A Christmas Eve War Reminiscence.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S STORY, BY TROTH.

'Twas Christmas Eve in sixty four,
Long lines of winter quarters ran
Upon the frozen snow bound shores
Of historic Rapidan.
War's soul blood murders were replaced
By thoughts of peace and "should I ask,"
And men with vigors thirst for blood,
Thought quiet, now, a grand bequest;
But just as gloom of night came down
In sullen shades o'er friend and foe,
We orders got, to a place Like,
And strike rebellion one last blow
Rumor said Lee and Johnston, both
Were in a farm house on our right,
Our mission was to capture them
And end the fratricide fight.
And in this sombre, wintry gloom,
With dark clouds racing o'er the sky,
And snow squalls scurrying fierce and wild,
We started forth in double file,
And in the gloaming 6pm afar
We saw the farm house light quite plain
Our order we thought to expedite
And every trooper drew his pein
That house was our objective point
The highway led straight to its door
But as each trooper drew his rein
I knew their hearts felt grieved and sore
Each future's Dear to some one
To wife and children gathered there,
To Ilion sweet in changing lip
For love and comfort, promises rare
Each hoped we might not find a foe,
Or ashy stroke might leave a scar
Or that a drop of blood be shed.
Each hoped for peace and bid for war
But mind was given for the charge
We forward went, both swift and still
And soon we had encircled round
The lonely house, on the hill
A dozen negroes in the grounds
To dash aside and clear their prey
Both saw and heard the first gun roar
We shall against in sore dismay
A gray haired grand parent sleek and hoar
The sharer of his cares and joys
A soldier with his arm in sling
A relic of grim war's ferocity
A wife and mother too, was there
A half grown daughter by her side
And neighbors few had gathered in,
Without a fear of war's red tide
And there upon the grandpa's lap
A little lay more than quiet
Three little stockings hung beside
The chimney piece red bricked and old
And silent there we stood, and then
Saw why the old man held his sigh,
For here we found his sense of peace,
Where we had looked for war's red stain,
And silent too we stood, forlorn
We heard the muskets rattling roar
And sounds this scene of peace may changed
To death's stern scene of victory's woe
For we were gittleon, all sides
By bullets with glistening edge
And song we sing to them so wild
And made their notes of dismay feel,
And that the flesh shrunk round and cold
This finishing, peaceful home, and all
If for no more for joy dead and still
If blood stained trampled snow could
Keep corpse cool of dead, strong, hale,
Warm streams of blood did melt the snow
For wounded brave grandpa got
Filled winter air with muskets fires
And through a shattered window pane
I cast a pace at those inside
The grand pa lay, stark, still and dead
His blood stained shirt he his side
His wife was lying at his feet
Her snow white hair was not affixed
The soldier and his wife unhurt
But how about the little breast?
Three little stockings still were hung
Beside the chimney as before,
But only one they bought, the most
Three early beads blood stained with gore
For so those little ones had slept
And clothed all innocent and pure
The deadly bullets took not as it
And shrouded all their hopes and joys
And strong men gazed and held their tears
Upon those little bodies there
Which gazed unmoved on thousands dead,
And heard the mighty conflict near
And saw the midnight hour hail come,
The birthday of our Savior, sleep
Where rear upon Calvary's heights
His precious blood the cross did stain,
And now were white locks stained with blood
And child hearts stilled by murderers
While wounded men in anguish, groan,
With wounds unheeded in the night
And now the whiter unseen creep down
Behind the shields to hide the stain
Of war's hatred, drained at men's veins,
That's one may scourge this land again.

W. C. H.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE

On the forks of the road, conveniently located, stands the country district school house. It is one story building, and is roughly made of rough lumber which crosses the main thoroughfare. It is dingy in its appearance, and looks as if it had not been painted in several long years, it very much needs a new coat of paint, a few of the window glass are out, which have been broken by some unruly urchins who have had to pay the penalty for their malicious ness. A little way off is a small grove, where the children romp and gather wild flowers, some of which they present to the schoolmarm, and the rest above adorn their persons and writing desks. The school mistress, a plain country lass governed the institution, she is a pleasant girl, plainly but neatly dressed and about twenty years of age, here she wields, talks, hears recitations and now and then relieves her mind by scolding her unruly young people, and sometimes by way of variety gives someone a box on the ears, she needs to be patient, for her unruly pupils very much annoy her at times. Usually about thirty children are in attendance, mixed and is composed of boys and girls. They are plainly dressed and are of all ages from four to sixteen years. Most of the parents are farmers who live within the district. When the stranger passes along on the common travelled roads he will generally see peering out at him through the windows quite a number of little bright eyed children whom the teacher has admonished that it was unmannerly to gaze at strangers, they probably dont heed the caution, for even the schoolmarm would like to know who was the stranger, and how she looks. Here readers is that plain country district school house, where were educated the great and good men and women of our country, men who have filled the Presidential Chair and adorned our Legislative Halls, here the patriot and warrior learned those rudiments which made them eminent in the nation. In fact, fearly every educated person in our land owes much of his success to that which he learned in the District School House.

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Mortgage Sale.

Whereas default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage, made and executed by Daniel B. Churchill, of the township of Highland, County of Oakland, state of Michigan, the party of the first part, to Edward P. Churchill, of the township of Troy, in said county, bearing date 28th day of December, 1876, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, in said county of Oakland, on the 30th day of December, 1876, in liber 54 of Mortgages, on page 306, which said Mortgage was by said Edward P. Churchill assigned to Charles J. Gould, by deed bearing date the 1st day of October, 1879, and duly recorded in the office of the said Register of Deeds, on the 6th day of October 1879, in liber 62 of Mortgages, on page 456, and which said mortgage was assigned by the said Miles B. Weddles, to Ira Towne, on the 28th day of January, 1879, which said assignment was duly recorded in the office of the said Register of Deeds on the 23rd day of February, 1877, in liber 57 of Mortgages on page 562, and which said assignment was by said Ira Towne, by deed bearing date the 23rd day of February, 1877, in liber 57 of Mortgages on page 561, and that said Mortgage is still a part of the estate of the said John Devore, and that James Bent has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of the said John Devore, and he will have furnished these proceedings to foreclose the said Mortgage.

On which said Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of one thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety cents ($1,214.90) together with an attorney fee of twenty five dollars ($25.00) as stipulated in and by said Mortgage to be paid in case of a foreclosure legal costs of said mortgage and any proceeding for in law to foreclose such Mortgage and no proceedings either at law or in equity, having been taken to recover the said sum of money or any part thereof, or the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, and the whole thereof, as aforesaid, is now claimed to be due and payable.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and of the statute in such case made and provided, the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount above specified, will be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Pontiac in said county of Oakland, that being the place in which the Circuit court for said county of Oakland, in the eighteenth day in September special session now in the first month said premises being described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the township of Highland, in the county of Oakland, and state of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

The east half of the south east quarter of section twenty, and the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section twenty three, all in town three north of range second east, excepting the sale to any and state, except so much as said land was occupied by the water power and village lots now sold.

Dated November 15th, 1882.

JAMES HEATLY,
executor of the last will and testament of John Devore deceased.

O. W. HEWITT,
Atty for Executor.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Edwin W. Adams deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Joseph C. Powell, Judge of Probate for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, and six months from the fifth day of December last having been allowed by said Judge of Probate for creditors to present to us a claim said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment notice is hereby given that we will meet on the fourth day of March and fourth day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of receiving and examining such claims.

THOMAS GILLESPIE, Commissioners.
ALEX. FORD,

Dated December 5th, 1882.

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