# THE APPEAL.

TO A. E. H.

Written for the Memphis Appeal.]

"He tells me that I have a poetic imagination and that he is poor if I should die. What do you think?"

If wine bright visions o'er thee throng,
They dim thy thoughts in words of song.
And drowsy pleas and refrain thy soul,
Though wink and faint the numbers roll,
Yet fear not thou to sing.

If common life to thee keep tame,
Unto thy spirit's charming name,
And all the actual grows bright,
Hath fancy's soft ideal light,
Thou hast the power to sing.

If sneath living human face
Thy unseated eye-doth love to trace
Through nature's dark, lineaments, outward form,
God's image ever pure and warm,
Then art a poet, sing.

When sorrow bows thy burdened head,
And gloomy clouds thy path o'erspread,
If in thy grief, on radiant wing,
The Muse doth woo thee to her spring,
Fear not to rip and sing.

When life booms like a new made bride,
With hope and love and grateful pride,
And earth to thy illumined eye,
With Eden seem to shoon to vie,
If joy is tuneful, sing.

When morning blushes o'er the earth,
With rosy coltsfoot, bloom and mirth,
And birds go from each jewelled sp ay
Who thee to hail the new born day,
If music haunt thee, sing.

If when thy glances seek the sky,
Wherewpoint how its pure eye to dye,
Thy detained spirit clanz its chain,
Struggling to make its utterance plain,
Unbind the links and sing.

It may be that thy lyre's faint tone,
No magic master key may own—
Thy faltering steps may fail to reach,
In fame's proud temple shine a niche,
But yet fear not to sing.

As well the twittering wren might fear
With his soft strain the day to cheer,
Below the nightingale's rich note
More proudly sweet at eve doth float,
And thus refuse to sing.

As thou, because on stronger wing
Thy brothers scale fame's hight and sing,
Nature thy lesser shell to wake
Responsive to their harps, and take
Part in creation's hymn.

Fear not if the immortal power
Be thy soul's heaven—descended dower—
Some hearts in chest grief may aide,
Not some, if mute, e'en joy would break.
And sad or glad-mad sing.

If only to one human heart
Thy songs a thrill of joy impart,
Hath earnest now at rest on thrown,
Will swell the mighty choral tone
God tongue the world to sing.

But, if to thee no radiant shine
Light up the roughest hours main,
If life wear not a glorious light
Beyond what beams on earthly sight,
Be still, nor dare to sing.

If human faith and human love
In time no shared worship move,
If in bright matter's open eye,
No great eternal beauty lie,
Be sure thou dost not sing.

If thy calm pulse and even blood
Course not at times a love fired,
With soul-soaring rush of thought,
By noble deeds and lofty aim
Such cool blood cannot sing.

If e'er thy heart no gushing life
Of passion bright to music guide,
Thy forces are by nature's law,
Within the spirit's vision lie,
'Tis vain, thou canst not sing

Touch not with hand profane the lyre,
Unhallowed with the sacred fire—
Nor by may give that richs or art,
Nor cannot the bard's power impart
To other souls to sing.

MARY P——

THE NINE HUNDRED YEARS OLD BIBLE.—The parchment Bible now in possession of Dr. Cofield, of Detroit, which is nine hundred years old, is not the oldest in the United States, as was claimed. In alluding to it, the Boston Transcript says:

The Bible which is described above is one of great antiquity, and ought to be carefully preserved and highly prized as a venerable relic of an age when printing was unknown, and the industrious labors of monkish scribes alone spread copies of the sacred Scriptures to be multiplied.

This is not however, *the oldest book on the continent*. There is, in the library of Harvard college, a Greek manuscript of a portion of the Scriptures that is older, by one or two centuries, than Dr. Cofield's Bible. And in Private library in Cambridge there are several Hebrew manuscripts of the entire Bible, simply in every respect to that described. There also in the same library an evangelistarium, selections from the Gospels for the use of the Church—a folio volume of over three hundred pages, written on parchment in the eighth century, i. e. eleven hundred years ago, and ten hundred years before the invention of printing. This book is, of course, older by about two hundred years than the Detroit Bible, and we have no account of any other book in this country of equal antiquity. We find an account of this and other bibliographical rarities in Rev. Luther Farnham's interesting little work, "A Glance at Private Libraries."

