

"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW, AS THE

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SELECTED POETRY.

What Shall I Give?

BY MISS E. H. SUGGREN.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Give prayers, the evening bath begun;
Be earlier than the rising sun;
Remember those who feed the soul;
Remember those who know not food,
His hand can boundless blessings give;
Breathe prayers; through them the soul shall live.

Give alms; the needy sink with pain;
The orphan, and the crushed complain,
Give freely, board and food is ours;
A penny to the poor, a coin to the rich;
Christ through his poor, a claim doth make;
Give gladly, for our Saviour's sake.

Give words; that live when you are dead;
Light on the darkness, and the dead;
God seed they sow, from age to age,
Through all this mortal pilgrimage,
They nurse the souls of holy truth;
They wake the slumbering when you are dust.

Give smiles; to cheer the little child,
A stranger on this thorny wild;
It brings love, it guards to be—
It, helpless, asketh love of thee,
However by fortune's gift undressed,
Give smiles to children's guileless breast.

Give words, kind words, to those who err;
Remorse doth need a comforter;
Though in temptation's wiles they fall,
Condemn not; we are sinners all,
With the sweet charity of speech
Give words that heal, and words that teach.

Give thought, give energy to thines;
That perish not like folly's dreams,
Hark! from the island of the sea
The missionary cries to thee;
To aid him on a heathen soil,
Give thought, give energy, give toil.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

We were unable to give the proceedings of the Legislature in type last issue for the want of space. They are concluded here:

The House discussed the various resolutions offered, and finally passed unanimously the following resolutions offered by Mr. McMillen, with the exception of the 6th, which was withdrawn by him.

Resolved, That it is the deliberate judgment of this General Assembly that the slaveholding States should immediately meet together to concert measures for united action.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be communicated by the Governor to all the slaveholding States, with the earnest request of this State that they will appoint deputies and adopt such measures as in their judgment will promote the said meeting.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed by this General Assembly, by joint ballot, to communicate the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the State of Virginia, and to express to the authorities of that State the cordial sympathy of the people of South Carolina with the people of Virginia, and their earnest desire to unite with them in measures of defence.

Resolved, That the State of South Carolina owes it to her own citizens to protect them and their property from every enemy, and that for the purpose of military preparation for any emergency, the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated for military contingencies.

Resolved, That a separate office in the Executive Department be forthwith established, to be charged with the duty of organization and directing the military defenses of the State; that the head of this department shall for the present be appointed by the Governor, with proper compensation, to be paid from the foregoing appropriation; and he shall remain in office until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and shall see to the proper application of the money hereby appropriated for the purpose for which it is designed.

Dec. 17—In the Senate, a bill to extend the system of public education in this State was then taken up. The bill had its second reading.

Mr. Rhett explained the bill at some length, taking it up article by article and showing the necessity and importance of the bill.

Mr. Palmer proposed an amendment to the bill, to insert the word *unlawful*, between *resident* and *citizen*.

Mr. McAlley replied to show that we as individuals did not understand the architecture and plans of the school-houses; he proposed an amendment.

The debate was continued for some time by Messrs. Rhett, Wagner, Palmer, Garlington, McAlley, Mr. Palmer withdrew his amendment.

On motion Mr. McAlley, the subscription to each scholar by the State was changed from \$5 to \$6.

Mr. Mazyck moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and yeas and nays being called for, resulted: yeas 17; nays 14.

In the House, a bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law in the Western Circuit—Read a second time and sent to the Senate.

Bill to authorize the issue of bonds for the purpose of constructing and continuing the new State House. Read and sent to the Senate.

The following Resolution, offered by Mr. Boylston, came up for discussion:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to that body to rescind the joint resolution providing for the adjournment, *sine die*, of the General Assembly, on Thursday, 22nd inst., and that in lieu thereof, the following resolution be adopted: That this General Assembly will take a recess from Thursday, 22nd, until the first Monday in May next.

An animated discussion ensued, in which Messrs. Boylston, Screven, Hudson, Blanding, Macfarlan, Norwood, Gadberry and Elliott participated.

