









POETRY.

THE UNION AND THE CONSTITUTION.

Union! There is a Union, such as binds
In living compact high and free-born minds!
It is the law of God and man, more strong
Than universe of worlds united strong!

From the True Democrat.
THE UNCONQUERABLE.
BY E. D. HOWARD.
Let the true heart never fail—
Let the earnest never quail!

Let us wear so stern a purpose,
Tempered with such lofty zeal,
That the fiery bolts of error
Cheated of their flashing terror,

Where humanity is weeping,
Where the weak hand is strong,
Four the fire of truth descending,
Every flash the light increasing;

WHAT DO WE MORE THAN OTHERS?
BY JOHN SWAIN.
We love by whom beloved we are,
For means and ends are so connected;

Reformatory.

Government and the sword.
EXPOSITION OF THE 13TH CHAPTER OF ROMANS.
From an excellent work recently published at
Oberlin, Ohio, entitled 'THE BIBLE AGAINST WAR, BY
AMOS DRESSER.' (Continued.)

A stream of living blood is flowing from the backs
of American sailors from the first day of January to
the last day of December; that, on the lowest estimate,
we have an average of three hundred lashes of the
cat-of-nine-tails (2700 stripes) for every day in the
year, on the backs of American seamen!

The Liberator.

FREE TRADE—DIRECT TAXATION.
LONDON, February, 1850.
DEAR GARRISON:
Well, how goes on the conflict of opinions with
you? I feel confident how they must result, though
I do not see how they fall in and take up their
positions with you.

It is deeply to be regretted that you, our descend-
ants, have not profited more in matters of government
and taxation from our errors. Our system of taxation
has been the most ignorant and injurious that could
well be devised; the whole system has been under
the narrow views and oppressive conduct of our aris-
tocracy; and when personal slavery and the feudal
system were abolished—partially, only, as regarded
the feudal system—the aristocracy, who still retained
the law-making in their own hands, substituted fraud
for force, and the study has been how to throw the
expense of the nation upon the lower classes, and to
relieve themselves from an equitable proportion of
contribution.

Without reserve or qualification, the best extant
—President Olin. 'Surpassed in fullness and accuracy
by none in our language, President Wagoner,
title terms.'—Pres. Hitchcock. 'It deserves to be
read, and will be.'—Prof. Stone. 'An honor to the
language.'—Pres. Humphreys. 'A copiousness, perspi-
cacity, and accuracy, not found in any other.'—Pres.
Cotton. 'A great improvement on all which have pre-
ceded.'—Pres. Bates. 'Worthy of general praise.'—
Pres. Wood. 'Most complete, accurate, and reli-
able of the language.'—Pres. Beecher, Pres. Lathrop,
Pres. Keller, Pres. Woolsey, Pres. Blanchard, Pres.
Smith, Pres. Knox, and Chancellor Livingston.

SWEDENBORG: HIS BIOGRAPHY, BY J. J. G. WILKINSON.
HENRY W. WILLIAMS, M.D., 10 Essex Street, Boston.
Diseases of the Eye.
Great Cough Remedy!
AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL.
For the Cure of COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, BRONCHITIS, WHOOPING-COUGH, CROUP, ASTHMA AND CONSUMPTION.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S SPEECH,

BY WENDELL PHILLIPS.

We propose to look at some points of Mr. Webster's late speech.

The best kind of book has been made for the President's late speech.

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all his conscience, why, then, as Lancelotti says,

"it is a kind of hard conscience, after all; though

had it cried to him as Lancelotti's, did 'Judge not

from the Provise,' 'Stern running with thy kith

from all thy recorded principles, it would have served

a good purpose, notwithstanding.

The first point of Mr. Webster's argument is, that

Texas and all Texas territory are inevitably pledged

to slavery by the terms of the Annexation Resolutions,

which, being in the nature of a contract, cannot

be broken without a breach of national faith. These al-

low Texas to be annexed into, at least, five States,

to be slave or free States, as each shall choose.

To this argument we answer,—The annexation of

Texas was, both in form and substance, confessedly,

a gross breach of the Constitution, and the Govern-

ment has no power to unite the Union to foreign States.