We notice an error in the description of the material on which the Bible belonging to Rev Dr. Cofield is written. The skins of sheep, lambs and kids were never used for biblical manuscripts. The articles used for this purpose were vellum prepared from the skins of calves, and parchment from the skins of sheep.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD AND SILVER COINS.—The London *Court Journal* has the following:

A most extraordinary discovery, which, for obvious reasons, is sought to be kept a profound secret, has taken place in an old ruined house at Ickel. An immense chest full of gold and silver coins of English stamp has been found in one of the cellars, where it must have been carefully walled up. From the papers and documents contained likewise in the chest, it has become evident that the house once inhabited by Bolingbroke, who must have lain concealed here during the period wherein his whereabouts has always remained a mystery to biographers and historians. In one of his letters he mentions that "his retreat convenient to the Selos," and the house in question is found to possess a subterranean passage, leading down to the cellars, which passage is evidently the result of the subscription raised by the party of the Pretender, the want of which the latter was prevented in striking a decisive blow.

LAKE SUPERIOR SILVER.—The Detroit Tribune has several beautiful specimens of silver taken out of Lake Superior mines. One of the specimens is a large mass of showy silver, thickly dotted with silver. Another is a beautiful specimen, freed from the quartz, exhibiting the white pure ore. In shape it resembles some of the fan-like varieties of fossil-wood, and is now, before the manufacture-tool has touched it, perfect enough for the adornment of a vase or her articles of silver. It has a weight of about six ounces, and its purity as high as it could be.

☞ Everything must have altered very much of short time; only a few years since Gen. Jackson, being seated between two ladies, said he felt like a thorn surrounded with roses. S. M says, a few days ago, while riding in omnibus, and being seated between two ladies, he felt like a stave in a hogshead of moses, surrounded by hoops.

ANOTHER THIEVES INVENTION.—It is stated that some of the most experienced burglars carry blow-pipes with them, and when it necessary to pick a lock simply it as a name is to destroy the temper of the works, which are thus rendered easy to cut away with cold chisel.

EXTEMPORE SERMONS.—Several of the bishops of the established church in England are urging on their clergy the importance of pursuing extemporaneous preaching to reach the hearts of the people.


## REMOVAL.

P. ATOLAY would inform his friends and customers that he has taken the store recently occupied Moses Pope & Brothers,

**No. 235 Main Street,**

Pope's Court Square.

He has now in his heavy stock of staple and Fancy Dry Goods, he is making regular additions, in Goods of superior Kentucky Twills and Linseys.

Superior Brown Sheetings and Drills.

Superior Ala. Plaids and Tweed and Osnaburgs.

Also, a large lot of checked and plaid jeans for trade, with a very superior lot of Foop Skirts.

P. ATOLAY,

23 Main street, opposite Court Square.

## Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad.

On and after Friday, the 20th inst., the Freight Accommodation train will leave Memphis daily at 6.30 o'clock and reach Grand Junction at 10 A. M. On Sunday, the 23d inst., a passenger train will leave Memphis at 6 P. M. to return same date at 9 o'clock to attend the Camp Meeting to be held at Hernando. Returning, the train will leave the Camp Ground at 3 P. M.

W. W. NEWELL,
General Superintendent.

MEMPHIS, TENN., July 16, 1858.

The Stockholders of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of Texas:

A GENERAL meeting of stockholders will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 24th day of August next. Business of great importance will be brought before the meeting, demanding the attention of all interested. The enterprise promises all that has been claimed for it by its most enthusiastic and extravagant advocates; its past management has been marked by strong evidences of economy and good management, and its future management has been marked by strong evidences of economy and good management, in future be made to so at increased expenditures of the stockholders. The road, when completed, will be the most direct and cheapest route connected by rail way, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The prices throughout the country are well under those existing and the stockholders will realize from the enterprise and the stockholders will realize from the enterprise and the stockholders will realize from the enterprise