.—Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia.

"The Latest Intelligence."

Man, in all ages, has been anxious for the latest news. So also have his wife and daughters. In fact, the thirst for news is thought by some philosophers to be a stronger instinct in the female than in the male of the human species—whence gossip.

Leaving this matter an open question, we may fairly assume on the authority of history, sacred and profane, that the collection and dissemination of reports of current events has always been a favorite employment of mankind. The Assyrians and the Egyptians gazetted their victories and conquests (discomfitures and defeats were concealed in their days as in ours) in hieroglyphs and base-reliefs executed in marble.

The bulletins of Sardanapalus and of the Pharaohs were inscribed on obelisks, tablets and tombs, and from these, it may be presumed, the reading public of the East, three thousand years ago, gathered such information as royalty vouchsafed to them of the desolating wars waged in the interest of tyrannous chiefs and rulers at the expense of the people. The news of that era must have been rather stale, however, since it takes somewhat longer to construct columns of stone than to build the columns upon which we moderns rely for the "latest intelligence."

The specimens of the ancient "pictorials" disinterred and deciphered by Champolion, Gliddon and Layard, show conclusively that the art of "bunkum" was not unknown to the heathen chroniclers of that remote period. Even King Hezekiah, though not a pagan, had a sententious, not to say bombastic, way of celebrating himself in his sculptured bulletins.

The ancient Athenians, it seems, were inveterate newsmongers, for St. Paul says: "They spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or hear some new thing." It was because the apostle brought "strange tidings" that they invited him to address them from "Mars' Hill."

Children are tacitly taught untruthfulness by seeing parents put on different manners from their ordinary ones when guests are present, by being threatened punishments that are not inflicted, or by exaggeration in incidents that are related. You must be yourselves what you would have your children be.

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What's In a Name?

Everything. "Sardines in olive oil" sell readily as disguised Eastport herring in cottonseed oil. "Ocean trout" and "Alaska mackerel" are considered far superior to the common menhaden from which they spring. "Pickle whitefish" are much more satisfactory to the imagination than the weakfish which represent them in the market. "Cod steaks" sound promising even when cut from the savage wolffish. "Kennebec salmon" are always in demand whether from Maine or in the guise of redfish and steelhead from Oregon. It is, therefore, with little surprise that we hear just at this time of the wonderful dinners provided by a celebrated restaurateur in Washington with "young halibut" from Norfolk as the chief attraction transformed and idealized from the homely and humble winter flatfish, which has approached our shores, not to thrill epicures, but to deposit its eggs peacefully.

We are reminded of a circumstance in a noted coffee house in Melbourne a few years ago which created a great deal of excitement. The proprietor introduced a fish of surpassing sweetness and delicacy of flavor, under the name of "Sweet William." His patrons eagerly devoured "Sweet William" and the fish had a tremendous run. It was tender, juicy, and entirely free from bones. All went swimingly for a time. Inquiries failed to reveal the name of the new favorite until one luckless day somebody saw a barrelful of young sharks go into the establishment, to be translated into "Sweet William." Then the volume of business suddenly shrunk and the air was black with threats of suits for damages by enraged customers. And so—what's in a name?—Forest and Stream.

The Highest Mission.

The highest words of praise that can be said of a woman are that she is a good mother. It is an imperial crown more peerless than any which ever shown on the brow of Queen Sheba. What sphere can be higher and nobler than that of a mother? She has the plastic mould of her own creation to round out and form into a human soul. What greater glory could she achieve than that of properly fashioning a mind for a future destiny? But no woman can fill that mission as the creator intended, unless she has the true mother's love, which brings out all the loftier sentiments of her soul—the one great all absorbing determination—to give her best efforts to her child.

Much evil results from the idea that marriage is the end and aim of a woman's life. Desperately afraid of being scorned as an "old maid," a girl will accept a man without the slightest thought as to suitability of temperament—sometimes a man she positively dislikes.

Can any one tell me how any woman under such bans can be a true wife and mother, in a marriage which her whole soul loathes? Better be an "old maid" to the end if you can't form a union where there is perfect love, a suitability of temperament, and congeniality of mental endowments. It is then, and only then, that woman can find pleasure in wifely duties. Woman's cultivation of the higher sensibilities of her soul, has largely to do with her fitness in determining the government of the family life.

Until we have a loftier conception of marriage than as a question of dollars and cents and some one to support and care for woman, we cannot expect her to receive the highest praise which lips can utter—she is a true mother.

The Sacredness of Seven.

A writer in the Agricultural Implement has been studying over the mystical number seven, and concludes that it is undoubtedly the sacred number. There are seven days of creation; after seven days' respite the flood came; the years of famine and plenty were in cycles of seven; every seventh day was a Sabbath, every seventh year is the Sabbath of rest; after each seven times seven years came the jubilee; the feasts of unleavened bread and the tabernacles were observed seven days; the golden candlestick had seven branches; seven priests with seven trumpets surrounded Jericho seven times and seven times the seventh day; Jacob obtained his wives by servitudes of seven years; Samson kept his nuptials seven days, and on the seventh day he put a riddle to his wife, and he was bound with seven green withes and seven locks of his hair were shaved off; Nebuchadnezzar was seven years a beast; Shadrach and his two companions were cast into a furnace heated seven times more than it was wont. In the New Testament nearly everything occurs by sevens, and at the end of the sacred volume we read of seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven spirits, seven trumpets, seven seals, seven stars, seven thunders, seven vials, seven plagues, seven angels, and a seven-headed monster.

Character.

The differences of character are never more distinctly seen than in times when men are surrounded by difficulties and misfortunes. There are some who, when disappointed by the failure of an undertaking from which they had expected great things, make up their minds at once to exert themselves no longer against what they call fate, as if thereby they could avenge themselves upon fate; others grow desponding and hopeless; but a third class of men will rouse themselves just at such moments, and say to themselves, "The more difficult it is to attain my ends the more honorable it will be;" and this is a maxim which every one should impress upon himself as a law. Some of those who are guided by it prosecute their plans with obstinacy, and so perish; others, who are more practical men, if they have failed in one way, will try another.

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