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These who are familiar with the general outlines of the life of Emperor William I of Germany, and who have any knowledge of his sturdy, straightforward character, may be surprised to learn that he had poetical ambitions at least once in his eventful career. In a book published recently under the title "Emperor William I and His Literary Treatment of Decisive Questions and Periods of His Time," is printed a poem, "The Upper Rhine," from the monarch's pen. It was written in 1840, at a time when the future Emperor was approaching the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. Although the poem is hardly destined to take the relative rank in the literature of the Fatherland that will be accorded to his deeds in German history, it is not without merit. Parts of it remind the readers of a well-known German song; but it foretells events in which the Emperor subsequently played an important part. It reads as follows:

DER OBERRHEIN.

Sie haben ihn da oben
Den alten deutschen Rhein,
Deshalb soll stets gehoben
Das schwert des Deutschen sein.

Mit welcher Schalkheit raubte
Der Ludwig uns das Land,
Weil Deutschland mit dem Haupte
Des Reichs in Fehde stand.

Du Strassburg, Burg der Starken
Von Frankreich und Burgund,
So lang dort rasen Franken,
Wird Deutschland nicht gesund.

Dein Munster streckt den Finger
Zum Himmelszelt empor
Und droht dem Bezwinger,
Und dem, der ihn verlor.

Dem Reich und einst dem Kaiser,
Wohl an des Rheines Strand,
Sei du des weges Weiser
Ins stolze Frankenland.

Der Rhein soll Deutschlands Erden
In seinem ganzen Lauf
Wohl wieder eigen werden,
Rollt eure Banner auf!

So woll'n wir's wieder haben
Das Gott von unserm Blut,
Weil dort schon langst begraben
Der deutsche Adler ruht.

Du Valk aus den Vogesen
Und dem Ardennerwald,
Wir wollen dich erlosen
Von fremder Truggewalt.

Dann musst du auch vernehmen
Den deutschen Bundesruf
Und dich der Knechtschaft schamen,
Die walsche Art dir schuf.

Und solltest du dich strauben
Und fahlst die Knechtschaft nicht,
So wollen wir dich treiben
Zu deiner Kindespflicht.

Damit einst deine Kinder
Doch mogen Deutsche sein
Und sich der Ueberwinder
Von ihren Vatern freun.

So wollen wir ihn haben
Den alten deutschen Rhein,
Dann erst wird ganz begraben
Das Schwert der Deutschen sein.

The ideas in each of the stanzas, liberally translated into prose, are as follows:

The sword of the Germans must be ever raised, because they possess the upper German Rhine.

Sly Louis robbed them of the land during Germany's feud with the Empire's head.

It cannot be well with Germany so long as the French rave about Strassburg, the citadel of the brave of France and Burgundy.

Its cathedral points its finger toward heaven, threatening the conqueror and him who lost.

One day it must be the guide of the Empire and the Emperor into the proud land of the French.

The Rhine, throughout its course, must belong again to Germany. Therefore the banner must be raised.

The Germans shall have again the land of their fathers, where long ago was buried the German Eagle.

They shall deliver again the people of the Vosges and the Ardenne Forest from misrule.

Those people must hear again the German cry of union, and be ashamed of the slavery to which foreigners subjected them.

If they should object and not feel the shame, they will be forced to do their filial duty.

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U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, Newport, R. I., November 24, 1892.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, for stone work at Block Island, R. I., and Nantucket and Vineyard Haven, Mass., will be received at this office until 12 M. on the 20th day of January, 1893, and then opened. The attention of bidders is invited to the Act of Congress approved February 23, 1887, and February 23, 1887, Vol. 23 page 332 and Vol. 24 page 414, Statutes at Large, and the Act of August 1, 1892, Sections 1 and 2 (Public No. 103). The United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities. Full information furnished on application. W. H. BIXBY, Captain, Corps of Engineers, United States Army.

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