

POETRY.

The following lines were written by the late MARGARET MILLER DAVIDSON, when she was only twelve years:

Invocation to Spring.

Bend down from thy chariot, oh! beautiful Spring; Unfold like a standard, thy radiant wing, And beauty and joy in thy rosy path bring!

MISCELLANEOUS.

Important Jury Trial.

We select the following excellent remarks from the introductory chapter of Judge Jay's new work, entitled, 'A View of the Action of the Federal Government in behalf of Slavery.'

Reader, you are empaneled as a juror to try a plain case and bring in an honest verdict. The question at issue is not one of law, but of fact—'what is the actual condition of the slaves in the United States?'

Two millions seven hundred thousand persons in these States are in this condition. They were made slaves and are held such by force, and by being put in fear, and this for no crime!

utation,—and yet they, who plunder them of all these, would fain make us believe that their soft hearts ooze out so lovingly toward their slaves, that they always keep them well housed and well clad, never push them too hard in the field, never make their dear backs smart, nor let their dear stomachs get empty.

But there is no end to these ridiculous and contemptible absurdities. Are slaveholders dunces, or do they take all the rest of the world to be, that they think to bandage their eyes with such thin gauzes as these? Protesting their kind regard for those whom they hourly plunder of all they have and all they get!

It is no marvel that slaveholders are always talking of their kind treatment of their slaves.—The only marvel is, that men of sense can be gulled by such professions. Despoits always insist that they are merciful. The greatest tyrants that ever dripped with blood have assumed the titles of 'most gracious,' 'most clement,' 'most merciful,' &c., and have ordered their crouching vassals to accost them thus.

Slaveholders, the world over, have sung the praises of their tender mercies towards their slaves. Even the wretches that plied the African slave trade, tried to rebut Clarkson's proofs of their cruelties, by speeches, affidavits, and published pamphlets, setting forth the accommodations of the 'middle passage,' and their kind attentions to the comfort of those whom they had stolen from their homes, and kept stowed away under the hatches, during a voyage of four thousand miles.

Major General Scott.

In a recent number of the Emancipator, Mr. Birney thus speaks of this veteran soldier. In my last, you will remember, I told you, that in coming to Boston I fell in with General Scott, who was on his way to Maine,—that he had given me a pleasant history of the emancipation of a large number of slaves in Virginia,—and that I made something like a promise to tell it you.

time hereafter, be called to act in relation to it, I should rely with strong confidence on his giving to the subject the impartial consideration its importance demands, and on his arriving at the wise conclusions, to which, with such a temper, the spirit of truth would conduct him.

When the General was a lad, there was yet living—almost a centenarian—an Indian woman, called Hannah, reputed a slave. Hannah had been unusually prolific in early life, and her descendants—all held as slaves—were now numbered by the hundred. More than thirty of them were held by Mr. Scott, the General's brother.

A suit was instituted by the slaves concerned, for their freedom, and the necessary counsel employed. The chief out-door management—such as finding the known witnesses—searching out others—serving the subpoenas, &c. &c., devolved on FRANK, an active, intelligent and faithful servant of the number held by Mr. Scott.

Most of the witnesses—as might well be supposed—being very old, and scattered about the country, it was a matter of no small difficulty to secure the attendance of all of them at any one term of the court. Owing to their non-attendance, the cause was continued several terms. A short time before the court was to be held, Frank would go to his master, and a conversation of this kind would take place:

"Master, I come to ask leave to go and serve my subpoena." "Certainly, Frank, you can go, if you think it's time. With so much at stake for yourself and others, Frank, you ought to be diligent to secure the attendance of your witnesses."

"I may stand in need of a little money, sir, to pay ferriages and other expenses occasionally." "True, Frank, you may; and here are five dollars for you. But how are you going?" "Afoot, sir."

Mr. Scott accordingly made an estimate of what he ought to pay them, ranging from one dollar to six dollars a month. These emancipated slaves remained with him from that time to his death, which took place a short time since, except when seeing one, who, by his industry and enterprise, he thought could do better for himself—such an one he would advise to seek other employment.

Whitefield, a Hundred Years ago. A friend has furnished us the following extracts from a journal of the celebrated Rev. George Whitefield, which appears to have been written in 1739.—Pastor's Journal.

Saturday, Feb. 17. Went to the collieries at Kingwood. My bowels yearned toward the poor colliers, who, as far as I can find, are very numerous, and yet as sheep having no shepherd.

Cheapston, April 7. O how swiftly has this week passed off! to me it has been but as one day. How do I pity those polite ones who complain that time hangs heavy on their hands!

August 15. On board ship, bound for Philadelphia. Began to put those of my family whom I thought prepared for it in bands [i. e. classes, for instruction.] The conversion of one of the men is remarkable. Not long since, he was master of a ship, which was lost near the gulf of Florida.

Oct. 3. Landed at Lewiston, situated in the southern part of Pennsylvania. In view of attentions received from the inhabitants, he writes, God is the great householder of the whole world; all places and persons are so many little parts of his great family.

Neshaminy, Nov. 22. Found above 3000 people gathered together in the meeting-house and yard, and Mr. William Tennant preaching to them. When I came up, he soon stopped, and sung a psalm; and then I began to speak, as the Lord gave me utterance.

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Remember that the duties of a mother are untransferable; therefore, except in cases of unavoidable necessity, never suffer the devotional exercises of your children to be superintended by another.

Let all the members of your family be regularly washed and combed before breakfast; never permit them to treat you with so much disrespect as to appear at your table in a slovenly condition.

Never overload the plates or stomachs of your children; give them sufficient and suitable food. Recollect "milk is for babes," and "strong meat for men."

Watch against the practice of leaving portions of food on the plates or throwing them about, which begets a habit of wastefulness highly pernicious.

Be yourself the judge, both of the quality and quantity of food your children should eat. There are many things which may appear, to the eye of a child, "pleasant and good for food," which nevertheless contain the seed of disease and death.

Let neatness and order regulate all your own movements, and then you can insist, with propriety, that your children have a proper place for every thing, and that every thing be kept in its place.

Read to your children as often as practicable, familiar stories, and explain and illustrate what you read. This plan will both amuse and improve them.

Encourage the natural curiosity of your children. This will, at a very early age, develop the peculiar traits of their character.

Always take care to blend instruction with amusement—no amusement without instruction. Be methodical in all your domestic arrangements. This adds most essentially to the comforts of a family.

Let the hours devoted in family devotion be held sacred: suffer no visitor or company to put them aside.

Never allow your authority, as a parent, to be disputed; be firm, dignified, mild and composed.

Be careful to decide justly between your children, when disputes and difficulties occur. Remember the many colored coat of Joseph.

Never compel your children to commit portions of Scripture to memory as a punishment. This unreasoning practice has ruined many a youth. Always impress the minds of your children with this truth that allowing them to learn is a favor.

Never treat as a matter of indifference a disposition to practice cunning or equivocation, which is the first development of a disposition that, if uncontrolled, will form a most degraded character. Never threaten without punishing; never promise without performing.

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