LITERATURE.

THE PRESIDENT AS AN AUTHOR.—HIS ENGAGEMENT to write for the Ledger universally applauded. Hear the voices. Praise from all parties. See what the papers say.

[From the New York Herald.]

POLITICS AND LITERATURE—THE PRESIDENT AS A NEWSPAPER WRITER.—The political history of the United States during the first sixty years of their existence has yet to be written. The journals, up to a recent period, were in the hands of small politicians, who used them to further their own ends, and did not scruple to publish the vilest personal attacks and the most odious libels upon the party leaders who were opposed to them. This course was pursued unremittingly from the time of the elder Adams up to 1816, when there was a suspension of hostilities. They broke out again in 1824, however, and rose to a remarkable height during Jackson's administration—the old soldier proving in the end a match for all his persecutors. Since 1836 we have witnessed the rise of the independent press, and consequent decline of party journals. The great newspaper now is the best history for the people, and the future compiler will find ample materials at his hand. The missing links in the chain can only be supplied by those statesmen who participated in the politics of the country previous to 1836, and who view the events of those days without a trace of personal prejudice. We have already some contributions from distinguished statesmen, who, after their retirement from the cares of office, or the toils and contests in the political arena, have employed their leisure hours in jotting down their reminiscences and giving valuable sketches of their confreres. Among these we have the recollections of Mr. Calhoun and of Mr. Benton—the latter more after the manner of personal reminiscences than the former. And it has always been a mystery to us why Mr. Van Buren has not contributed to our political annals. No man is more capable of writing the history of the rise, progress and fall of the democratic party than he, and Mr. Van Buren might give us a most interesting sketch of the first Albany Regency, which would be found to be a striking contrast to the present concern. The old Regency was composed of able statesmen, like Mr. Van Buren himself, and therefore far above such fellows as Richmond, Cagger and Cassidy, whose greatest achievements have consisted in publishing a private letter from Gov. Wise, cheating all their friends and humbugging poor old Dickinson by persuading him that he was to have the Charleston nomination.

Perhaps Mr. Van Buren may be moved to take up his pen when he hears that his old friend, Mr. Buchanan, intends to appear in the field of letters. It had been rumored that the President intended to write his reminiscences after he retired from public life, and now it seems, by the following letter to the immortal Bonner, that Mr. Buchanan, like Mr. Everett, will make his first essay in the columns of a newspaper. Bonner, purposing to publish a number of sketches of eminent statesmen, writes to the President, requesting from him some account of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina, who was in Congress with Mr. Buchanan forty years ago, and the following is the President's reply:—

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR—I have received your favor of the 3d inst., and shall most cheerfully comply with your request, and furnish you a sketch of the life of William Lowndes, as soon as possible. He was one of the greatest, wisest and purest statesmen that have ever adorned our country, and yet his memory has been sadly neglected. The truth is that my public duties occupy my whole time at present. I had hoped I might enjoy some leisure after the adjournment of Congress; but in this I have been disappointed. If not before, I hope to furnish you the sketch soon after the 4th of March. This from me will be a tribute not only to justice, but to gratitude. Yours, very respectfully, JAMES BUCHANAN.

ROBERT BONNER, Esq.

We trust that this sketch will be succeeded by others of the old school of statesmen, so that the rising generation may see that the halls of Congress were not always thronged with spoilsmen and demagogues.

William Lowndes is not the only great man whose memory has been "sadly neglected," and it should be the delight of their colleagues whose lives are yet spared to give to the world some account of their public and private characters. The retired statesman can always find fame as well as consolation in the pursuit of literature—a profession which is happily elevated above the level of the beggarly politicians of the day. The public reaps a great benefit also in the solid contributions of men like Buchanan, Everett or Bancroft, and the piquant gossip and pleasant anecdotes which are furnished by light writers like the Chevalier Wikoff. They will all be welcome.

[From the New York Tribune.]

Mr. Bonner announces, in our advertising columns, to-day, that "to the long list of scholars and statesmen already numbered among the contributers to *The Ledger*, the name of James Buchanan, the illustrious President of the United States, is now added." Mr. Buchanan is to commence a series of biographies with a sketch of the life of Mr. Lowndes of South Carolina. However widely we may have differed from President Buchanan on many points of public policy, we cannot forbear to warmly commend his course in this matter. It shows not only an intelligent appreciation of the newspaper literature of the day rare among old school politicians, but also manifests a real and lively interest in the instruction of the public. It is also most honorable to Mr. Buchanan that, in retiring from the highest station, he proposes to himself not a life of indolence, but of labor that is at once appropriate, dignified and useful. We congratulate Mr. Bonner on his progress from one distinguished name to another, up to this last acquisition of that of the President of the United States. We learn that the honorable Geo. Bancroft is also preparing some historical contributions to the columns of *The Ledger*.

