#### MONUMENT TO POETS

Nashville, Tenn., Dispatch.

In memory of the South's four great poets, Sidney Lanier, Father Ryan, James R. Randall and Paul Hayne, Mrs. E. W. Cole, of this city, will erect at her birthplace, Augusta, Ga., a handsome monument, to be unveiled some time in April, by Master Whiteford Russell Cole, and presented to the city by Chancellor J. H. Kirkland of Vanderbilt University.

The unveiling of the monument will mark the culmination of an idea Mrs. Cole has long had in her mind. As a young woman in Augusta, the four poets were frequent visitors to her home, and, as was the custom of the old South, her receptions were in the nature of a salon, bringing together the brilliant literary people and other distinguished personages for whom that section of the country was noted. For many years Mrs. Cole has desired to perfect a suitable memorial to the men who have preserved the old South in the lyric sweetness of their songs, and the monument now in course of construction, will be the gift of a loving friend to the South and especially to her home city.

Mrs. Cole has just returned from Augusta, Ga., where the final plans for the erection of the monument were completed. The announcement will be the source of much pride to residents of the city and to her countless friends throughout the state. Probably no woman in the South is more widely known and loved than Mrs. Cole. She is justly claimed by Augusta, Nashville and Washington, and her friends are legion, both in this countries.

ton, and her friends are legion, both in this country and abroad. The monument will be erected directly opposite St. John's church, Augusta, in a beautiful setting of old elms. Both the approach and the background are said to be ideal, and in the immediate vicinity marble benches will be arranged, forming a beautiful shrine, at which lovers of Southern poetry may worship. The donor, with rare esthetic taste, no doubt had this in mind when she selected such a spot for the spirits of Lanier, Randall, Ryan and Hayne to pervade.

The monument consists of fourgranite columns rising from a tall base and supporting a roof of granite. Resting inside is a block of granite bearing on its four sides the following inscriptions:

SIDNEY LANIER.

"The Catholic man, who hath mighty

God out of knowledge and good out of infinite pain,

And sight out of blindness and purity out of a stain."

FATHER RYAN.

"To the higher shrine of love divine
My lowly feet have trod,
I want no fame, no higher name

Than this, a priest of God."

Maryland! My Maryland!'

JAMES R. RANDALL.
"Better the fire upon the roll,
Better the blade, the shot, the bowl,
Than crucifixion of the soul,

PAUL HAYNE.

"Yet would I rather in the outward state

Of song's immortal temple lay me down

A beggar, basking by thy radiant gate,

Than bend beneath the haughtiest empire's crown."

For the unveiling a party of friends will go to Augusta from this city and a number of distinguished guests from Washington will probably attend. While the complete program for the exercises has not yet been made out, it has been definitely decided that Chancellor J. H. Kirkland will make the presentation speech to the city in behalf of Mrs. Cole, and her young andson, Whiteford Russell Cole, will unveil the monument.

Nashville points with just pride to Mrs. Cole and her many benefactions, and the announcement of her great gift to Augusta, and incidentally the whole South, will be received with the warmest appreciation by friends of the South.

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