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Let every colored man who favors the  
elevation of his race subscribe for the Leader;  
and let every white man who believes  
that slavery was a crime against humanity  
and that it is his duty to help the colored  
man to his place in the struggle for moral, social  
and intellectual elevation do likewise.

Throughout the length and breadth  
of our land on last Monday the thousands  
of green mounds that hold our  
noble dead were strewn with flowers  
by loving hands. Could the dead  
themselves speak they would doubtless  
tell us that the preservation of the  
grand results achieved by their  
death and the perpetuation of our  
free institutions are after all the highest  
tribute we can pay their memory.

With few exceptions, the orations  
delivered on this occasion last Monday  
breathed the truest and purest  
sentiments of patriotic devotion to  
the cause for which so many noble  
lives were sacrificed.

In his oration at Crown Hill, this  
city, Mr. Smith, among the many  
good things said, sandwiched some  
sentiments which the great mass of  
the lovers of freedom never accept.

He says:

I am satisfied that we do injustice to those  
who fought in the gray when we ascribe to  
them any less holy or worthy motives impelling  
them to the fight than those which actuated  
us. Through a series of generations it  
had been held by their ancestors until it had  
come down to them as hallowed tradition,  
that a man's first duty was to his own home  
and his own State. Such a sentiment,  
"though politically a great evil, partook of  
the nature of a virtue," and we can not wonder  
that when the hour of conflict came it was  
promptly found at his post for his State  
and home and against the general Government.

And we must remember that there is  
only one distinction between rebellion  
and revolution, between treason and patriotism—  
the element of success converts the one  
into the other.

It is an unholy cause. The slave-  
holders succeeded in domineering the  
Government for two-thirds of a century.

The element of success can not  
succeed, but they never succeeded in  
making these lovers of liberty applaud  
the crime of slavery. The success  
of the South in the late struggle  
could never have made the world pay  
honor to a nation with human slavery  
as its chief corner stone. We do not  
do injustice to those who "fought in  
the gray" when we ascribe to them  
less holy and less worthy  
motives than those by which the  
noble boys in blue were actuated.

The leaders in that  
struggle were actuated by the  
basest motives that ever impelled  
any set of men to resort to arms.

For the young and ignorant who  
followed their section without regard to  
motives, we have all charity. For  
the willful leaders, if now penitent,  
we have forgiveness; but we shall  
never forget that they were wrong  
and the boys in blue were right, and  
in the language of Governor Morton  
there is an eternal difference between  
right and wrong. The Journal very  
beautifully answers the gushing sentiment  
in the following:

"The fact that a great people have been  
educated in treason does not make treason  
excusable, nor does the success of that  
treason in arms make it patriotic. If  
ignorance and prejudice can make a motive  
holy, then education and enlightenment are  
not aids to freedom. The doctrine of secession  
had no foundation in history, law, or  
principle. It was a rank treason. Had it  
succeeded it would have been no less  
rank, nor its champions less traitors."

Mr. Smith would do well to remember  
that a people who can hand down  
from generation to generation as  
hallowed tradition the cruel, beastly  
and bulldozing institution of human  
slavery, are not likely to be troubled  
much about the question of honest  
duty.

**GENERAL NOTES.**

GENERAL KILPATRICK is to sail for Chili next  
Monday, to relieve Mr. Osborn as United States  
Minister there.

COLONEL JENOME BONAPARTE is building a  
magnificent house in Washington. It is of  
hand-made brick, brown mortar and brown-stone  
trimmings.

HORACE STILLMAN, of Saybrook, Conn., who  
voted for every Democratic candidate for President  
from Jackson to Hancock, died last Monday  
at the age of eighty-four years.

MR. J. H. WARD, of Cleveland, is about to  
present to that city nearly the whole of the  
handsome park which bears his name. This gift  
includes more than 100 acres of forest.

MR. G. W. HARRISON, of Philadelphia, has been  
directed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to go  
to England and assist in preparing the  
remains of William Pitt for shipment to Philadelphia.

BISHOP SIMON sailed on Saturday for  
England to attend the Ecumenical Council there.  
A large number of his Church people gathered in

Philadelphia on Thursday to give good-bye to him.  
Eulogistic speeches were made and the good  
Bishop responded pleasantly.

The Parisian reports that Princess Joanne Bonaparte,  
daughter of the late Pierre Bonaparte, will be  
led to the altar, after the conventional  
period of mourning, by a wealthy American.

Secretary of State is President and Chief  
Justice Waite and Secretary Windom Vice Presidents  
of an Association which has been formed at  
Washington to build a Homeopathic Hospital.

