THE STORY OF A POEM.

HOW SHERIDAN'S RIDE WAS WRITTEN.

Just now, when the great cavalry commander's grave is yet new-made and green on the slopes of Arlington, where all that is mortal of him peacefully rests among thousands of the "unknown dead" heroes of the war, it may be interesting to your readers to have the true story of the origin and first appearance of that dramatic poem of Thomas Buchanan Read, "Sheridan's Ride," of which so many varying accounts have been published, and none correct.

Murdoch and Read were warm friends. Murdoch had for many months—dating from the death of his son at Chickamauga—devoted his entire time and great talents to the cause of the Union, in the form of readings and recitations for the benefit of that grand organization, the Sanitary Commission; contributing by his personal efforts tens of thousands of dollars for the comfort and relief of the soldiers in the field. It was a noble work and nobly done, and as a happy and proper recognition of it he was to be "the recipient of an ovation" at Pike's Opera House, Cincinnati, tendered him by the ladies of the Soldiers' Aid societies of Ohio.

He was at that time—the battle of Winchester had just been fought, and the ceremony was to take place on the evening of the day I speak of—a guest at the house of Mr. Cyrus Garrett, in Cincinnati. Mr. Read, the poet-painter, was making his home with that gentleman, who was his brother-in-law. At breakfast Mr. Garrett came to the table with a copy of "Harper's Weekly" which contained a spirited picture of Sheridan on the black horse dashing down the lines; he threw the paper on the table, remarking: "There, Read, they have got ahead of you this time with the picture, and if you don't look out they will take the bread out of your mouth by writing a poem."

Murdoch said: "Yes, Read, write a poem and I will give it this evening"; to which Read replied: "I cannot do it. You cannot order a poem as you would a coat. Besides, there are so many excellent poems celebrating rides as 'Lochinvar's Ride,' 'Paul Revere's Ride,' 'The Ride from Ghent to Aix,' etc." Still, Murdoch urged that he could do it, and as he left the table at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Read came down stairs, and said, "Buchanan has ordered a pot of strong tea, and says he does not intend to leave his room until he has written a poem."

At 2 o'clock he called Murdoch up stairs and read to him the poem of "Sheridan's Ride," now so well known and so famous. Mrs. Read copied it for him, and at 8 o'clock that night, he (Murdoch) read it before an audience that packed Pike's Opera House from orchestra to gallery. Taken by surprise, there was the wildest enthusiasm and as each stage was gained the applause increased, until, when the last five miles was reached, the audience broke out into tumultuous applause and rose in a body, cheering and waving their handkerchiefs.

Mr. Murdoch adds: "This is how 'Sheridan's Ride' was written and the way it was first read and received. The language of the poem was never changed. One stanza was added after the first reading—the one referring to the "fifteen miles away." So many persons have given such remarkable accounts, all differing, that I am glad to give you the true one. Mrs. T. B. Read is still living, in Philadelphia, and will vouch for the accuracy of this statement. It is quite a joke in my family: "Here is another true story of the origin of 'Sheridan's Ride.'"

Mr. Murdoch was well acquainted with General Sheridan, and on several occasions during the war rode the black horse under fire of the enemy's guns. General "Joe" Hooker presented him with a flag on behalf of the soldiers and sailors of the Union Army. General Sheridan was much gratified by the poem, and sent Mr. Murdoch a beautiful letter, and a shoe worn by the famous black charger.

Of those concerned in the origin of this poem, the actors in the drama, Sheridan and the famous black steed, the poet Read and the reader Murdoch, only the latter is left, now in the sunset of life, calmly awaiting the summons the others have heard and answered.

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