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For the Argus.

To Addie.

(Accompanying a mass wreath in her Album.)

Maiden with the sunny hair,

And the cheerful eye,

Seest thouught but what is fair

Underneath the sky?

Or, do clouds of sombre hue

Hover in the west?

In future hours to shadow you

And destroy your rest?

Maiden, there's a little thing

Growing close to earth,

Winter's storms and showers of spring

Nourish it at birth,

But the burning summer's sun

Scorcheth it to death?

Such much blast, it is undone—

So it is with faith.

Is propensity, we trust

To our earthly love,

Till it crumbles into dust,

Then we turn above,

From the fading treasures here

To the things unseen;

Faith, when watered most by tears,

Likes the moss, is green.

Feb. 1862. VIOLET.

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The War.

In quiet ease, all danger seeming,
The North awoke one pleasant morning,
Roused by the cannon's sudden warning,
Awake! for Sumter's falling!The Southern kindled fires of hell,
With hunting shot and flaming shell,
And though our Major fought them well,
Home! round her Samson's fallen!They thought to beat the Union down.
Our fathers cased to such masters,
But frequent answered, with a groan,
First meet us in a battle.They had the "out," but we the "deal,"
Sink home, and let the traitors feel
The double force of true men's steel,
We fight to save the Union.Sorrows now crown our country's brow,
Soon war shall cease its rude alarms,
And peace, with all its thousand charms,
Regenerates our nation.Then shall our nation spread her hands,
The pride and wonder of all lands,
And never more may traitor hands
Seek to destroy her glory.

—May Anderson. J. D. S.

A NOUN BOY.—We have had the pleasure, says the Louisville *Journal*, of receiving a blanket from Mr. George S. Savage, of Millersburg, under circumstances of peculiar interest. He states that as he was reading the *Journal* before his family in the evening, when he came to an article referring to the destination of some of our Kentucky soldiers on the line of the Nashville Railroad, his little boy, about six years old, said: "Mother, send my blanket to the poor soldiers; I will do without it." Before he went to sleep, this darling boy—the future father of a line of patriots—in his little prayers asked God to bless the soldiers. "Oh ye of little faith!" in the great and holy cause of our country, who sleep warm and feed sumptuously, and yet are niggard in your gifts to our volunteers, think of the noble spirit which animated the heart of that little boy, and "go ye and do likewise." Our dear young friend will be delighted to know that his humble gift, like the widow's mite recorded on the everlasting page of heaven's register, has started for its destination, and we join with him in his fervent petition, "May God bless the soldier."

MILITARY DRILL.—A New York correspondent of the *Sacramento Union* writes:

"They say that all the larger boys in the public schools of this State are, henceforth, to be drilled as soldiers every day, by way of exercise. 'Harden's Tactics' is to become a school book, and 'teaching the young idea how to shoot,' is to be no longer an expression metaphorical of the schoolmaster, but a very literal one. We are going to raise up a million of juvenile volunteers. The manual of arms is to be studied with the grammar. Bye and bye we shall have a military people indeed—Then talk of the conquest of our people by a foreign power!"

We like this suggestion. Military drill at schools would not only make our boys healthy, give a good development to their limbs and bodies; but would, as a necessity, invigorate the brain, make the boys better scholars, and raise up a class of men who would readily make good soldiers.—We should like to see the large boys of our public school in handsome, cheap uniforms, undergoing a half hour's drill every two days.—*Oregon Farmer*.

CATHEDRAL.—The gorgeous Cathedral in the City of Mexico is the largest structure on the American Continent. It is 500 feet long, 420 wide, and capable of holding 30,000 persons. The high altar, raised from the floor on an elevated platform, exhibits a profusion of candlesticks, crosses, and other ornaments of solid gold and silver, decked in jewels estimate at the value of more than \$2,500,000; and all other parts of the church are a perfect wilderness of columns, statues, shrines, fonts, etc.—*Monitor*.

CLOSE.—The New Orleans blockade seems to be a tolerably close affair. It is nearly six months since a vessel from a foreign country entered that port.

One million, five hundred and eighty-six thousand newspapers were received at the San Francisco Post-office during the past year, and 759,270 were sent from the office.

Gen. McClellan says the poorest regiments in the army of the Potomac are superior to any of the volunteer regiments in the Mexican war.

John Slidell owns 25,000 acres of land in Minnesota, which will probably be confiscated.

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CAPTURE OF NASHVILLE:

&c., &c., &c.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Government has released a large number of political prisoners from Ft. Lafayette and Warren, on their parole that they will not give aid and comfort to the enemy.

At a complimentary supper given to Mr. Faulkner, formerly Minister to France, at Martinsburg, Va. a few days since, he declared in a speech that it was useless for the South to contend any longer, that the Southern Confederacy could not stand, and the sooner the war ceased the better for the South. The speech is said to have created intense excitement, as Mr. Faulkner exercises considerable influence in some portions of Virginia.