[From the New York Courier & Enquirer.]

MR. BUCHANAN A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Mr. Bonner, after an interval of quiet, during which his *Ledger* has pursued the even tenor of its success, now rouses himself up to one of those great feats in journalism, which have rendered the *Ledger* but a series of successes, each one more signal than the last. Mr. Bonner's last achievement, as appears by his advertisement in another column, is the engagement of President Buchanan. Mr. Bonner is about to introduce into the *Ledger* a biographical department, which will be an instructive as well as an interesting feature, and add still further to the number of those high-toned articles by which Mr. Bonner aims, and successfully, to give character to his paper. Mr. Buchanan is to inaugurate the biographical series with a Life of William Lowndes, a distinguished South Carolinian statesman, with whom Mr. Buchanan was very intimate. Mr. Buchanan's letter to Mr. Bonner, entering into the engagement to furnish the life, will be published in the *Ledger* of October 20. This number, entirely original, will also be enriched with communications from the pens of Everett, Bryant, Henry Ward Beecher, N. P. Willis, John G. Saxe, George D. Prentice, Mrs. Sigourney, Fanny Fern and other distinguished writers. Hon. George Bancroft (the historian) has also been engaged by Mr. Bonner, and in the *Ledger* of October 27 an article from his pen, on the battle of Lake Erie, will appear. With such a list of contributors as the *Ledger* now has, it is no wonder that it commands an paralleled success.

[From the Charleston (S. C.) News.]

BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM LOWNDES.—We are pleased to see from the President's letter in the New York *Ledger* that our distinguished statesman is about to receive that meed of honorable record to which his great deserts entitle him. It has been matter of surprise that nothing but the baldest outline of Mr. Lowndes' life and career has ever been supplied to the American public, while every other of our men of mark, whose reputation has become national, has received the literary distinction of a biography, duly commemorating their merits. We are gratified on perceiving that Mr. Buchanan is about to supply the ommission. He was the compeer in Congress of Mr. Lowndes in the latter part of his public life, and from his political associations must have gathered from tradition such materials relating to that lamented patriot's services and character as have not come within his personal knowledge. We shall anxiously expect Mr. Buchanan's contribution to this part of our biographical literature.

The appearance of the biographical sketch of Mr. Lowndes in the columns of the *Ledger* constitutes an additional claim to that public support which the enterprising proprietor has already established by procuring the contributions of such American statesmen as will command general attention by their experience and literary attainments, besides aid from the pens of other contributors in the province of tale-writing, poetry and magazine writing generally.

[From the New York Day Book.]

It will be seen by the official announcement that the President of the United States will commence a series of biographical sketches for the *Ledger* as soon as his public duties will permit a moment's relaxation. The first of the series will be a sketch of William Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the most promising statesmen of his day, the peer and equal of Calhoun, and by some believed to be his superior, and who, unfortunately for his country, was cut off in the beginning of a career of real greatness. The American people know too little of Lowndes, and we rejoice, therefore, that such an able hand and such an excellent medium are to be the means of doing him justice. The *Ledger* deserves still greater success, not only for its enterprise but for its patriotism. An additional feature in the next number will be a contribution from the pen of Hon. George Bancroft, the historian. The present number has original contributions from President Buchanan, Edward Everett, Wm. Cullen Bryant, Henry Ward Beecher, N. P. Willis, George P. Morris, John G. Saxe, George D. Prentice, Thomas Dunn English, Emerson Bennett, T. S. Arthur, Mrs. Sigourney, Fanny Fern and Alice Cary—an array of great names.

[From the New York Times.]

President Buchanan is about to join the long array of the *Ledger's* contributors. He promises to commence work as soon as he "gets leisure." And then he proposes to open with a biographical sketch of William Lowndes, of South Carolina. This is not only enterprising in Mr. Bonner, but graceful and sensible in the venerable President. We have no doubt his contributions will have decided intrinsic interest, and certainly the spectacle of a President of the United States becoming a contributor to a newspaper is unusual enough to attract attention.

[From the New York Journal of Commerce.]

The New York *Ledger* is about to commence a series of biographical sketches of eminent statesmen, and has selected Wm. Lowndes, the distinguished South Carolinian and early friend of President Buchanan, to whom no biographer has ever yet done justice, as the subject of the first article. Thinking that the patriotism of the President would lead him "to serve the young men of the country by holding up before them an example worthy of their imitation, and knowing that his intimacy with Mr. Lowndes and his thorough acquaintance with public affairs at the time, peculiarly fitted him for the task, the publisher of the *Ledger* ventured to request him to write the sketch.

