Middlebury Register.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 1859.

About Sympathy.

The involuntary expressions of sympathy which have been drawn from the people of the North, by the indecently hasty trial and execution of John Brown and other matters connected therewith, are exciting the unfortunate residents of Slaverydom, to constantly increasing exhibitions of "mutiny and rage." Sympathy for John Brown in the North, is held to be just cause for a dissolution of the Union, and it is asserted that if we have tears to shed, we should prepare to shed them for the South and the South only. To waste them on any other object, is to add insult to injury, and is not to be tolerated. Well, we did feel somewhat badly about the fate of Old Brown, not that we sympathized in the least with his enterprise for this we certainly deprecated with all the strength of our nature. To our mind it was not only inherently wrong, but calculated to defeat its own object just in proportion as it was successful. Still we could not but feel a certain admiration for the noble qualities which all agree that he possessed and exhibited to the last. Believing that he was not in sound mind, we felt that it would be very becoming, indeed politic, for the authorities of Virginia, to abate a little from the extreme penalty. If this was wrong we couldn't help it, but are willing to expiate the wrong by suffering all the consequences of our sinful sympathy, provided there is any way to assume them. Nor should we, in that case, expect to atone for the dissolution of the Union; indeed we are not convinced that a little indulgence of the kind so bitterly complained of, can be attended with very serious consequences.

But, though the South cannot have a monopoly of Northern sympathy, they should, and doubtless are, gratified to know that they are not wholly forgotten. Immense meetings have been held in Boston and New York for the purpose of manufacturing the article just now in such demand at the South, though the genuineness of the commodity may be doubted if the sentiments of a prayer offered on one occasion is taken as an index, in which the Rev. gentleman implored blessings on the whole country, "and especially on the Southern portion of it." Such preaching may pass in Boston, but would doubtless suffer a ruinous discount in Virginia.

But let it not be supposed that sympathy for Brown precludes sympathy for the South. However incredulous they of the South may be about it, there is throughout the North a feeling of deep commiseration for the lamentable state of things that exists in all the Southern portion of the confederacy. First there has long been felt a feeling of profound pity for the slave, and next a feeling of pity scarcely less profound for the poor whites, on whom the system rests almost as heavily as on the blacks; and again there are few indeed who, in moments of calm consideration, do not feel highly sympathetic in view of the miserable condition in which the best of the slave-holders find themselves. Miserable indeed is their condition, and more miserable we fear it will be before any hopeful beams will light their darkness.

There are too, now, especial regrets that their case should be so unnecessarily aggravated by torturing apprehension of immediate danger which does not exist. Along with this, it is proper to add, there is a hearty execration of the conduct of all those Southern politicians, who so wickedly add fuel to the flame which they should labor to quench. We do not doubt that the time is coming when the now fear-stricken people of the South will find that they are the victims of Gov. Wise and others, who have political purposes to be served which can at present be best advanced at the expense of the peace of mind of the great mass of the Southern people.

—The remarkable executive performances of Gov. Wise for a few weeks past have been a puzzle to every body, who has attempted to analyze his motions; but we are in a fair way to have the mystery explained. The Gov. is a medium, and is in almost constant communication with with the spirit of *Titus Oates*. Indeed it is conjectured that Titus has almost complete control of the Gov. If this is so how the spirit of Titus must revel, as he resumes his old games under such favorable circumstances. This two centuries repose seems not in the least to have unfitted him for the peculiar employment in which he so much delighted while in the body. What were all his Popish Plots, with which he so long amused the people and parliaments of England, as compared with the deadly conflagrations of which we have just had a glimpse in the John Brown raid, which have sent a thrill of horror through all the slaves district, converted Virginia into one great muster field, and made thousands of sensible people behave like fools, to say nothing of the shameless proceedings in Congress for a few days past.

We see no way of reconciling cause and effect but by supposing that Titus Oates has a hand in it; and if *he* is engaged the force is but just commenced.

Congressional.

Congress assembled on Monday of last week. The Senate, [illegible] been occupied by the [illegible] resolution of inquiry into the Harper's Ferry insurrection, introduced by Senator Mason of Virginia. Senator Crittenden moved an amendment instituting an inquiry into the robbery of the arsenal at Liberty, Mo., during the Kansas war. There seem to be entire willingness that the Harper's Ferry affair should be investigated, but great reluctance on the part of the Southern members to go further. The Senate, much of the time during the week, was not in session as the House had failed to organize.

The Hall of Representatives was [illegible] for a caucus on Monday evening, the following gentlemen: Branch (Dem.) 86; John [illegible] (rep.) 86; G. A. Grow (rep.) 42; [illegible] Americans 22 [illegible] Lecompton Democrats, 5; 2 doubtful [illegible] Mr. Grow receives a majority, is his name is a candidate. There have been several ballots, showing no change, the Slaverites have cast blank votes for Americans. [illegible] Mr. Grow receives a majority, [illegible] a candidate. There have been several ballots, showing no change, the Slaverites have cast blank votes for Americans. [illegible] Mr. Grow receives a majority, [illegible] a candidate. [illegible] rule will be adopted. The admission of new members [illegible] Kansas [illegible] Pelt's "Appropriation Bills" have been largely discussed, and Hamlin very familiar talked seems, that it is [illegible] that in proportion as the Southerners increase their demands [illegible] the office-holders. The Republicans [illegible] the matter very coolly, and seem so [illegible] that they can afford to do without a Speaker as long as the other side.