Mr. Boylston asked information as to the state of business of the House.

The Speaker stated there were 597 matters on the calendar, including those already printed. Of these, about 200 bills have been passed upon, and sent to the Senate; 87 matters on the calendar are continued from last session; new matters 93; residue 256; and 6 reports—making a total of 397 untouched.

Mr. A. S. Wallace moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed, and demanded the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays being taken, were: yeas, 29; nays, 74. So the House refused.

After the presentation and rejection of minor amendments, the question was put, and

the resolution being agreed to, was sent to the Senate.

Dec. 10—The Senate received from the House a bill to authorize the Commissioners of Roads of certain districts to make subscriptions to the Greenville and French Broad and to the Blue Ridge Railroad Companies. The following bill was received, and passed its third reading: A bill to provide for an additional Law Judge. The House returned an Act to appropriate the representation of this State. Referred to Committee on Engrossed Acts.

The Senate refused the House leave to change the day of adjournment or to meet next May.

The two Houses failing to agree in their action on federal relations a committee of conference was appointed, which reported thus:

The Committee of Free Conference on the part of the two Houses of the General Assembly in relation to the disagreement of the same on the subject of Federal Relations, have met and conferred, and ask leave to report, that they unanimously recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The State of South Carolina, by her ordinance of 1852, affirmed her right to secede from the Confederacy whenever the cession should arise justifying her, in her own judgment, in taking that step; and in the resolution adopted by her Convention, declared that she forbore the immediate exercise of that right, from consideration of expediency only. *And whereas*, more than seven years have elapsed since that Convention adjourned, and in the intervening time, the assaults upon the institution of slavery, and upon the rights and equality of the Southern States, have necessarily continued with increasing violence, and in new and more alarming forms; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That South Carolina, still adhering to her Southern sisters, nevertheless respectfully announces to them, that it is the deliberate judgment of this General Assembly, that the slaveholding States should immediately meet together to concert measures for united action.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolution be communicated by the Governor to all the slaveholding States, with the earnest request of this State that they will appoint deputies and adopt such measures as in their judgment will promote the said meeting.

Resolved, That a Special Commissioner be appointed by this General Assembly, by joint ballot, to communicate the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the State of Virginia, and to express to the authorities of that State the cordial sympathy of the people of South Carolina with the people of Virginia, and their earnest desire to unite with them in measures of common defence.

Resolved, That the State of South Carolina owes it to her own citizens to protect them and their property from every enemy; and that for the purpose of military preparation for any emergency, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for military contingencies. Respectfully submitted,

J. FOSTER MARSHALL,

Chairman Senate Committee.

THOMAS Y. SIMONS,

Chairman House Committee.

List of Acts Passed in the Legislature.

1. An Act further to provide for a Code of the Statute Law of South Carolina.

2. An Act to increase the powers of Commissioners of Roads of Spartanburg District, and for other purposes.

3. An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Town of Aiken.

4. An Act to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Light Infantry within the limits of the 34th Regiment South Carolina Militia, and to incorporate the same, and to establish a corps of Pioneers in the Regiment of Artillery in Charleston.

5. An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of Justice in Charleston District.

6. An Act to incorporate the Wateree Embankment Company.

7. An Act to provide for the formation of a Regiment of Rifles in the city of Charleston.

8. An Act to exempt from City Taxes that portion of Charleston lying North of Shepherd street.

9. An Act to afford aid to the Laurens Railroad Company.

10. An Act to incorporate the "Frasstown and Panther Creek Turnpike Company."

11. An Act to exempt Teachers and Students from the performance of road duty.

12. An Act to amend the Charter of the Town of Camden, in certain particulars.

13. An Act to alter and amend the Road Law of this State.

14. An Act to alter the time for counting the votes for Tax Collector of Orange Parish.

15. An Act to authorize the Commissioners of Public Building for Williamsburg District to sell certain portions of the public grounds.

