

The Family Circle.

MY SISTER.

Who at my side was ever near?
Who was my playmate many a year?
Who loved me with a love sincere?
My Sister.

Who took me gently by the hand,
And led me through the summer land,
By forest, field, and seashore sand?
My Sister.

Who led me by the bright clear stream,
And in the sunshine's golden beam
Showed me the fishes dart and gleam?
My Sister.

Who as we wandered by the sea,
And heard the wild waves in their glee,
Gathered such pretty things for me?
My Sister.

Who hold the shell in my ear,
And in fancy I could hear
The sound of waters rushing near?
My Sister.

Who, when the winds of winter blow,
And round the fire our seats we drew,
Read to me stories good and true?
My Sister.

When sometimes sick I lay in bed,
Who hid her head against my head,
And of my loving Saviour read?
My Sister.

So I shall never more complain,
That God and my dear Saviour may
Watch and protect by night and day.
My Sister.

"I LOVE JESUS."

It was dark and wet and gloomy here
last night—you could hear a sad moaning
outside, for the winds were coming
in from a troubled sea. Perhaps, if we
could have understood them, they would
have told us of some foundering ship,
with whose torn sails they had been sport-
ing, or of some poor castaway, whose last
sayer was mingled, undistinguished, in
its solemn tones. I was glad to be in-
doors on such a night.

The bell rang—a message was brought
that a wife child was dying, and her
parents would have me pray with them.
Almost at once, upon entering the sick
chamber, I felt the mourners in prayer.
The patient was a child of only about
four years of age, and I felt that my mis-
sion there was to speak comfort to the
parents; I did not judge that so young
a child would be able to understand the
nature of my office, nor desire to hear me
speak to her of the world to which she
was going.

But I was greatly mistaken. As I
rose from my knees, I stepped to her bedside
and was introduced as the minister who
had offered prayer in her hearing. She
at once whispered to her mother, "He
loves Jesus—I love him?" and stretching
out her hand, she beckoned to me to kiss
her; which done, she drew me again to
her, and kissed my cheek, twining her
arms around my neck, and repeating,
gasping at every word—she was suffo-
cating with cough—"I love Jesus."

"And do you think Jesus loves you?
Did he ever take little children in his
arms?" I asked.

She looked me in the face, and, with a
countenance full of expression, nodded
her head.

"To heaven," said she.

"Will Jesus take good care of his
little girl in heaven?" Another such
look and sign.

"And who will you see in heaven?"

"Brother," she replied. She lost an
infant brother some time before, over
whose death, young as she was, she grieved
deeply.

"And do you want to die?" She looked
to her mother a moment, and shook her
head. It appears that just before I was
sent for, and before anything was said
to her about being in danger, she grasp-
ed her mother's hand with an earnest
"Bye, mother; I'm going to die." She
called for her father and little brother and
took leave of them too; but the thought
of being separated from her mother seem-
ed to be too painful for her.

"I'm going to die; you die too moth-
er," was her affectionate entreaty; but
later in the evening she seemed to be
reconciled to the parting, repeating to her
mother, "I'll love you in heaven,
mother."

such a temper in a human heart but the
power of the Spirit of God?

It is worthy of remark, that a short
time previously she had listened to a
sermon from the text, "If any man love
not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be
anathema." On her return from church
she asked her mother who there was who
did not love Jesus? It seems as though
she thought there could not be such a one.
Artless reasoner! she has been spared
the rude experience in which older saints
have unlearned this mistake. She has
gone to a world where all love Jesus, and
where all will be glad to see her, because
she does too. He sent for her gentle, lov-
ing spirit shortly afterwards. The Good
Shepherd has taken one more lamb into
his bosom, to rear it with his own hands,
and has left with the parents' hearts the
sweet consolations of his gospel.

How blessed the kingdom that is
made up of such!"

How early in life the faithful mother
may instruct her child in the love of
Jesus!

How pleasant to have in heaven a little
earth-born angel to love you!

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

National Republican Party of the
United States, assembled in National
Convention in the City of Chicago, on the
21st day of May, 1868, make the
following Declaration of Principles:

I. We congratulate the country on the
assured success of the Reconstruction
policy of Congress, as evinced by the
adoption in the majority of the States
lately in rebellion, of Constitutions sanc-
tioning Equal Civil and Political Rights
to all, and it is the duty of the Govern-
ment to sustain those institutions, and to
prevent the people of such States from
being reinitiated to a state of anarchy.