[From the Trenton (N. J.) American.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—The copy before us displays a continued improvement in the mechanical department of this widespread journal, and it is not surpassed by any other published in this or any country for the variety of its contributions and the ability of its contributors. Besides the distinguished names already connected with the *Ledger*, we find that the venerable President of the United States will shortly honor its columns by furnishing a sketch of the life of Wm. Lowndes.

[From the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Times.]

WHAT NEXT.—What Mr. Robert Bonner, of the *Ledger*, will be up to next we are unable to tell. The last effort he has made has been to secure the services of President Buchanan to write for the columns of the *Ledger*. Mr. B. has signified his willingness to commence a series of biographical sketches by writing his recollections of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina, whom he styles "one of the greatest, wisest and purest statesmen that ever adorned our country." The *Ledger* will henceforth become more popular than ever.

[From the Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) Gazette.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER—The career, or rather the flight, of this journal is one of the most remarkable cases of success ever known, consequent on that enterprise, energy and perseverance so characteristic of the Yankee race. Mr. Bonner's paper has finally reached as high a grade in excellence as in variety of matter.

[From the New Haven (Conn.) News.]

THE LEDGER.—It is a marvel in the history of newspaper literature, but not at all surprising, that the New York *Ledger* should not only have reached, but maintained, the proud position it now occupies among its many imitators and rivals. With a circulation above a quarter of a million, Bonner seems determined to keep his beautiful paper fully up to the original standard. His latest move has been to engage James Buchanan, President of the United States, to write for the *Ledger*. With the names of Everett, Bryant, Saxe, Morris, English, Beecher, Mrs. Sigourney, Fanny Fern, Arthur, Bennett, Prentice, Carey, Buchanan and others as contributors, what paper could not succeed?

[From the Providence (R. I.) Journal.]

Certainly no other publisher has succeeded in bringing together such an array of great names in literature as have illustrated the columns of the *Ledger*.

[From the Richmond (Va.) Enquirer.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that Mr. Buchanan has consented to contribute for the New York *Ledger*. It is said that he will write an essay on the life and character of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the most profound statesmen of his day and generation.

[From the Albany (N. Y.) Times.]

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN FOR THE LEDGER.—The New York *Ledger* designs introducing a biographical department, and giving in every number the life of some great man, prepared expressly for its columns. President Buchanan contributes the first in the life of the distinguished South Carolinian, William Lowndes, the appearance of which will be duly announced. This department will be most interesting and valuable, and give the *Ledger* an increased character.

[From the Boston Transcript.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Mr. Bonner, the enterprising proprietor of the *Ledger*, not content with enrolling among his contributors such names as those of Edward Everett, William Cullen Bryant, John G. Saxe, N. P. Willis, Geo. P. Morris, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Sigourney and George D. Prentice, now announces that he has secured the services of no less a personage than the President of the United States, Hon. James Buchanan. This distinguished contributor will help to write up the biographical department of the *Ledger*, as soon as he is relieved from the cares of public office, and will begin with a sketch of the Hon. William Lowndes, the distinguished Southern statesman. It is stated that Hon. George Bancroft is also preparing some historical contributions to the columns of the *Ledger*.

[From the Boston (Mass.) Journal.]

DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTORS.—The enterprising Bonner, of the New York *Ledger*, has added to his list of contributors President Buchanan and Hon. George Bancroft. The former is to furnish a biographical sketch of William Lowndes, the eminent South Carolina statesman, and the latter an article descriptive of the battle of Lake Erie.

[From the Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard.]

Mr. Buchanan's articles for the *Ledger* will refer to the character of Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the most prominent men in the country forty-five years since. They will undoubtedly be of great interest.

[From the Washington (D. C.) Star.]

MR. BUCHANAN AS AN AUTHOR.—President Buchanan has been engaged by Mr. Bonner, editor of the New York *Ledger*, as a contributor to that journal. The New York *Tribune* says:—It shows not only an intelligent appreciation of the newspaper literature of the day, rare among old school politicians, but also manifests a real and lively interest in the instruction of the public. It is also most honorable to Mr. Buchanan that, in retiring from the highest station, he proposes to himself not a life of indolence but of labor, that is at once appropriate, dignified and useful.

[From the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Enquirer.]

Mr. Robert Bonner, the Prince of newspaper publishers, has secured the services of the President, to contribute a series of biographical sketches to the columns of the *Ledger*. We think the movement of Mr. Buchanan is commendable, and his contributions cannot fail to be highly interesting and instructive. Hon. George Bancroft is also preparing some historical contributions for the columns of the *Ledger*.

[From the Columbus (Ohio) Fact.]

ANOTHER ATTRACTION IN THE LEDGER.—We see by an advance copy of the New York *Ledger* that Bonner, in his untiring efforts to add to the attractions of his paper, has engaged President Buchanan to commence a series of biographical sketches with a life of William Lowndes, of South Carolina. Such enterprise deserves and will receive success. All the other usual attractions will be maintained in connection with this.

