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Expressed as I am with the controlling influence  
which is exercised by the fine arts upon the direc-  
tion and destiny of human affairs, it has given me in-  
finite pleasure to witness the bountiful manner in  
which, from time to time, painting and statuary have  
been encouraged and rewarded by the Councils of the  
Republic.

It is, while this acknowledgment is due to the dis-  
tinguished and worthy patrons of these noble arts, it is  
equally a source of humiliation and sorrow to behold  
the apparent apathy and indifference with which they  
regard the incomparably more valuable creations  
of poetry.

When we see the walls of the Capitol with the  
glowing revelations of the pencil, and decorate the  
ground with the costly chef d'oeuvres of the  
sculptor, it is an omen of good which will be hailed and  
gloried in by all as a cheering pledge of the progress  
of civilization. But, whilst they lavish their thou-  
sands upon these immobile products of canvass and  
marble and bronze, they offer no reward for the more  
valuable, more enduring and renowned creations of  
the poet.

It is not, therefore, without a sense of deep regret  
that I have seen the history of our country, which, with all  
its grandeur of form and wonder of proportion, lies asleep  
in the humble vault of Mount Vernon, ready to  
inspire a noble and beautiful epic at the first kindling touch  
of a genial inspiration.

It is surely here a work of supererogation to introduce  
proofs that crowd the records of the past to show  
how far above all other stands the "divine art" of  
poetry. What are all the paintings, statues, and regalia  
of Versailles, of Fontainebleau, and the Tuileries,  
compared with the "Marseilles Hymn"? What the  
glorious panoply of gold and gems heaped up in the  
Tower of London; what the collections of the Royal  
Academy, or even the time-hallowed shrines of West-  
minster Abbey, when compared with the songs of  
Dante and Milton, and Campbell? Or what has the  
"Hail Columbia" and the "Star-Spangled Banner"? Well  
might the British statesman exclaim, "let me but  
write the ballads of a nation, and I care not who  
writes the laws."

As far as the living, breathing man is above the cold  
marble that is made to represent him; as  
far as the radiant skies of summer are above the per-  
ishable canvass to which the painter has transferred  
their feeble resemblance, so far is poetry above all  
other arts that have their mission to console and ele-  
vate and inspire the immortal mind of man.

In view of these facts, and considering the lament-  
able paucity of patriotic songs in my distinguished  
and beloved country, and with the hope of being the  
humble means of a proper public feeling upon this in-  
teresting subject, I have been induced to offer, and  
to hereby offer, the sum of five hundred dollars as a  
premium for the best National Poem, Ode, or Epic.

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sum are as follows:  
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following persons to act as judges or arbiters of the  
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Hon. John P. Kennedy, Secretary of the Navy.  
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tution on the second Monday of December next, at such  
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and examine the various poems which may have  
been received, and to determine which of them is  
most meritorious and deserving of the prize. And I  
hereby bind myself to pay the sum aforementioned  
forthwith, to whoever they shall present to me as the  
best National Poem, Ode, or Epic, and upon the representa-  
tion that he or she is an American citizen.

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the copyright to me and my heirs and assigns for-  
ever.

I hereby bind and obligate myself to sell the  
poems thus sent to me as soon as practicable, for the  
highest price, and to give the proceeds to the poor of  
the city of Washington.

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Tincture, I wish to inform you that I was taken sick  
on the 3d day of January last, with an affection of  
the stomach, bowels, and kidneys. I was attended  
by four eminent physicians for more than two  
months—all to little or no effect. I had some know-  
ledge of the great virtue in Hampton's Tincture from  
one bottle which my wife had taken two years  
since.

I came to the conclusion that I would take no  
more medicine from my physicians, but try the  
Tincture; and I am happy to inform you I had not  
taken it two days before I felt its powerful in-  
fluence upon my stomach. I have continued using  
the Tincture, and am now able to leave my room,  
and can eat any common diet without much incon-  
venience or pressure on my stomach.