N. Y. Feb. 22.—The steamer Atlantic, from Port Royal on the 19th, brings 200 bales of cotton. All was quiet.

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Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 18th.—Brig. Gen. Edward Price, son of Gen. Sterling Price, Col. Dorsey, Col. Cross, Capt. Iggy, all of Price's staff, were captured near Warsaw Sunday night and brought to this place.—They had five hundred recruits for Price in charge, and had crossed the river. As the Federal force was small they were not pursued.

St. Louis, 22.—A Charleston dispatch says that Savannah, Georgia, which has lately been placed in a position that was thought to be impregnable, has just surrendered. The accounts of victories elsewhere had crept into camp and greatly dispirited the troops. The taking was accompanied by a brilliant series of military and naval operations. Some distinguished officers are among the prisoners.

The Federal forces have closely invested Charleston, and it is evident there will soon be another victory to record in that quarter.

The permanent opening of Hatteras Inlet to one of the richest portions of North Carolina, is to be followed by the creation of a new and better channel than from Charleston.

At Savannah the same result is to ensue.

The shores of Hilton Head, Bay Point and Beaufort, are occupied by some 30,000 troops and seamen, with the necessary commissaries and ships of war. A new expedition, reinforced by ships from that port, will shortly sail from the Gulf, and great activity prevails.

Louisville, Feb. 23.—Gen. Buell left here several days ago and proceeded in the direction of Nashville. His staff leave tomorrow morning for the place of his destination.

It is asserted that many of the negroes taken some time since from Green River country by the rebels to aid in fortifying Nashville, took advantage of the panic there by the taking of Ft. Henry and Donelson, and are making their way back to their homes. They say it was too late to fortify Nashville.

It is understood that the rebels are pro-posing destroying the roads and bridges near Nashville on their retreat southward, but citizens along the road remonstrated.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—P. M.—The official statement of the fight at Ft. Donelson shows 321 killed, 1,054 wounded, and 153 missing on the Federal side.

An expedition composed of four gun-boats and two mortar-boats from Cairo, went down to Columbus yesterday, and was met by a rebel flag of truce. A consultation took place which lasted two hours, result not being made public.

Col. Corcoran is to be made a Brigadier as soon as he returns from the South.

Nashville is captured.

Gen. Scott has been nominated Minister to Mexico.

Dispatches from almost all the cities and prominent towns of the North indicate that the anniversary of Washington's birthday was very generally observed.

Cumberland Gap and Russellville are in possession of the Federal troops.

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—Col. Wood was present at the inauguration of Jeff. Davis on Saturday, and stated no enthusiasm was manifested in Richmond, hardly a cheer raised.

The steamer George Washington arrived this evening at Ft. Monroe from James River, with 300 released prisoners, the largest number of them belonging to the Tammany and First California Regiments, a large proportion of them captured at Bull's Bluff. There are now no Union prisoners remaining in Richmond.

Joseph A. Wright is appointed U. S. Senator of Indiana, of term of Bright.

CAIRO.—Troops are congregating here, and preparations are making for a move on Columbus. The Confederates are extremely busy, either preparing for an evacuation, or, as some think, to attack us here. Seventeen steamers were lying at Columbus this morning, and a scout reports them laden with troops. The force is 30,000 strong. There are five gunboats there.

A reconnaissance under Gen. Paine renders it certain that preparations for a decided movement are almost ready there.

Memphis papers of the 22d just received represent the people of Tennessee feeling gloomy and depressed about the Ft. Donelson matter. The publication of all news of Union triumphs is interdicted by military authorities. They acknowledge the defeat of the enemy, but they are not dispirited.

The Gov. of Mississippi has made a general call upon all persons capable of bearing arms to enlist under the alternative of drafting.

The Gov. of Alabama calls for 12 regiments by the 4th of March for three years.

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or the war, and threatens to resort to drafting if not filled by that time.

FORREST.—Moscow, Feb. 24.—The greater portion of Burnside's expedition was still at Roanoke Island. Gen. Williams' brigade, at Hatteras, had received orders to proceed there. The Pawlings left Roanoke on Saturday for Elizabeth City, with the prisoners taken by Gen. Burnside. They were paroled for exchange.

TRENTON.—Harris, Feb. 25.—There are 6,000 prisoners here—among them Gen. Buckner.

Cairo, Feb. 25.—Nashville was occupied yesterday by 10,000 troops under Gen. Buell, and the Federal flag was flying over the State House.

The Tennessee Legislature, which adjourned on Saturday week, met again yesterday.

At Memphis it is reported that commissioners had been appointed to confer with the Federal authorities at Washington to arrange terms for the transfer of her allegiance, and that Gov. Harris had offered to turn the Confederate forces over to the Union.

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