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HOME ITEMS.

Forefathers' Day.—The Annual Address in Commemoration of the Landing of the Pilgrims will be delivered at the Congregational Church, in this village on Thursday Evening, December 22d, by Hon. George P. Marsh, of Burlington. Exercises commencing at 6 1-2 o'clock. The festive arrangements will be considerably announced.

Middlebury, December 12, 1859.

....The call for a meeting on Friday evening last to take into consideration the subject of providing a Reading Room Library &c., was well attended, and so much spirit manifested as to give good promise that some scheme for this object will be devised and carried [illegible].

A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution [illegible] report to an adjourned meeting, to be held this evening. We hope for a large attendance at the meeting.

....There can be seen in Mr. Brewster's showcase a specimen of Middlebury marble, which has been most beautifully wrought by Dr. N. Hunter. The Doctor [illegible] of those who [illegible] ing what will be the appearance of the article in a state of finish. The workmanship shows that the hand and heart [illegible] of its creator. The marble [illegible] article bears the colors and [illegible] when wrought, commands the admiration of all. There can be no doubt that in this place very superior [illegible] any other purpose.

....Elsewhere will be found the card of the Executive Committee of the State Temperance Society. We noticed last week that the Annual Meeting [illegible] held in this place on the 21st and 22d. The further announcement that the celebrated lecturer, Dr. [illegible] will address the meeting lends the occasion with unusual interest, and will ensure a large attendance.

What shall be done for the cause of Temperance? This question which is often anxiously put in these days, but which no one seems competent to answer. The signs of the times are decidedly bad, and if any light can be imparted by the State Society, or from any other source, it will be gratefully received.

....Mr. E. H. Sutin has sent for our Museum a Society's convolution for the Hungarian Polyanthi Alphabet. But [illegible] and you will get considerable special information [illegible] the cause of the Polyanthi Nostrum.

....Rev. B. M. Hall, of the M. E. Church, in this place, announced [illegible] at the last Sabbath afternoon service that he intended if [illegible] to preach a sermon to children, he [illegible] Three Hours.

....Young Ladies English School, in the Vestry of the M. E. Church, will hereafter be held on Saturday mornings.

....The sleigh at the market square in this village is filling with [illegible] and with [illegible] We are told by Mr. [illegible] the reputation of the work, that he has already [illegible] the success of the enterprise.

....The Dog Fashion of the Middlebury Co. has commenced parading. Judge Phoenix is paddling, assisted by Judges H. O. Smith and S. E. Cook.

....The Metropolitan Book Concern is moved to the second door north of the Court House.

Harper's Magazine.—The January number of this work, with its usual interesting table of contents is already at hand. Its steel plates, colored fashion plates and patterns, etc., are the delight of the ladies, who pronounce it one of the best publications in the world of its kind. Harper Brothers, N. Y. R. Peterson, 102 Chestnut street, Philadelphia Publisher. Price $2 per annum.

—Mr. Asa Wheeler of Brandon, has commenced the manufacture in this village of a new and greatly improved kind of Shade, of his own invention. The company says he is unable to fill orders as fast as they are received. As soon as it is convenient we hope Mr. Wheeler will send us a pair.

—We learn from the Vermonter that the Union Hotel, in Montpelier was burned on the 5th inst., with a part of the furniture. Loss estimated at from $5,000 to $7,000.

—On Thursday of last week occurred the charter Election of N. Y. City. It was a triangular contest for the mayoralty, between the Republican, Tammany Hall Democrats and Fernando Wood's party, in which the latter were successful. The woolen star seems to be rising, and the Major is already spoken of as having a fair chance in the Charlestown Convention.

—The Harper's Ferry panic has spread all over the entire South. Apprehension of insurrection everywhere prevails, and a negro man thinks his life not worth a farthing if he is allowed to leave his effect. [illegible] cape a coat of tar and feathers though there is no ground for a shadow of suspicion of unlawful designs.

—The Troy Whig says an immense shark was caught between Troy and Albany on Saturday last by some fishermen.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

—A [illegible] Land [illegible] years of age, and [illegible] master from Burlington to [illegible], on the Rutland & Burlington Railroad, died of small pox at Burlington, Friday evening, Nov. 18th.—*Bellows Falls Times.*

Walton's Register and Farmer's Almanac for 1860.—This little compact but [illegible] has reached its forty-third volume, and grows better by age. [illegible] amount of useful information [illegible] Vermonter, and [illegible] be found in a form so accessible and convenient. For sale at the Bookstores.

—Somebody smashed in the door of the Symonds House, on Academy Mountain, Nov. 15. Several citizens of Windsor have offered a reward of fifty dollars for the discovery of the perpetrators.

—A man named Harrington was killed in Hyde Park, while digging a ditch Nov. 24th. [illegible] died [illegible] man who [illegible] was [illegible] a wife and [illegible] children.

—[illegible] Rutland [illegible] a new pair of [illegible] from her [illegible], but possibly the public [illegible] gainer by the trade, [illegible] old pants were [illegible] behind and in the pocket [illegible] bunch of [illegible].

—Three young men [illegible] Saltash, a village [illegible] daughters of P. W. Taylor, of this village, was badly burned on the breast by [illegible] a lucifer match upon her, and [illegible] night she died.—*St. Albans Messenger.*

—[illegible] B. Bishop of Middlebury,