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to learn of the great virtue there is in this Tincture  
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one especially from a young lady who has been con-  
fined to her room twelve months, with a disease of  
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another letter from the above!  
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day finds me in the enjoyment of good health, by  
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of God. I am enabled to pursue my daily voca-  
tions as usual, and I have a great desire that the  
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tember I was attacked with erysipelas, from which a  
dreadful ulcer formed on my right leg. Getting bet-  
ter of this, last November I took a deep cold, which  
led to what my physician told me was bilious  
pleurisy, which left me with a constant, deeply-seated,  
and painful cough, having no rest day or night,  
and constantly throwing up from my lungs a thick  
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every day, and keeping my bed the greater part of the  
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Vake, lady, vake! the moon are high,  
The twinklin' stars is beamin';  
While now and then across the sky,  
A me-te-or are streamin'!

Vake, lovely von! the sky are clear,  
Refreshin' is the breezes,  
It blows my nose vile I sets here  
A fiddlin' 'neath the trees!

Vake, Sally, dear, the bull-frog's note  
Are heard in yonder rushes,  
And the warbling treetoad swells his throat,  
Singin' in them are bushes.

Vake, Venus, mine! the vippervill  
Sings on that rail fence yonder,  
While the owl pipes forth his hootin' shrill,  
(Vhy don't she vake, I wonder!)

Softly on the grassy lea,  
The moon her beams are pourin',  
The stars look down and wink at me,  
(By gum! if Sal ain't snorin'!)

Vake, Sally, vake! and look on me,  
Arake! Squire Nobbin's daughter;  
If I'll have you, and you'll have me—  
(By George, who threw that water!)

Oh! cruel Sally, thus to slight—  
(Here comes the bull-dog now!)  
"Bow-ow! bow-ow!" he's got a bite!  
Gee-e-e-out! "Bow-ow! bow-ow!"

#### FILIAL AFFECTION.

A French officer going to rejoin his regi-  
ment, took the opportunity, while on the  
road, to enlist some recruits with whom he  
wanted to complete his company, and had  
got several in a city where he had halted.

Two days before he determined to march  
from the city, a young man of very grace-  
ful figure and pleasing aspect presented  
himself. An air of politeness and candor  
prepossessed every beholder in his favor,  
and the officer at the first interview wished  
to engage him, while with the utmost pre-  
cipation he offered to enlist. The officer  
perceived his embarrassment, and tried to  
remove it.

"Ah, sir," said the young man, "do not,  
I entreat you, attribute my disorder to any  
base or shameful motive; but perhaps you  
do not choose to engage me, and in that  
case dreadful indeed will be my misfor-  
tune."

Some tears escaped as he uttered these  
last words, and the humane officer, eager  
to relieve him, demanded to know his con-  
dition.

"They will, perhaps, disgust you, sir,  
and I cannot propose them without trem-  
bling. I am young. You see my size. I  
have strength and every disposition to serve  
but the unfortunate circumstances I am in  
compel me to set a price upon myself, which  
I am confident you will think is too exorbi-  
tant, though I can offer no abatement. Be-  
lieve me, that without the most pressing  
reasons I would never sell my services. I  
cannot follow you for less than five hundred  
livres, and you will break my heart if you  
refuse me."

"Five hundred!" replied the officer. The  
sum is considerable I confess; but I feel  
myself prepossessed in your favor. You  
seem well disposed. Therefore I will not  
dispute the bargain with you. Here is the  
cash. Sign, and hold yourself in readiness  
the day after to-morrow."

The young man seemed overjoyed at thus  
obtaining his desire, and with great alacrity  
signed the engagement.

After receiving his five hundred livres, he  
requested his captain's permission for a  
short absence to fulfil a sacred duty, and  
promised a speedy return. It was granted.  
But the officer, curious to find out the in-  
tention of his new soldier, followed him,  
who, on his part, rather flew than ran to  
the prison, knocked eagerly at the door,  
which was no sooner opened, than he darted  
in, saying hastily to the jailor:

"I have here the sum for which my fa-  
ther was arrested. Take care of it, but  
conduct me to him."

The officer stopped a moment to give him  
time to go alone to his father, and then fol-  
lowed. But how affecting was the scene  
that presented itself. The young man  
closely embraced his aged father, who, upon  
hearing the sacrifice he had made, felt his  
emotion too powerful to express—but his  
silent, though eloquent language of tears  
evinced his gratitude to the Almighty for  
giving him so inestimable a son, while pa-  
ternal tenderness mourned the sad extre-  
mity to which he was driven.