[From the Newark (N. J.) Evening Journal.]

The LEDGER presents a combination of distinguished literary talent, we venture to say, never equalled in any single newspaper in this country or elsewhere. The *Ledger* is doing good service as a popular educator.

[From the Baltimore (Md.) Clipper.]

Mr. Buchanan is to commence shortly after the 4th of March a series of biographies with a sketch of the life of William Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the most promising statesmen of his day, the peer and equal of Calhoun, and by some believed to be his superior, and who, unfortunately for his country, was cut off in the beginning of a career of real greatness. The American people know too little of Lowndes, and we rejoice therefore that such an able hand and such an excellent medium are to be the means of doing him justice.

[From the Albany (N. Y.) Express.]

Mr. Buchanan, from his well known literary abilities and tastes, and his personal acquaintance with Mr. Lowndes will hardly fail to indite an article worthy of his subject. Truly, Bonner's genius is inexhaustible.

[From the Hartford (Conn.) Post.]

Mr. Bonner has secured the services of our venerable President as a contributor to the columns of the New York *Ledger*. Mr. Buchanan is to write a sketch of William Lowndes, the eminent South Carolina statesman, as soon as he is relieved from the pressure of his public duties. To no fitter hands could this tribute to one of the most distinguished of our countrymen have been committed, it having been Mr. Buchanan's privilege to have enjoyed his personal friendship to a rare degree. It is Mr. Bonner's intention to publish in the *Ledger* a series of sketches of the most eminent American statesmen, which is thus to be inaugurated by a sketch from the able and graceful pen of the President. It will be a new feature of interest added to a paper already teeming with the productions of the best minds in the country. The New York *Ledger* is a marvellous outgrowth of experience, talent, energy and tact.

[From the Philadelphia (Penn.) Inquirer.]

BUCHANAN, THE BIOGRAPHER.—In another column will be found two letters, which we have extracted from the New York *Ledger*, published Saturday, but dated Oct. 20, 1860. Mr. Bonner, the editor of the popular sheet in question, is certainly a gentleman of great enterprise, and had he not in various ways demonstrated this beyond all doubt, the fact of his thus getting two weeks ahead of time itself would remove all speculation upon the subject. Mr. Bonner never allows anything which he takes hold of to grow stale upon his hands. One attraction of a novel and startling character succeeds another, before we have recovered from the astonishment with which the first has stricken us. Thus, some time ago, we found the editors of the three great New York dailies twanging the lyre in the columns of the *Ledger*.

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Again, Mr. Everett, in furtherance of the purchase of Mount Vernon, was induced to become a regular contributor to the *Ledger*, and the enterprise and liberality of the editor divided public approbation with the patriotism of the scholar and statesman. But the last performance of Mr. Bonner has eclipsed even his own previous achievements. He has now determined to secure the services of the person occupying the highest official position in the country; it is unnecessary to add that we refer to our esteemed Chief Magistrate.

* * * Mr. Buchanan has consented to write a sketch of the life of the late William Lowndes, of South Carolina. Mr. Lowndes, to whose great public and private merit due justice has not been done by his surviving countrymen, as Mr. Buchanan very justly observes, is to be rescued from unmerited oblivion by the pen of the President.

Mr. Lowndes was one of the greatest and purest men who have ever guided with their councils public affairs in this country. In addition to his great intellectual ability and his unswerving integrity, no warmer heart ever beat in human bosom than in that of Mr. Lowndes. Every person who was brought near him loved him, and the affection which he thus attracted to himself he amply returned. A more unselfish man never existed, and he was as brave as he was pure.

[From the Philadelphia (Pa.) Pennsylvanian.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—In this number we find a communication from President Buchanan in reply to the solicitation of Mr. Bonner to furnish a sketch of the life of the late William Lowndes, an eminent politician of South Carolina.

The *Ledger* maintains its foremost position in the ranks of the literary newspapers, or rather it continues its onward progress at a constantly accelerated speed, and never ceases in its efforts to secure the most prominent talent for contributions to its columns. Hence its success. This number has articles by Edward Everett, William Cullen Bryant, Henry Ward Beecher and a host of other celebrated writers.

[From the New York Express.]

MR. BUCHANAN WRITES FOR THE LEDGER.—Bonner, of the *Ledger*, has achieved another grand feat. Not content with enrolling among his contributors such illustrious names as those of Edward Everett, William Cullen Bryant, John G. Saxe, N. P. Willis, Geo. P. Morris, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Sigourney and George D. Prentice, now announces that he has secured the services of no less a personage than the President of the United States, Hon. James Buchanan. This distinguished contributor will help to write up the biographical department of the *Ledger* as soon as he is relieved from the cares of public office. The correspondence between him and Mr. Bonner is so characteristic and unique that we subjoin it for the edification of our readers:—

LEDGER OFFICE, New York, Sept. 3, 1860.