But if this can be done, it must be done by treaty,

which requires a vote of two-thirds of the Senate to

ratify it. Texas was annexed by Resolutions of both

branches, and by small majorities. By these the form

of a contract was given to it, the more strongly to

engage the national faith, and prevent what was in

reality merely a law from being, as it might other-

wise have been, repealed by a subsequent one; and

Texas, brought in by one Congress, put out by its

successor.

We contend that the fact of Texas annexation is

fairly divisible into two parts; first, the annexation of

foreign territory; second, certain agreements as to its

future, on a future occasion, divided into five States.

The consent of Congress is necessary to the forma-

tion of new States within the limits of an old one.

This consent is usually given, upon deliberation, at

the time of such contemplated division. Here was an

attempt to give this consent beforehand, and thus

bind the action of all future Congresses; not leaving

this great boon to the South, or five Texas slave States,

with ten Senators, to the chance of defeat from the

whirlwind of time, and the growth of an anti-slavery

sentiment. The whole thing, from beginning to end,

in form and substance, was a trick, a gross breach

of the Constitution. Now what is to give it validity?

In the case of the acquisition of Louisiana, which was

made according to the forms of the Constitution, though

in violation, as many thought, and Jefferson, the

President, allowed, of its real intention and

purpose, it has been generally held that the unconstitu-

tionality of the acquisition is null and void, and the acqui-

sition of the whole people. See Adams' Texas speech, p.

96. Also the Address of the Faneuil Hall Convention,

dictated by Mr. Webster. Louisiana was

annexed by treaty, which is, of course, a contract

even more strictly than the Texas resolutions.

In these last, therefore, where the Constitution

has been violated both in form and substance, it

is still more plain that nothing but the acquiescence

of the nation can make them valid. How is it to be

discovered whether the people acquiesce or not? By

their actions; and LET IT BE ALWAYS REMEMBERED

THAT WE, THE ENFORCED MINORITY, HAVE A RIGHT TO

CLAIM THAT OUR ENFORCED SUBMISSION SHALL NOT BE

CONSTRUED AS AN ACQUISITION OF JOY OR PLEASURE

TO THAT PORTION OF THE WICKED CONTRACT WHICH WE

HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO SUFFER. TEXAS IN, OR

WHICH SENATORS ARE SEATED IN THE CAPITOL, HER PART IS

COVERED BY OUR FLAG, HER VOICES SPOKE WITH INTERESTS

OF NEW ENGLAND. IN SO MUCH NEW ENGLAND HAS

ACQUIRED, SO FAR AS SHE IS IN HONOR BOUND. PRO AGENTS,

AS THE LAWYERS SAY OF A WILL OR DEED, OR AN AGREEMENT,

HALF GOOD AND HALF VOID, PRO TANTO (FOR SUCH PART, FOR

SOME) THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN MADE VALID BY ACQUIESCENCE.

But the friends of Texas attempted, in their

contract, to secure to each slave a recognized

certain other rights, such as cutting her hair, and

getting ten slave votes in the Senate. She has taken

the first step, that is, entered the nation—we have

acquired—so much is hers. Let her try the

second step, erect a new State within her limits,

apply for admission; and see whether we will

acquiesce in that, too. We claim that the Anti-annexa-

tionists have a right to try that question; to that

national honor is pledged. The question is open.

When plant Websters and traitor Winthropps again

betray their constituents, acquiesce in this part of the

bargain, and escape cashing their, and not till then,

will that part have gained validity.

Suppose Congress, by joint resolution, should

annex Cuba, and insert in their bargain, a clause that

on every question of a treaty, the Cuban Senators'

votes should count double the vote of any New Eng-

land Senator. Suppose, in pursuance of these resolu-

tions, Cuba takes her seat in Congress. So far the

traitorous bargain is made valid. After a year or so,

the question of ratifying a treaty comes before the

Senate—is New England debarred by honor, or

Senate is, from resisting the other part of the fraud;

and if she can get enough to vote with her, showing

the South, Cuba and the world, that no far the trick

has failed, and has not been made valid by acquiescence.

Well, can we submit to that? No, we cannot.

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