







POETRY.

From the National Era.
RANTOUL.
BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.
One day, along the electric wire,
His manly word for Freedom sped;

THE LIBERATOR.

PLENARY INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE.
New York, July 6, 1853.
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may be taken from us, and we left to sink overwhelmed with doubt and uncertainty.
'The Bible, you say, 'is as plaster or clay in the hands of the potter, and moulded into any conceivable shape. Is a man a warrior? He goes to the Bible with the war spirit, and running over its pages, he picks out what he says justifies him in his military profession.

errors. It is high time they did. They are sacredly bound to repentance and restitution.
Purer, pleasanter, and more useful views of another state are being introduced; and what deliver the spirits that are yet embodied from an infinite amount of darkness, slavish fear, and horrible forebodings, and to convert what has hitherto been counted most revolting to our nature, into our highest pleasure; i. e. the change from this to the next state. Now can any one who wishes well to humanity help but bid God-speed to all true efforts made to get a correct knowledge of the social relations between that state and this; between soul out of the body and soul in it? Let none be disheartened by errors or deceptions, in the investigation of this question, nor by the 'Mad-dog' cry raised by Hunker priests and sectarian churches. Their mission is to destroy every new idea, and stick fast to old ones, however unnatural and monstrous they may be. Truth is indissoluble. Error, alone, can be destroyed. Whatever can be destroyed, in religion or government, ought to be destroyed, and will be. Every reformer's mission is, not to bring peace, but the sword.

From this fact, the Committee have a right to infer, and also from their personal knowledge of the views and feelings of the class of persons referred to, that a great majority of the women of Massachusetts do willingly consent that the government of the State should be, as it hitherto has been, in the hands of their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons. Of the correctness of this conclusion, the Committee entertain no doubts.
It may be said, in reply to this, that it cannot be justly inferred from the silence of the women of Massachusetts, that they do consent to the present limitations of the right of suffrage. But the Committee do so infer, because they know that the women aforesaid do not only consent to have enjoyed the right of petition, to the fullest extent, and have often exercised that right in behalf of the unfortunate and oppressed, and in aid of many noble and philanthropic objects of legislation. In one case, it is believed that more than 50,000 women petitioned the General Court, for the enactment of a law for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating drinks.

FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.
THE next course of Lectures in this Institution will commence on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 1853, and will continue five months, (21 weeks) closing on the 25th of February, 1854.
FACULTY.
DAVID J. JOHNSON, M. D., Professor of Chemistry and Toxicology.

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