DEAR SIR—I am about commencing in the *Ledger* a series of sketches of eminent statesmen. I wish to begin with Lowndes, the distinguished South Carolinian. I have been informed that at the time you entered Congress, a young man, in December, 1821, you became very intimate with him. Will you be kind enough to communicate for the benefit of the readers of the *Ledger* your recollections of the man as you knew him at that time?

Very respectfully yours, ROBERT BONNER.

President BUCHANAN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR—I have received your favor of the 3d instant, and shall most cheerfully comply with your request and furnish you a sketch of the life of William Lowndes. He was one of the greatest, wisest and purest statesmen that have ever adorned our country, and yet his memory has been sadly neglected. The truth is that my public duties occupy my whole time at present. I had hoped I might enjoy some leisure after the adjournment of Congress; but in this I have been disappointed. If not before, I hope to furnish you the sketch soon after the 4th March. This from me will be a tribute not only to justice, but to gratitude. Yours, very respectfully,

ROBERT BONNER, Esq. JAMES BUCHANAN.

[From the Boston (Mass.) Courier.]

President Buchanan is hereafter to be numbered among the contributors to the New York *Ledger*. We shall expect next that Louis Napoleon has been engaged as the French correspondent of the same journal. This week's number of the *Ledger* contains contributions from President Buchanan, Edward Everett, Wm. C. Bryant, N. P. Willis, John G. Saxe, George P. Morris, Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, Fanny Fern and others.

[From the New Haven (Conn.) Palladium.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Robert Bonner, of the New York *Ledger*, is bound never to be behind the times in the matter of keeping his paper before the public. His last great feat is engaging James Buchanan as a contributor to his universally read paper. The President is under engagement to write a series of papers, commencing with a sketch of the life of William Lowndes, of South Carolina. The next number of the *Ledger* contains communications from President Buchanan, Edward Everett, Wm. Cullen Bryant, Henry Ward Beecher, N. P. Willis, George P. Morris, John G. Saxe, George D. Prentice, Thomas Dunn English, Emmerson Bennett, T. S. Arthur, Mrs. Sigourney, Fanny Fern, Alice Cary and others.

[From the Baltimore (Md.) Sun.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—An advance copy of this popular weekly journal, dated October 20, apprises us that the enterprising publisher is about to introduce a new feature in the paper, consisting of biographical records of the most eminent and distinguished men of the United States. The first of these papers will be from the cultivated pen of his Excellency James Buchanan, President of the United States, and the subject of the memoir Wm. Lowndes, the eminent statesman of South Carolina, with whom Mr. Buchanan, when a young man, formed a close intimacy upon entering Congress. Such publications will, of course, greatly increase the attractiveness and substantial value of the *Ledger*.

[From the Brooklyn (N. Y.) News.]

YE LEDGER.—The startling announcement will be found in our advertising columns that President Buchanan writes for the *Ledger*. We suppose the Prince of Wales will furnish English correspondence regularly on his return to his island kingdom. *Vive le* Bonner!

[From the Newark, (N. J.) Advertiser.]

ANOTHER FEAT BY BONNER.—This week's *Ledger* contains an announcement that President Buchanan has been secured as one of its contributors. Mr. Bonner having decided to establish a biographical department, applied to the President for a life of Wm. Lowndes, and Mr. Buchanan has responded that he would furnish the article—before the 4th of March if possible.

Hon. George Bancroft is soon to contribute a historical sketch of the battle of Lake Erie. The *Ledger* of this week has contributions from Edward Everett, Wm. Cullen Bryant, Henry Ward Beecher, N. P. Willis, George P. Morris, John G. Saxe, Geo. D. Prentice, Thomas Dunn English, Emerson Bennett, T. S. Arthur, Mrs. Sigourney, Fanny Fern, Alice Cary and others.

[From the Easton (Pa.) Times.]

Just as the present number of the *Times* had gone to press, we received an advertisement, which can be found in another column, from Mr. Bonner, announcing that "to the long list of scholars and statesmen already numbered among the contributors to the *Ledger*, the name of James Buchanan, the illustrious President of the United States, is now added." The President will furnish an original sketch of the life of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the intellectual giants of the last generation.

Hon. George Bancroft, the great historian of the United States, will also shortly furnish an original article for the *Ledger*, descriptive of the battle of Lake Erie. Mr. Bancroft is the third ex-Minister to England now numbered among the writers for the *Ledger*.

We cheerfully make the above announcements at this early hour, in advance of many of our contemporaries, even at a loss of considerable time, in order that the numerous readers of the *Times*, most, if not all of whom are, of course, readers of the *Ledger*, may not be behind hand in obtaining his or her copy of this favorite paper, next Monday, when the *Ledger*, containing President Buchanan's letter to Mr. Bonner, will be ready.