16. An Act to provide for the election of an additional Law Judge.

17. An Act to alter the powers of the Commissioners in Equity of this State, in certain respects.

18. An Act to amend the Law in relation to Sheriffs.

19. An Act to provide for the organization of a proper Fire Guard in the city of Charleston.

20. An Act to regulate the amount of the Penalty of the Bonds of Tax Collectors.

21. An Act to authorize the Commissioners of Roads of certain Districts to make subscriptions to the Greenville and French Broad Railroad, and to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina.

22. An Act to alter the Law in relation to the Commissioners of Guardians, Executors and Administrators.

23. An Act to amend the Law in relation to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State.

24. An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Board of Commissioners of Fish Fisheries for Broad River.

25. An Act to punish attempts to poison.

26. An Act to authorize the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Richmond to sell a certain piece of land in the city of Columbia.

27. An Act to alter and amend the 9th section of an Act, entitled an Act to authorize the formation of limited partnerships.

28. An Act to authorize the issue of bonds or stock for the purpose of continuing the construction of the New State House.

29. An Act to repeal the 9th section of an Act, entitled an Act to authorize aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad in South Carolina.

30. An Act to alter the Law as to legal proceedings against Railroad Companies.

31. An Act to provide for the peace and security of the State.

32. An Act to amend an Act, entitled an Act to Charter the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company.

33. An Act to provide for the appointment additional Magistrates for Lexington and Georgetown Districts.

34. An Act to amend the Law in relation to Homicide.

35. An Act to incorporate certain Societies, Associations and Companies, and to renew and amend the Charters of others.

36. An Act to provide for compensation or damages to the families of persons killed by the fault of others.

37. An Act to make Supplies for the year commencing in October, 1859.

38. An Act to incorporate certain Religious and Charitable Societies, for the advancement of Education, and to renew and amend the Charters of others heretofore granted.

39. An Act to make Appropriation for the year commencing in October, 1859.

40. An Act to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain Charters heretofore granted.

41. An Act to Charter the Chester and Newberry Railroad Company.

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43. An Act to amend an Act, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Law in relation to the qualification of Jurors," ratified the 21st day of December, 1857.

44. An Act to establish a Separate Court of Appeals.

45. An Act for the relief of Jacob Feaster.

46. An Act to make owners of dogs liable for sheep killed by them.

47. An Act to confer the right of legitimacy on certain children of John Morts.

48. An Act to grant aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad.

49. An Act to incorporate the Savings Building and Loan Association.

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the provisions of this Act, of a seditious and treasonable nature, so as to authorize the arraignment, trial and conviction of the person or persons accused; *Provided*, always, nevertheless, that the said person or persons accused, shall be entitled to all the benefits and advantages of others accused of treason, so far only as extends to the production of evidence and right of challenge; but not so far as to plead that the offence for which he, she or they may be indicted, is not heretofore and heretofore sufficiently and explicitly set forth.

AA. 1820—Act p. 23.

That if any white person shall be duly convicted of having directly or indirectly circulated or brought within this State, any written or printed papers with intent to disturb the peace, or security of the same in relation to the slaves of the people of this State, such person shall be adjudged guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding one year; and if any free person of color shall be convicted in the mode prescribed by law, for the trial of such persons of such offence, he, or she, shall for the first offence be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars; and for the second offence be whipped not exceeding fifty lashes, and be banished from the State; and any free person of color who shall return from such banishment unless by unavoidable accident, shall suffer death without the benefit of Clergy.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE STATE.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same*, That if any person within this State, shall with evil intent, write, print, paint, draw, engrave, or cause or procure to be written, printed, painted, drawn, or engraved, any letter, book, essay, pamphlet, newspaper, words or words, picture, figure or explication whatsoever, calculated to disaffect any slave or slaves, in this State, or tending to incite any insurrection or disturbance among the same, such person shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court before which such conviction shall have taken place, and in addition thereto, may be required by the said court to enter into recognizance with sufficient sureties for future good behavior, and if a free person of color, shall, in addition, suffer such corporal punishment as a Court of Magistrates and freeholders may, in their judgment, think proper to inflict.

SEC. 2. If any white person, or any free person of color, shall, with evil intent, publish, circulate, distribute, vend, or give, or cause or procure to be circulated, distributed, vend, or given, any