

But are not men his chosen instruments?
 No longer miscreants our land pollute!
 But straightway take your bloody stains to Him,
 Whose just omnipotence perchance may find
 A punishment to match your infinite guilt!
 Lincoln! nor marble shaft, nor storied urn
 We need thy memory to perpetuate!
 Thy name on every loyal heart's engraved!
 Thy monument shall be thy country saved,
 Thy epitaph: Here lies an honest man.



By PHŒBE CARY.

OUR sun hath gone down at the noonday,
 The heavens are black;
 And over the morning the shadows
 Of night-time are back.

Stop the proud boasting mouth of the cannon,
 Hush the mirth and the shout;—
 God is God! and the ways of Jehovah
 Are past finding out.

Lo! the beautiful feet on the mountains,
 That yesterday stood;
 The white feet that came with glad tidings,
 Are dabbled in blood.

The Nation that firmly was settling
 The crown on her head,

Sits, like Rizpah, in sackcloth and ashes,
And watches her dead.

Who is dead? who, unmoved by our wailing,
Is lying so low?

O, my Land, stricken dumb in your anguish,
Do you feel, do you know,

That the hand which reached out of the darkness
Hath taken the whole?

Yea, the arm and the head of the people—
The heart and the soul!

And that heart, o'er whose dread awful silence
A nation has wept;

Was the truest, and gentlest, and sweetest,
A man ever kept!

Once this good man, we mourn, overwearied,
Worn, anxious, oppressed,

Was going out from his audience chamber
For a season to rest;

Unheeding the thousands who waited
To honor and greet,

When the cry of a child smote upon him,
And turned back his feet.

“Three days hath a woman been waiting,”
Said they, “patient and meek.”

And he answered, “Whatever her errand,
Let me hear; let her speak!”

So she came, and stood trembling before him,
And pleaded her cause;
Told him all; how her child's erring father
Had broken the laws.

Humbly spake she: "I mourn for his folly,
His weakness, his fall;"
Proudly spake she: "he is not a TRAITOR,
And I love him through all!"

Then the great man, whose heart had been shaken
By a little babe's cry;
Answered soft, taking counsel of mercy,
"This man shall not die!"

Why, he heard from the dungeons, the rice-fields,
The dark holds of ships;
Every faint, feeble cry which oppression
Smothered down on men's lips.

In her furnace, the centuries had welded
Their fetter and chain;
And like withes, in the hands of his purpose,
He snapped them in twain.

Who can be what he was to the people;
What he was to the State?
Shall the ages bring to us another
As good, and as great?

Our hearts with their anguish are broken,
Our wet eyes are dim;

For us is the loss and the sorrow,
 The triumph for him!

For, ere this, face to face with his Father
 Our Martyr hath stood;
 Giving into his hand the white record,
 With its great seal of blood!



By EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

NOW must the storied Potomac
 Laurels for ever divide,
 Now to the Sangamon fameless
 Give of its century's pride.
 Sangamon, stream of the prairies,
 Placidly westward that flows,
 Far in whose city of silence
 Calm he has sought his repose.
 Over our Washington's river
 Sunrise beams rosy and fair,
 Sunset on Sangamon fairer—
 Father and martyr lies there.

Kings under pyramids slumber,
 Sealed in the Lybian sands;
 Princes in gorgeous cathedrals
 Decked with the spoil of the lands.
 Kinglier, princelier sleeps he
 Couched 'mid the prairies serene,
 Only the turf and the willow
 Him and God's heaven between!