[From the Alexandria (Va.) Gazette.]

Referring to Mr. Buchanan's agreement to write for the *Ledger* the New York *Tribune* says:—"It shows not only an intelligent appreciation of the newspaper literature of the day, rare among old school politicians, but also manifests a real and lively interest in the instruction of the public. It is also most honorable to Mr. Buchanan that, in retiring from the highest station, he proposes to himself not a life of indolence but of labor that is at once appropriate, dignified and useful."

[From the Providence (R. I) Post.]

LITERARY ATTRACTION—"The Illustrious Bonner," adopting the language of Napoleon—"Nothing yet is done—much remains to do"—has added the name of Mr. Buchanan, the President, to his list of contributors. The table of contents for the number to be issued to-day is a most attractive one, embracing as it does the names of many of the leading male and female authors of the country.

[From the New London (Conn.) Chronicle.]

Bonner, of the New York *Ledger* is untiring in his efforts to furnish his readers with the productions of the largest number of the first literary writers of the country, and as if never to be satisfied is constantly adding to his already extended list of contributors. As will be seen by his advertisement in another column, James Buchanan, President of the United States, is to be a contributor.

[From the Alexandria (Va.) Sentinel.]

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF WILLIAM LOWNDES, BY PRESIDENT BUCHANAN.—We have received an advance copy of the New York *Ledger*, for October 20, from which it appears that tribute to the memory of one of the most distinguished of our departed statesmen, is about to be offered by the one most eminent among the living.

[From the Taunton (Mass.) Gazette.]

NEW YORK LEDGER.—Mr. Bonner has added the President of the United States to his list of contributors. Mr. Buchanan's letter promising to write for the *Ledger*, after the fourth of March next, a sketch of the life of William Lowndes, appears in that paper for the 20th of October, issued this day, as advertised in our columns, with contents from the pens of Everett, Bryant, Beecher, Willis, Morris, Saxe, Prentice, T. D. English, and others. We are very much obliged for the "advance copy."

[From the Utica (N. Y.) Telegraph.]

Bonner, the great, the indefatigable, every one thought went as far as Bonner or any other man could when he secured the services of Edward Everett for the *Ledger*; but he has fairly eclipsed himself by engaging James Buchanan as a regular contributor.

[From the Trenton, N. J., American.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—The copy before us displays a continued improvement in the mechanical department of this widespread journal, and it is not surpassed by any other published in this or any country for the variety of its contributions and the ability of its contributors. Besides the distinguished names already connected with the *Ledger*, we find that the venerable President of the United States will shortly honor its columns by furnishing a sketch of the life of Wm. Lowndes.

[From the Auburn (N. Y.) Advertiser.]

EVERY BODY WRITES FOR THE LEDGER.—President James Buchanan has consented to write for the *Ledger*, after the 4th of March next. He will contribute a series of biographical sketches, commencing with that of William Lowndes. They will prove exceedingly interesting and instructive.

[From the Cleveland (O.) Leader.]

Bonner is getting up a series of biographical sketches and President Buchanan is to write the first, of William Lowndes, of South Carolina. Now let Bonner secure the Prince of Wales and Garibaldi, and then rest on his laurels.

[From the Buffalo (N. Y.) Republic.]

James Buchanan, President of the United States, has given notice to the world that as soon as his official duties are at an end in Washington, he intends to devote a portion of his time in writing biographical sketches of distinguished American citizens for Bonner's paper. His letter, in answer to one from Mr. B., will appear in the *Ledger* of this date, Oct. 8. Bonner, having now enlisted the services of the President of the United States, will find it an easy matter to captivate the crowned heads of Europe, the Pope of Rome, Garibaldi, and all the distinguished men of the world into a desire to see their names in a journal of the most extended circulation on the face of the earth. The next great move of the king of the literary press will be to engage the Emperor of the French to write a biography of his uncle, to run through thirty or forty numbers of the *Ledger*.

[From the New York News.]

Whatever may be our opinion of Mr. Buchanan's political acts, we know that as a private gentleman and a profound thinker, he is entitled to the esteem of every one of his countrymen. And he will receive it. The opportunities he possessed for writing reminiscences of Lowndes were of no ordinary kind, and there is nothing more certain than that the distinguished biographist will acquit himself with credit.

[From the Easton (Pa.) Express.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Bonner, of the New York *Ledger*, announces that President Buchanan will shortly become a contributor to his paper. Mr. Buchanan is to furnish an original sketch of the life of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the intellectual giants of the last generation. The sketch will be furnished some time in the early part of 1861.

[From the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.]

