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Southern Emigration.

The Milwaukee (Wis.) *Sentinel*, always able and racy, has the following on Southern emigration. We must ask it to make an exception in favor of Northern Virginia and many other districts of greater or less extent in the South. We want men from the West especially. Those who leave Wisconsin to go farther West might find here as favorable locations in all respects as there. By organizing co-operative colonies the whole problem of schools, roads, churches, and society, is solved. We have always opposed isolated emigration southward. It is sure to be a disappointment in most cases.

But read the plan we propose and recommend to those seeking new homes in the South or West. It will set the civilization of the newer portions of our country ahead a quarter of a century if generally adopted. Send us your invalids, and we will cure them. Send your sturdy young men in masses, and we will give them a field of labor worthy of their best efforts and full of promise. Good friend Thompson, give us a lift. Help us fill up this noble State—old in fame, but young, fresh and unimpaired in resources. For all you give us now we will render back bye-and-bye a hundred fold.

SOUTHERN EMIGRATION.

From Europe to the United States there is a perpetual tide of emigration. A vast wealth of laboring hands is given to us every year. From certain sections, as from Ireland, the emigration seems like an exodus of an entire people. This tide of new life from the old world flows into the Northern states. Few emigrant ships land south of the Potomac. The main flood is poured into New York. Thence it flows westward, along the parallels of latitude. Very little of it is diverted to the South. And the migration from the older sections of the country rarely follows the lines of longitude. The South cries out for emigrants, but the emigrants refuse to go. It calls for Northern settlers, but Northern men and women prefer their own inclement skies to the land where "the orange and the citron bloom." It is not worth while to seek any recondite cause for all this. The laboring classes, who compose the bulk of emigrants, have common sense and a sharp intelligence of their own wants. The slavocracy of the South did more in the course of three or four generations to degrade labor than any set of men, holding the control of society, have done elsewhere on the globe in a thousand years. Black human cattle (so treated by themselves,) did their work. Any poor white man among them would sooner drink chain-lightning whisky, fish, hunt, borrow, beg, steal, vote the Democratic ticket for a crumb of favor, than to labor. What industrious Irishman or German would go to live among such a people? It is true that the Southern system of oppressing and degrading labor has been broken by the war, but the ruins of the old edifice are still, and long will be, in the way. The laboring man seeks free schools for his children. He can find them in the Northwest. At the South, schools are mobbed and the schoolmaster hanged by the Ku-klux. The laborer feels that he is a man "for a' that and a' that," and naturally wishes to be respected. In the North, the farmer and his son and his wife and his daughter are as good as any body. In the South they are mud-sills. There are other things more precious than soil and climate. The South will find for many a year to come that slavery has cursed the sunny land, and labor that enriches the land will continue to flow elsewhere. The emancipated blacks may be turned to good account, with justice and kindness,—not with hemp and powder.

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THE Tammany wing of the Democracy extract semi-consolation from the defeat of English for Governor of Connecticut, as it effectually disposes of him as regards the next Presidential nomination of their party. English would have made a formidable competitor of Hoffman. He is popular in his own State, which now exerts considerable political influence, and in all New England. He has never been involved in any of the disreputable legislation of Erie, like the New York favorite, and would have been very acceptable to the honesty of his party.

The *Standard and Sentinel* says that Alexandria congregations are disturbed by bad boys and crying babies. We are without the babies, but, oh, lordy! the bad boys and men!

The Army of the Potomac.

How responsive the country's heart to that sublime thought of General Fairchild, at the Boston Reunion: "To me the solemn grandeur of that time of sorrow, and sacrifice, and high resolve seems more like another age and another life than like a dream." But to that noble army, carried over a sea of dread defeats up to the summits of an ever-brightening success, the words speak with all the intensity of eloquence and feeling. No, it is not a dream. A dream is a thing of sleep, and sleep is a thing of repose, not of intensest life and action. And its picture galleries of life and thought are but faint outlines, dim and shadowy reflections, at best, of a life that has gone before.

But it was the glory of those men to have divested life from sleep and made it a continuous labor, and all that labor a sacrifice. That army's existence stretches, indeed, along a line of only four years, but their triumphal arch spans in point of great and enduring achievement the pathway of centuries. To such a life of "sacrifice and high resolve" its participators will always turn in thought, and its vividness will sometimes pass it again, almost, before the natural eye. To some, yes, to thousands of that band, sleep and its quiet came, but it was the sleep of a soldier's death, whose dreaming is not of earth. It is by such memories that a loyal people strike those finer chords of sympathy, gratitude, and patriotism. Little by little the sorrows of those long years die out in the fuller meaning of their joys. The storm is passed, and we best see the silver of its cloud.

The Oldest Scripture.

Mr. J. P. Lesley, well known as an accomplished Philologist and Egyptologist, contributes to the May number of *Old and New*, a very interesting account of a papyrus supposed to be the oldest Scripture extant. For the history of its discovery we refer our readers to the magazine itself. We give Mr. Lesley's translation:

CHAPTER I.

1. Health be to him that honoreth me! Honor be to him that goeth with me willingly!
2. Open lies the casket of my speech: uncovered the place of my word-building.
3. Furnished with swords to attack the negligent, who is never found present at his post.
4. When thou sittest in the company of men, scorn thou thy favorite viands, for a short moment renounce them with thy heart.
5. For gluttony is a vice, and scandal lies hidden therein. A cup of water slakes one's thirst; a mouthful of Schuu strengthens the heart.
6. Virtue is the end of good things, and what is of no account determines greatness.
7. Miserable is he who is servant to his belly, or who spends his time in senselessness. Fatness lords it over the house of such.
8. When thou sittest with a banqueter, who eats until his girdle bursts:
9. When thou drinkest with a wine-bibber, who receives thee, his heart rejoicing itself with drink more than a butcher with flesh:
10. Take thou what he handeth thee: reject it not.
11. Nevertheless, it is disgusting, when one, who cannot possibly make himself intelligible in any word, torments himself in vain to win for himself a favorable heart.
12. He is a shame to his mother and to his friends.
13. When he knocketh as a suitor at the door, every one crieth out, Make haste! depart!

CHAPTER II.

1. The word out of thy mouth, it instructeth thee.
2. Let not thy heart lift itself above the ground on account of strength.
3. Be not a stiff-necked mind.
4. Teach thy posterity in that thou regulatest thyself.
5. Not to be comprehended is the world; God who made it has forbidden it.
6. What a man has to do is to teach his children wisdom, after he has finished the lot of man.
7. Their duty stands in going up the ladder which he has set for them.
8. It happens that all this stands written in the Book of Proverbs; therefore, follow it, as I tell it, after the example of the more useful.
9. These committed it to memory. These had to read it as it was in the Scripture.
10. Its excellence was in their sight greater than all things which are in the whole land, whether they be great or small.
11. So soon as his majesty Huni, King of Upper and Lower Egypt, had reached the [heavenly] shore,
12. Then arose his majesty Snefru, King of Upper and Lower Egypt, as benevolent king of the whole land.
13. Lo! then became Kadjimna governor of the city and its environs. This is the end.

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