







Poetry. AS IT WAS. United States, your banner wears Two emblems—of fame; And the other that it bears Reminds us of your name.

AS IT IS. United States, your gallant flag at length is purged of shame; Its glorious emblems blazon your destiny and fame; Its stars that stud its field of blue, like those that gem the night.

SKIES OF NEW ENGLAND. Skies of New England, I love you, I love you! Other may cross the great ocean to see Italy's rarest; returning, they'll prove you fairer and dearer, as you are to me.

A DIRGE.—APRIL 15, 1865. There's wailing from a million hearts—there's gloom on every heart; The shouts of victory are dumb—hushed is the sound of mirth; There are falling tears, and breaking sighs, and softly reverent tread.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Oh, slow to smile, and swift to spare, Gentle and merciful and just! Who, in the fear of God, didst bear The sword of power, a nation's trust.

THE SUMMONED RULER. He died with mercy on his lips, As the dread word he said; When could he go with better grace Than mercy to his God he said.

The Liberator. A PLEASANT SURPRISE. On Thursday evening, 27th ult., at the Social Circle of the Unitarian Society in Syracuse, at the house of the Pastor, the ladies of the parish devised a pleasant surprise for their minister, Rev. Samuel J. May.

FROM HILTON HEAD. The Pioneer Negro Colony in South Carolina. In another letter I have spoken of a visit to Mitchellville, General Littlefield's colony of freedmen, located about a mile and a half from this place.

TO OUR DELOVED PASTOR. Thou goodly man, we bring thee greeting; Thou, who hast borne the strife so long, N'er faltering in thy work, though meeting fierce passions' hate, and rival wrong.

DEAR FRIENDS.—If I could only feel that your high commendations of my ministry to you were deserved, I should enjoy them much more. But what you have so kindly and beautifully said in the lines just read, and in the letter that accompanied the elegant and generous presents which I received this evening, make me all the more sensible of what I mean to be, and what I ought to have been, rather than what I have been to you.

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BAQUET IN CHARLESTON. A banquet was given at the Charleston (S. C.) Hotel on the evening of April 14th—after the flag-raising at Fort Sumter—by General Gillmore, to the invited party that went out in the Arago. After the removal of the cloth came toasts and speeches.

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