BONNER—ENTERPRISE AND THE LEDGER.—Mr. Bonner announces that Mr. Buchanan is to commence a series of biographies with a sketch of the life of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina. However widely we may have differed from President Buchanan on many points of public policy, we cannot forbear to commend his course in this matter. It shows not only an intelligent appreciation of the newspaper literature of the day, but also manifests a real and lively interest in the instruction of the public.

[From the Alexandria (Va.) Sentinel.]

BIOGRAPHY OF MR. LOWNDES.—There is no statesman whose memory so justly demands preservation at the hands of the American people that has been so sadly neglected. The place he occupies in our thoughts and affections seem to be despite our indifference.

We are rejoiced to know that justice will be done this great and good man, at the hands of one who has a heart willing, and a pen able to put him in a proper light.

Mr. Buchanan will not confine himself to the life of Mr. Lowndes, but will, as soon as his engagements admit, favor us with other sketches of his able pen. He has selected the New York *Ledger*, with its large circulation, as the medium.

[From the Manchester (N. H.) American.]

Mr. Bonner has done more to stimulate the taste of the reading world, and more to elevate the character of the miscellaneous weekly press, than any other man in the country.

[From the Lockport (N. Y.) Advertiser.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—It will seen by reference to an advertisement which appears in today's paper, that the indefatigable Bonner has effected an arrangement with President Buchanan by which the latter is to contribute a series of articles to that most celebrated sheet. We shall expect soon to see Queen Victoria and most of the "crowned heads" of Europe advertised as "regular contributors" to the *Ledger*.

[From the Norfolk, Va., Day Book.]

THE LEDGER AND ITS CONTRIBUTORS.—Mr. Bonner, in his desire to make a shining mark upon the historical pages of the world, in which he has already succeeded to a greater extent than the publisher of any other literary publication extant, has conceived the idea of inserting in his *Ledger* the literary productions of most of our great men, in the shape of reminiscenpes from them about their contemporaries in the field of politics and statesmanship—thus forming a biographical department which cannot be equalled by any other means. James Buckanan, the present incumbent of the Presidential chair, is to lead off in this brilliant galaxy, by furnishing an original sketch of the life of Mr. Lowndes, of South Carolina, one of the intellectual giants of the last generation.

Think of the towering intellects of the great statesmen of our country, being brought to yield their quota of intellectual treasure to the literature of the age.

[From the Indianapolis (Ind.) Journal.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER STILL AHEAD.—The list of contributors, whose articles are actually printed in the *Ledger*, surpasses anything we ever saw on this continent in the way of combining the largest amount and the greatest variety of talent.

[From the Columbia (S. C.) Guardian.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—President Buchanan promises, at an early day, a sketch of the life of William Lowndes, of South Carolina. We shall look for this contribution with much interest. Mr. Bonner shows a highly commendable and praiseworthy zeal in continually adding to the value and variety of his journal.

[From the Memphis (Tenn.) Enquirer.]

We see that Mr. Bonner has secured from the President of the United States a promise to furnish for the *Ledger* a sketch of the life of William Lowndes, the distinguished South Carolinian, as the first of a series of biographies of eminent statesmen. Mr. Bonner is ever on the alert to add new features of interest to his extensively read journal.

[From the Cincinnati (O.) Gazette.]

Mr. Bonner caps the climax of his achievements by announcing the President of the United States as a contributor to the *Ledger*. Who else would ever have thought of engaging the chief magistrate of the nation as a contributor to a periodical? But to Bonner there is "no such word as fail," and it would not astonish us to see him introduce Queen Victoria or Louis Napoleon to his readers next.

[From the Lynchburg (Va.) Republican.]

The American people know too little of Lowndes, and we rejoice therefore that such an able hand and such an excellent medium are to be the means of doing him justice.

[From the Charleston, S. C., Courier.]

Bonner, the invincible, indefatigable and "in" everything else looking upward and onward, has made an engagement with the President for some personal sketches and reminiscences of early contemporaries.

This series will begin with our distinguished Carolinian, William Lowndes, a statesman who died too soon for the country, and one whose singular good fortune it is to receive the consenting tribute of all who knew him, not excepting Col. Thomas H. Benton, who exhibited little love or regard for other Carolinians.

We invite attention to an announcement of this new and meritorious feature in the *Ledger*.

[From the Lynchburg (Va.) Virginian.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—This journal is one of the most remarkable instances, perhaps the most remarkable, of newspaper success, on record. From a comparatively small beginning it has grown to a mammoth concern. It secures the best literary talent of the country, and pays enormous sums therefor. It will be remembered that Bonner gave Mr. Everett $10,000 for his fifty-two articles called "Mount Vernon Papers," the whole of which Mr. Everett contributed to the purchase of the home of the man whom, in his ardent and unbounded patriotism, he so nearly resembles. Bonner is about to add a new feature, the publication of a series of sketches of the most eminent statesmen of America, beginning with the lamented, and too early lost, Lowndes, of South Carolina, to be traced by James Buchanan, who was a personal friend of Lowndes.

