

Then and Now.

From the Wardsy Magazine.
The rushing waters of the rapid Potowmack glide on swiftly now as they did three years ago. But how changed around it! Once beautiful woodland crowned its banks, broad green fields stretched far away, plenty smiled in every State. The morning songs of birds ascended in a sky unclouded by the smoke from musketry.—The breath of the morning was fresh, not taken with sulphurous odors. Now, alas! where once stood flourishing villages, there is nothing to be seen but charred and blackened ruins. Here the ground is ploughed up by a bursting shell. Yonder is a house in flames, and its inmates turned homeless into the wide world.

The battle is over, the victory won, the setting sun sinks behind the hills. A dense cloud of smoke hangs over the battle-field. The groans of the dying are heard, and the dead are trampled by the foot of the war-horse. The new-made graves in the fields and the roadside but too mournfully attest what has become of so many of our lost brothers.

Those who have escaped sink down wearily on the ground. Visions of his mother in his far distant home sit over his mind. He sees all the loved home faces, he is home again. Sweet voices speak softly to him, his mother's hand is on his head, she is thanking God for bringing him safely through so many dangers for he was the youngest of that household. But hark! what sound is that which comes to his ear? It is the booming of cannon. He awakes from his dream, his visions of home have fled. He springs from the ground and grasps his musket. Sharp orders ring out from his officers. There is fighting going on in front; quick reports of musketry follow each other in rapid succession, but the enemy are again routed; their retreating columns are flying in every direction. But where is our dreamer? He has fallen on the field of battle while heavily fighting there was no mother or sister to smooth the hair from the damp brow, or listen to the last words for the dear ones at home.—With his mantle around him and his sword by his side, the stern warrior is laid in his rude grave, never to be awakened by the clash of arms over his head, or the roar of cannon. The last clod is placed on his grave, and the echo of the guns that were fired over him has died away among the distant hills, and he is forgotten, save by the evening zephyrs which whisper a mournful requiem among the green pines over his grave.

The Right to Speak.

It is the ancient and undoubted prerogative of the people to canvass public measures, and the merits of public men.—It is a 'home bred' right, a fireside privilege. It hath ever been enjoyed in every house, cottage and cabin in the nation. It is not to be drawn into controversy. It is as undoubted as the right of breathing the air or walking on the earth. Belonging to the private life as a right, it belongs to public life as a duty, and it is the last duty which those whose representative I am shall find me to abandon. Aiming at all times to be courteous and temperate in its use, except when the right itself is questioned, I shall place myself on the extreme boundary of my right, and bid defiance to any arm that would move me from my ground.

The high constitutional privilege I shall defend and exercise, within this house, and in all places; in time of peace, and at all times. Living I shall assert it; and should I leave no other inheritance to my children, by the blessing of God I will leave them the inheritance of free principles, and the example of a manly, independent and constitutional defense of them. [Daniel Webster.]

The Shavers.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LAFAYETTE.—Yesterday morning Orth's and Reynolds' Blocks, on the north east side of the public square were consumed by fire. The loss was very heavy. The two buildings contained eight business rooms, including the Journal and Post offices. Orth's Block, beside the Journal and Post office, was occupied by Wm. Miller, wholesale liquor store; Gen. Smith, wholesale boot and shoe store; and a jewelry establishment. Reynolds' Block was occupied by a saloon, Howard's wholesale and retail boot and shoe store and John McCormick's grocery store, and the upper part by a daguerrean gallery, where the fire is supposed to have originated. Reynolds' Block was insured for \$6,000, and the Journal company for \$10,000. The other parties were so insured, but their amounts we have not learned. The fire will prove a serious injury to the business interests of Lafayette.—[See time.]

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