JOHN W. GARRETT, President of the Baltimore  
and Ohio Railroad, who has been nearly a year  
Europe for health and recreation, is on his way  
home, and is expected to arrive in New York  
city.

GOTTFRED HOTT, of Pennsylvania, has appointed  
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MR. JAMES REVELL, a Boston journalist, has  
started from New York on a bicycle for  
Boston. The distance is 240 miles, and he expects  
to accomplish the journey in three days and  
two nights.

MRS. J. W. WATKINS wrote to Mrs. Lucy Stone at  
the Woman's Suffrage meeting in Boston: "I see  
the good cause is steadily gathering ground. The  
action of the New York Legislature is full of  
encouragement."

The grandson and namesake of Hugh Swinton  
Legare, the eminent jurist and jurist of South  
Carolina, who was the late President's Attorney  
General, on Monday last was nominated by President  
Garfield to a judgeship at West Point.

Mrs. Gladstone is a benevolent woman and  
does many kind things for the villages of  
Hawarden. She has given them an excellent  
office-house, which she occupies on Wednesdays  
and Sundays. She also established near the castle a  
home for orphans. Many of the Gladstone  
servants have been on the estate twenty, thirty and  
forty years.

We do not believe the story that Roscoe Conkling  
wrote to his tailor: "I want a new suit of  
clothes, I have not time to be measured." He  
went to Art Gallery and measure statue of Apollo Belvidere  
and make a suit by that measurement."

We don't believe it, for we don't believe that Roscoe  
would admit that the statue of Apollo Belvidere  
was not his form in perfection.—Boston Post.

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## THE FATED STEAMER.

The Steamer Victoria Collapses, Drowning  
175 Persons—Intense Excitement.

London, Ont., May 24.—This evening at  
6 o'clock the steamer Victoria, with over 600  
excursionists on board, was returning from  
Spring Bank, and when near the cove of the  
railway bridge, one mile below the city, it  
suddenly collapsed, like an egg shell, and  
became a tottering wreck, level with the  
water's edge. All passengers were instantly  
plunged into the stream, more than half  
of them being underneath the debris. The  
first news which reached the city was  
brought by the survivors, who struggled  
through the streets wet and weary. The  
news fell like a thunderbolt, and a stamp  
ede took place for the spot. Arriving  
there, a horrible sight met the view. Fifty  
or sixty bodies had already been recovered,  
and were lying on the green sward, some  
distance up the bank. Those arriving from  
every direction crowded around anxious to  
see if any relatives were on board.

Several hundred families were represented  
on the excursion, and the wall of anguish  
that arose at the sight of the victims was  
heartrending. Fathers, mothers, brothers  
and sisters rushed about panic-stricken,  
endeavoring to identify relatives. By 7 o'clock  
about eighty bodies were recovered from  
the wreck where the water is twelve feet in  
depth. Almost every minute some victim  
was brought to the surface and conveyed to  
the bank. The steamer Princess Louise was  
early brought to the spot and the victims  
plunged on board.

Fires were kindled on the bank overlooking the  
river, and petroleum torches were brought  
and the search continued. Up to the present  
hour about 150 corpses have been recovered.  
Among the dead are James Robertson,  
son, Manager of the Bank of British North  
America; J. C. Meredith, Clerk of the Dis-  
trict Court; and several other persons.

Mrs. William Ashburn, William  
Millman, a Montreal commercial agent, and  
two sons of J. H. Hockley, who were in con-  
fusion at the present moment. The land-  
ing at the foot of Dundas street is now  
crowded with people waiting breathless  
for the arrival of the survivors.

The total loss will aggregate 175.

**FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE DISASTER.**

LONDON, Ont., May 24.—The bodies still  
unclaimed are being inclosed in shells and  
removed to the hall, where they can be  
visited by anxious friends in search of  
missing ones. The story of the disaster, as  
given by competent witnesses, who were on  
board, showed that the vessel was not on  
her last trip, and that on setting out from  
Springbank to return to the city she had  
nearly all passengers on board, and in  
addition a large number of women and  
children, who were waiting on the wharf to be conveyed home.

The number on board on the return trip is  
estimated at 600. The vessel was crowded  
to the strength and capacity of the ves-  
sel. Shortly after passing Woodland Creek  
the boat began to rock, and the crowd  
was thrown about in all directions. The  
rocking motion by moving from one side to  
the other, while others stood gleefully.

"LET HER SINK."

It is said by some, though denied by others, that  
the passengers were told to "let her sink."  
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