[From the Toronto (Canada) Leader.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Its list of contributors comprises the ablest writers in the States, of all kinds, "from grave to gay, from lively to severe."

[From the New York World.]

"Occasional," speaking of Mr. Buchanan's appearance in the columns of the New York *Ledger*, says that the President has repeatedly intimated his determination to write a memoir of his own time, after he retires to private life. It is not his intention to print it during his lifetime. He is a man of singular order, and has preserved a vast mass of MSS., which, if he should put into shape for publication, would, no doubt, be a rare *bonne bouche* for the politician and the general reader.

[From the Reading (Pa.) Times.]

NEW YORK LEDGER.—We call the attention of our readers to the extraordinary announcement of Bonner, of the New York *Ledger*, in another column. They will there find that he has added the President of the United States to his list of contributors. Wonders never cease with Bonner and the *Ledger*, and the day is at hand when that paper will circulate half a million of copies.

[From the Troy (N. Y.) Budget.]

A long list of the most talented men of the age are contributing to this week's *Ledger*, which is a sufficient inducement for every man, woman and child that can read to purchase a copy of the *Ledger*, as it is a complete library within itself.

[From the Washington (D. C.) Intelligencer.]

AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY.—The New York *Ledger* apprises us that the enterprising publisher is about to introduce a new feature in the paper, consisting of biographical records of the most eminent and distinguished men of the United States. The first of these papers will be from the pen of President Buchanan, and the subject of the memoir William Lowndes, the eminent statesman of South Carolina, with whom Mr. Buchanan, when a young man, served in Congress. "Ion" writes to the *Sun*:—"The sketch of the life and character of Lowndes which President Buchanan has promised for the New York *Ledger*, will be only the first of a series of contributions which he proposes to offer to historical literature in his retirement, through the periodical press or other channels. It is known that he intends to devote his leisure, after the close of his official term, to the preparation of memoirs of the public men and events with which he has been connected during the last forty years."

[From the Nashville (Tenn.) Patriot.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—We are indebted to the proprietor of the *Ledger* for a copy of that paper for October 20, issued in advance. The circulation of the *Ledger* continues to increase, and Mr. Bonner does all that an enterprising, sagacious publisher can do to make it worthy of its great success. In no respect has he failed. As a literary journal of the highest excellence, the *Ledger* is without a rival.

[From the Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Bonner evidently has adopted the motto of the Empire State as his own. He stops at no halfway summit of excellence, and is continually adding attraction to attractions.

[From the St. Louis Bulletin.]

BONNER AND HIS MOTTO.—The motto of the famous and unapproachable Bonner, of the ubiquitous New York *Ledger*, and which he shares about evenly with the great Empire State, the field of his daring exploits, is the well known Latin "Excelsior!" But if any one, after reading his advertisement in another column, will inform us how it is possible for him to soar any "higher" in quest of literary talent, we will immortalize him as the Columbus of his discovery. Not content with putting under contribution the leading literary, political and scientific magnates of the land, he has now induced the President himself to enroll among the bright galaxy of his gifted contributors.

[From the Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot.]

The New York *Ledger* is about to commence a series of biographical sketches of eminent statesmen, and has selected William Lowndes, the distinguished South Carolinian and early friend of President Buchanan, to whom no biographer has ever yet done justice, as the subject of the first article. Thinking that the patriotism of the President would lead him "to serve the young men of the country by holding up before them an example worthy of their imitation," and knowing that his intimacy with Mr. Lowndes, and his thorough acquaintance with public affairs at the time, peculiarly fitted him for the task the publisher of the *Ledger* ventured to request him to write the sketch.

[From the Norfolk (Va.) Argus.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER—AN ILLUSTRIOUS CONTRIBUTOR.—President Buchanan is about to join the long array of its contributors. He proposes to open with a biographical sketch of William Lowndes, of South Carolina. This is not only enterprising in Mr. Bonner, but graceful and sensible in the venerable President. We have no doubt his contributions will have decided intrinsic interest.

[From the Wilmington (N. C.) Herald.]

THE NEW YORK LEDGER.—Robert Bonner, the editor and proprietor of the New York *Ledger*, is certainly a man of remarkable enterprise. His paper has become one of the "peculiar institutions," and is contributed to by the best talent of the country. Among the distinguished persons who write for the *Ledger* are Edward Everett, Bryant, Beecher, Willis, Morris, Prentice, Saxe, Mrs. Sigourney and many others; but even this array of talent did not satisfy the indefatigable Bonner. In order to give the greatest *éclat* to the *Ledger* he has induced President Buchanan to give an article from his pen in the shape of a biographical sketch of the celebrated William Lowndes, of South Car