The officer no longer able to conceal his  
feelings now came forward and said—  
"Take comfort, my good old man. I  
will not take your son from you; but on  
the contrary, will share with him in the  
meritorious action he has performed. I  
can never regret a sum he had made so

noble a use of, and here is his engagement  
which I return to him."

The father and his son fell at their bene-  
factor's feet, expressing the most lively  
gratitude for his generosity; but the son  
respectfully declined the offer of liberty,  
and entreated the captain to accept of his  
services, which with some difficulty he ob-  
tained, representing that his father then  
had no employment for him. He joined the  
regiment and fulfilled the term of his en-  
gagement. He had always while in the  
army, saved a small sum out of his pay,  
which he regularly remitted to his father—  
and upon receiving his discharge returned  
to provide, by his daily labor, for their  
mutual support.

#### A SKETCH.

A mother was kneeling in the deep hush  
of evening, at the couch of two infants,  
whose rosy arms were entwined in a mutual  
embrace. A slumber, soft and still as the  
moonlight that fell through the lattice over  
them, like a silvery veil, lay on their  
delicate lips—the soft bright curls that  
clustered on their pillow were slightly  
stirred by their gentle and healthy breath,  
and that smile which beams from the fresh  
glad spirit yet rested on their lips. The  
mother looked upon their exceeding beauty  
with a momentary pride; and then, as she  
continued to gaze on the lovely sleepers,  
her dark eye deepened with an intense and  
unutterable fondness, and a cold shuddering  
fear crept over her, lest those buds of life,  
so fair, so glowing, might be touched with  
sudden decay, and gathered back in their  
brightness to the dust. And she lifted her  
voice in prayer, solemnly, passionately,  
earnestly, that the Giver of Life would still  
spare to her those blossoms of love, over  
whom her soul thus yearned. And as the  
low breathed accents rose on the still air,  
a deepened thought came over her, and her  
spirit went out with her loved and pure  
ones into the strange wild paths of life, and  
a strong horror chilled her frame as she  
beheld mildew and blight settling on the  
fair and lowly of the earth, and high and  
rich hearts scathed with desolating and  
guilty passions. And the prayer she was  
breathing grew yet more fervent, even to  
agony, that He, who was the fountain of  
all purity, would preserve these whom He  
had given her in their perfect innocence,  
permitting neither shame, nor crime, nor  
folly, to cast a stain on the brightness with  
which she had received them invested from  
His hand, as with a mantle.

As the prayer died away in the weakness  
of the spent spirit, a pale shadowy form  
stood beside the infant sleepers. "I am  
Death," it said, "and I come for thy babes;  
I am commissioned to bear them where the  
perils you so greatly fear are unknown;  
where neither stain, nor dust, nor shadow,  
can reach the rejoicing spirit. It is only  
by yielding them to me you can preserve  
them forever from the contamination and  
decay of this world." A wild conflict—a  
struggle as of the soul panting in strong  
agony—shook the mother's frame; but  
faith, and the love which hath a purer fount  
than that of earthward passions, triumphed,  
and she yielded up her babes to the dread  
spectre.

"Behold!" said Death, as he touched the  
fair forms with his cold hand, and the  
beauty of life gave place to a holier and  
deeper loveliness; "behold, the smile of  
innocence is now forever sealed; they will  
waken where there is neither blight nor  
tempest." And the benign power, whom  
we call the spoiler, took away the now  
perfected blossoms of immortality to the  
far off sky.

FIDELITY.—Never forsake a friend when  
enemies gather thick around him—when the  
world is dark and cheerless; this is the  
time to try thy friendship. They who turn  
from the scene of distress or offer reasons  
why they should be excused from extending  
their sympathy and aid betray their hypo-  
cracy, and prove that selfish motives only  
prompt and move them. If you have a  
friend who loves you—defended you when  
persecuted and troubled, be sure to sustain  
him in adversity. Let him feel that his  
kindness is appreciated and that his friend-  
ship was not bestowed upon you in vain.

An "excited" young gentleman, to  
show his agility, jumped from the express  
train going at the rate of forty miles an  
hour, on the Fitchburg road, a day or two  
since, and the last seen of him he was doing  
"flip-flaps" at seventeen hundred revolutions  
a minute, while the air was chock full of  
dickey strings, gaiter boots, hair, and torn  
linen.