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Mr. Buchanan's Book.

Ex-President Buchanan's history of his Administration, embodying his views of the causes of the late war, and the responsibility thereof, has just appeared, from the press of Appleton & Co., New York.

The following historical narrative of the events preceding the late rebellion, was prepared soon after its outbreak, substantially in the present form. It may be asked, why, then, was it not published at an earlier period? The answer is, that the publication was delayed to avoid the possible imputation, unjust as this would have been, that any portion of it was intended to embarrass Mr. Lincoln's administration in the vigorous prosecution of pending hostilities.

"It may be observed that no extensive and formidable rebellion of an intelligent people against an established Government, has ever arisen without a long train of previous and subsidiary causes. A principal object of the author, therefore, is to present to the readers a historical sketch of the antecedents ending in the late rebellion. In performing this task, the eye naturally fixes itself, as the starting point, upon the existence of domestic slavery in the South, recognized and protected as this was by the Constitution of the United States.

the long, active and persistent hostility of the Northern Abolitionists, both in and out of Congress, against Southern slavery, until the final triumph of their cause in the election of President Lincoln; and, on the other hand, the corresponding antagonism and violence with which the advocate of slavery resisted these efforts, and vindicated its preservation and extension up to the period of secession. So excited were the parties, that had they intended to furnish material to inflame the passions of the one against the other, they could not have more effectually succeeded than they did by their mutual criminations and recriminations.

"The authorities cited in the work will show that Mr. Buchanan never failed, upon all suitable occasions, to warn his countrymen of the approaching danger, and to advise them of the proper means to avert it. Both before and after he became President, he was an earnest advocate of compromise between the parties to save the Union, but Congress disregarded his recommendations. Even after he had, in his messages, exposed the dangerous condition of public affairs, and when it had become morally certain that all his efforts to avoid the civil war would be frustrated by agencies far beyond his control, they persistently refused to pass any measures enabling him or his successors to execute the laws against armed resistance, or to defend the country against approaching rebellion.

"The book concludes by a notice of the successful domestic and foreign policy of the Administration. In the portion of it concerning our relations with the Mexican Republic, a history of the origin and nature of the Monroe doctrine is appropriately included.

"It has been the author's intention, in the following pages, to verify every statement of fact by a documentary or other authentic reference, and thus save the reader, as far as may be possible, from reliance on individual memory. From the use of private correspondence he has resolutely abstained.

"WHEATLAND, September, 1865. The following heads of subjects treated of in the book, will give some further idea of its contents and character:

CHAPTER I.—"The rise and progress of anti-slavery agitation; The higher law; Anti-slavery societies; Their formation and proceedings; Their effect destructive of State emancipation; The case in Virginia; Employment of the post-offices to circulate incendiary publications and pictures among the slaves; Message of General Jackson to prohibit this by law; His recommendation defeated; The pulpit, the press, and other agencies; Abolition petitions; The rise of an extreme Southern pro-slavery party; The fugitive slave law of 1793, and the case of Prigg vs. Pennsylvania, and its pernicious effects; The South threatens secession; The course of Mr. Buchanan as Senator; The Wilnot proviso and its consequences; The Union in serious danger at the meeting of Congress in December, 1849."

CHAPTER II.—"Decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case; Repudiated by the Republican party and the Douglas Democracy; Sustained by the old Democracy; The Kansas and Nebraska Act; The policy and practice of Congress towards the Territories; Abuse of President Buchanan for not adhering to the Cincinnati platform without foundation."

CHAPTER VIII.—"Congress passes no measures to enable the President to execute the laws or defend the Government; they decline to revive the authority of the Federal Judiciary in South Carolina, suspended by the resignation of all the judicial officers; they refuse authority to call forth the militia or accept volunteers, to suppress insurrection against the United States, and it was never proposed to grant an appropriation for this purpose; the Senate declines throughout the entire session to act upon the nomination of a Collector of the Port of Charleston; Congress refuses to grant the President the authority long since expired, which had been granted to General Jackson for the collection of the revenue; the thirty-sixth Congress expires, leaving the law just as they found it; general observations."

Meeting of Distinguished Masons.

The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree of Masonry, Ancient and Accepted Rite, assembled in the city of Charleston during the last week. Ill. Bro. Gen. Albert Pike, of Arkansas, presided as Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Brother A. T. C. Pierson, of Minnesota, as Lieutenant-Grand Commander, and Ill. Bro. Hon. A. G. Mackey, of South Carolina, as Secretary-General, with a considerable number of distinguished Masons from every part of the United States. Among them were Illustrious Brothers Col. Wm. S. Rockwell, of Georgia, H. Shaw, of California, Henry Buist, H. W. Schroder, and B. Rush Campbell, of South Carolina, Col. Tal. P. Shaffner, of Kentucky, Charles T. McClenaghan, of New York, and Lucius R. Paige, of Massachusetts.

