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## The Offspring of Mercy

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MAGGIE TAGGART.

Translated Especially for Memphis Sunday Bulletin from the German of Herder.

"THE OFFSPRING OF MERCY."

When the Almighty was about to create man, he summoned before Him the angel of His attributes—the watchers of His dominions. They stood in council around His hidden throne.

"Create him not," said the angel of Justice; "he will not be equitable to his brethren; he will oppress the weaker."

"Create him not," said the Angel of Peace; "He will measure the earth with human blood; the first-born of his race will be the slayer of his brother."

"Create him not," said the Angel of Truth; "he will defile thy sanctuary with falsehood, although thou should'st stamp on his countenance thine image the seal of confidence."

So spoke the angels of the attributes of Jehovah; when Mercy the youngest and dearest child of the Eternal, arose, and clasping his knees: "Create him, Father," said she, "in thy likeness, the darling of thy loving kindness. When all thy messengers forsake him, I will seek and support him, and turn his faults to good. Because he is weak, I will incline him to compassion and his soul to atonement. When he departs from peace, from truth, from justice, the consequences of his wanderings shall deter him from repeating them, and shall gently lead him to amendment."

The Father of all gave ear, and created man, a weak, faltering being, but in his faults the pupil of Mercy, the son of ever-active and ameliorating Love.

Remember thine origin, Oh man! when thou art hard and unkind toward thy brother. Mercy alone willed thee to be; Love and Pity suckled thee at their bosoms.

ONE BY ONE.

BY MISS PROCTOR.

One by one the sands are flowing.

One by one the moments fall;

Some are coming, some are going.

Do not strive to grasp them all.

One by one thy duties wait thee.

Let thy whole strength go to each,

Let no future dream elude thee.

Learn what these can teach.

One by one (bright gifts from Heaven)

Joys are sent thee here below;

Take them readily when given.

Ready too to let them go.

One by one thy griefs shall meet thee.

Do not fear an armed band,

One will fade when others greet thee.

Shadows passing through the land.

Do not look at life's long sorrow.

See how small each moment's pain,

God will help thee for to-morrow.

So each day begin again.

Every hour that fleets so slowly

Has its task to do or bear.

Luminous the crown, and holy

When each gem is set with care.

Do not linger with regrettings,

Or for passing hours despond.

Nor the daily toil forgetting.

Look too eagerly beyond.

Hours are golden links, God's token.

Reaching heaven but one by one.

Take him, lest the chain be broken.

Ere the pilgrimage be done.

VERONA, Feb. 13, 1873.

[Special Cor. of Standard.

LETTER FROM VERONA.

A free notice of the Pontotoc Intelligencer.—Verona Depot.—A \$15,000 Bid for the Court House. The unfortunate Acrostic.

Editor of Standard:

The Pontotoc Intelligencer devotes its leader of the 6th to the castigation of Hans for the statement that Verona is noted chiefly for the virtue and morality of its inhabitants. Hans has the persistent temerity to reiterate the assertion. "If it be true &c." says the Intelligencer, and thus implies that Hans prevaricates. If the Intelligencer disbelieves, let it refute the statement of Hans by proper testimony, and he will modify his assertion. The Intelligencer is evidently piqued. Hans certainly intended no reflection upon Pontotoc, when he spoke in such glowing terms of Verona and yet the Intelligencer takes him to task as if he had. If the Intelligencer fears that Pontotoc is to be overshadowed by the rising glory of Verona, or dreads the growing fame of the Standard, the leader complained of admits of easy explanation. Another view presumes the Intelligencer to be seeking a controversy with the Standard for the purpose of thus being advertised and having its existence made known beyond the confines of its native village. This is a shrewd game and evinces a deal of cunning if not intelligence.

At any rate Hans is glad, he furnished the subject-matter for a leader, else the Intelligencer had been void of interest. If Verona exhibits greater enterprise, intelligence and morality than Pontotoc, Hans can not help it, nor would he if he could.

Mr. W. E. TURNER, the polite and efficient agent of the M. & O. R. R. gives the following facts. Thus far Verona has shipped 3000 bales of cotton, 200 more than last year to the same date. The entire shipment last year was 3500; this year, it will probably reach 4000. Two seasons ago, Verona

sent off 4200 bales. The amount realized by the Road from freight to this point is about \$25000; from freight from this point, about \$2000; and from sale of tickets, about \$2500 per annum. As a depot then, Verona annually empties \$5,7500 into the treasury of the Road. These figures will aid in forming an adequate conception of business done here. But this stream of wealth does not inflate the people with vanity. They are plain and unassuming, too intelligent to be aristocratic.

Verona will give \$15000 to rebuild the Court-House, if it be located here. The Methodist church can be bought for \$2000 or less, and would make an ample court room. An expenditure of \$2000 or \$3000 more will add rooms for the Sheriff, the Clerks, Grand Jury, &c. A jail could be built for \$5000. Thus \$10,000 will secure a court-house and jail adequate to serve all the ends of justice and equity. But to provide for unseen contingencies, Verona will offer \$15000 for the privilege of becoming the county-site. The question will be brought before the people. They will vote so as to evade taxation if possible. The last straw breaks the camel's back. An additional tax will bankrupt the people already overburdened. If Tupelo is to retain the court-house she must outbid Verona. If the court-house is brought here, the Standard will doubtless come with it; and that is a great incentive to an intelligent people. What will Tupelo do? Let her speak.

If Hans imprint a kiss upon a maiden's cheek or squeeze her hand, he would not publish it for the world. "Upon thee have I seated, &c." is wholly inexcusable when addressed to a chaste and elegant lady. Whether the writer of the quotation ever sat in her lap or not, he is guilty of great impropriety in giving publicity to such a statement, through the columns of a widely circulated journal. What think you, Mr. Editor?—Should not the author of "An Acrostic" in your last issue

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