II. The guaranty by Congress of Equal
Suffrage to all loyal men at the South
was demanded by every consideration of
public safety, of gratitude, and justice,
and must be maintained; while the ques-
tion of Suffrage in all the loyal States
properly belongs to the people of those
States.

III. We denounce all forms of Republi-
canism as a national crime, and the
national honor requires the payment of
the public indebtedness in the uttermost
good faith to all creditors at home and
abroad, not only according to the letter
but the spirit of the laws under which it
was contracted.

IV. It is due to the labor of the nation
that taxation should be equalized, and
reduced as rapidly as the national
aith will permit.

V. The National Debt, contracted, as
it has been, for the preservation of the
Union, for all time to come, should be
extended over a fair period for redemption;
and it is the duty of Congress to
reduce the rate of interest thereon, when
ever it can be honestly done.

VI. That the best policy to diminish
our burden of debt is to so improve our
credit that capitalists will seek to loan
us money at lower rates of interest than
we now pay, and must continue to pay
so long as repudiation, partial or total,
open or covert, is threatened or sus-
pected.

VII. The Government of the United
States should be administered with the
strictest economy; and the corruptions
which have been so shamefully nursed
and fostered by Andrew Johnson, call
loudly for radical reform.

VIII. We profoundly deplore the un-
timely and tragic death of Abraham Lin-
coln, and regret the accession to the
Presidency of Andrew Johnson, who has
acted treacherously to the people who
elected him and the cause he was pledg-
ed to support; who has usurped high
legislative and judicial functions; who
has refused to execute the laws; who
has used his high office to induce other
officers to ignore and violate the laws;
who has employed his executive powers
to render insecure the property, the peace
liberty and life, of the citizen; who has
abdicated the pardoning power; who has
denounced the National Legislature as
unconstitutional; who has persistently
and corruptly resisted, by every means
in his power, every proper attempt at
the reconstruction of the States lately in
rebellion; who has perverted the public
patronage into an engine of wholesale
corruption; and who has been justly im-
peached for high crimes and misdemeanors,
and properly pronounced guilty
thereof by the vote of thirty-five Senators.

IX. The doctrine of Great Britain
and other European powers that, because
a man is once a subject he is always so,
must be resisted at every hazard by the
United States, as a relic of feudal times,
not authorized by the laws of nations,
and at war with our national honor and
independence. Naturalized citizens are
entitled to protection in all their rights
of citizenship, as though they were
native-born; and no citizen of the United
States, native or naturalized, must be
liable to arrest and imprisonment by any
foreign power for acts done or words
spoken in this country; and, if so arrest-
ed and imprisoned, it is the duty of the
Government to interfere in his behalf.

X. Of all who were faithful in the
trials of the late war, there were none
entitled to more especial honor than the
brave soldiers and seamen who endured
the hardships of campaign and cruise,
and imperiled their lives in the service
of the country; the Invalids and pension-

provided by the laws for these brave de-
fenders of the nation, are obligations
never to be forgotten; the widows and
orphans of the gallant dead are the wards
of the people—a sacred legacy bequeath-
ed to the nation's protecting care.

XI. Foreign immigration, which in the
past has added so much to the wealth,
development and resources and increase
of power to this republic, the asylum of
the oppressed of all nations, should be
fostered and encouraged by a liberal and
just policy.

XII. This Convention declares itself
in sympathy with all oppressed peoples
struggling for their rights.

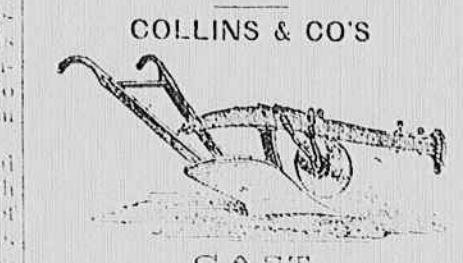
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Seligman.

Resolved, That we highly commend
the spirit of magnanimity and forbear-
ance with which men who have served in
the Rebellion, but who now frankly and
honestly cooperate with us in restoring
the peace of the country and reconstruct-
ing the Southern State governments upon
the basis of Impartial Justice and
Equal Rights, are received back into the
communion of the loyal people; and we
favor the removal of the disqualifications
and restrictions imposed upon the late
Rebels in the same measure as their spirit
of loyalty will direct, and as may be con-
sistent with the safety of the loyal people.

Resolved, That we recognize the great
principles laid down in the immortal
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