This high body of distinguished Masons did much work, their meetings having been suspended during the war. Among other things of interest to the craft we may notice that they appointed Ill. Bro. Col. Tal. P. Shaffner Special Deputy for Europe, and elected the following persons honorary members of their Council:

- His Majesty Charles XV, King of Sweden and Norway.
His Royal Highness Oscar, Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway.
His Majesty Christian IX, King of Denmark.
His Royal Highness Constantine Nicolavich, Grand Duke of Russia.
Illustrious Brother Henry Buist was elected Treasurer-General, in place of Achille Le Prince, deceased.
The Supreme Council adjourned late Saturday night, after being in session several days, to continue their session on the third Monday of March next, 1866, at the City of Washington, D. C.

The profane world, as Masons call them, are perhaps not aware that this is the Mother Council of all Supreme Councils of the world. It comprises among its members some of the most distinguished men of this country and Europe.

Gen. Pike occupies the position of the Supreme Grand Commander of the Council, and upon its convocation delivered a most erudite and eloquent address reviewing the condition of the Masonic Order throughout the United States and in Europe.

We make the following extract from the opening of the address: Illustrious Brethren and Sovereign Grand Commanders:

At the close of the great harvest of that pitiless reaper, Death, and while having passed through mere weariness he rests, we assemble, from States widely distant from each other and not long since mad with all the direful passions of civil war, to kneel together once more around the altar of Scottish Masonry, to lament the dead and to labor for the benefits of society, our country and humanity.

During four terrible years our temples have been for the most part deserted, the ashes of the fires upon our altars have been cold, and the brethren have met each other as enemies or ceased to commune with each other. Isolated in most of our States from the outer world, we have had no correspondence with foreign bodies. No attempt has been made to enlarge the borders of the Ancient

Accepted Scottish Rite. Our subordinate bodies ceased to meet. The Veil of the Temple has indeed been rent in twain, our working tools were broken, and our columns lay overthrown and prostrate.

In war, when hell legislates for humanity and all the horrible influences that can debase and demoralize men are busily at work. Masonry can do little even to soften horrors and temper the hatreds of a strife that she was powerless to avert. In some quarters, indeed, her laws were sought to be trampled under foot and Masonic privileges to be denied to those whom their brethren thought it Masonic duty to brand as rebels. They forgot that when States were arrayed against States in an open war of gigantic proportions, Masonic charity required them to believe that their brethren who fought for political independence, however much they might be in error, were sincerely and honestly obeying their convictions of duty without any of the moral guilt of treason; and they forget that, in holding them to have forfeited their rights as Masons, they, themselves, were led by their passions to violate the Masonic obligations. But they were not permitted to make Masonry, and least of all Scottish Masonry, a party to the civil war waged between States. They compromised themselves alone, and the fire and smoke of the battle scorched not her garments. They earned the condemnation and contempt of the world of Masonry; but Masonry itself so acted as to be entitled to honor and admiration.

With peace the opportunity for useful labor returns to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. We shall soon be prepared to extend it throughout our jurisdiction; and I trust that before three more years elapse it will number its initiates by thousands, and its lodges and higher bodies be found in every State.

During their stay Ill. Bros. Gen. Albert Pike, Col. Tal. P. Shaffner and A. T. C. Pierson have been the guests of Ill. Bro. A. G. Mackey. The two latter left with Bro. Mackey yesterday morning, to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State, in the city of Columbia, which assembles there to-morrow morning, 21st instant.

Gen. Albert Pike left by the North-eastern Railroad for Washington, yesterday morning.

[Charleston Courier, 20th.]

Valuable Lands & Stock FOR SALE.

THAT VALUABLE COTTON and PROVISION PLANTATION, in Darlington District, known as "Bunker Hill," formerly the residence of John McClenaghan, deceased, is offered for sale, containing 1,150 acres, by a plat of W. H. Wingate, Surveyor. It is bounded on the South by a canal draining the waters of Polk Swamp into Black Creek, which stream is its Northern boundary. Some five to six hundred acres are cleared, under cultivation, and present the advantages of fine cotton lands, with rich bottom lands for corn.

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W. W. HARTLEE, Agent for L. W. T. Wickham. Mr. S. LUCAS, on the place, will show the premises, and give persons, desirous of inquiring, the facilities of deciding for themselves. Nov 15 14

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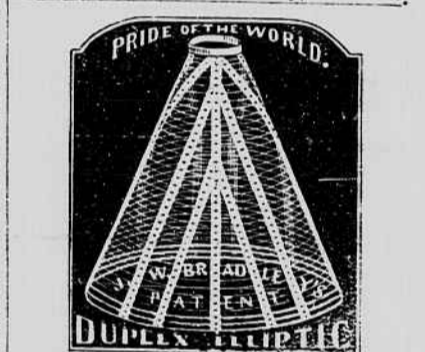
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