

Garrison's Birth Anniversary of William Lloyd Garrison's Site

NEXT Sunday is the centennial anniversary of the birth of William Lloyd Garrison, temperance advocate and emancipator in the slavery struggle; and churches and societies in all parts of the land will do honor to one of the greatest names America claims. Garrison is known everywhere as the great anti-slavery agitator, the editor of the Liberator, the man who was quartered in a Boston prison to protect him from the violence of a "respectable mob"; but not so commonly is he known as a great temperance worker as well, who chose for the motto of his early paper, "Moderate Drinking is the Down-Hill Road to Drunkenness." All his editorials in both newspapers were set up by Garrison himself, without being first written in manuscript, and the ability to think with clearness and precision which he thus acquired stood him in good stead in later years.

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His imprisonment Garrison wrote a good deal of poetry, and it was at this period that he made the acquaintance of and started the subsequent warm friendship with John G. Arthur Tappan, who had been his means of payment of the fine by Arthur Tappan, who had followed with interest the work of Garrison.

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total abstinence. He was only 25 years old. At that time it was the custom to serve wine at all the best houses, so there was an uphill and unpopular road before him. It was in this paper that he published his radical motto—"Moderate Drinking is the Down-Hill Road to Drunkenness." All his editorials in both newspapers were set up by Garrison himself, without being first written in manuscript, and the ability to think with clearness and precision which he thus acquired stood him in good stead in later years.

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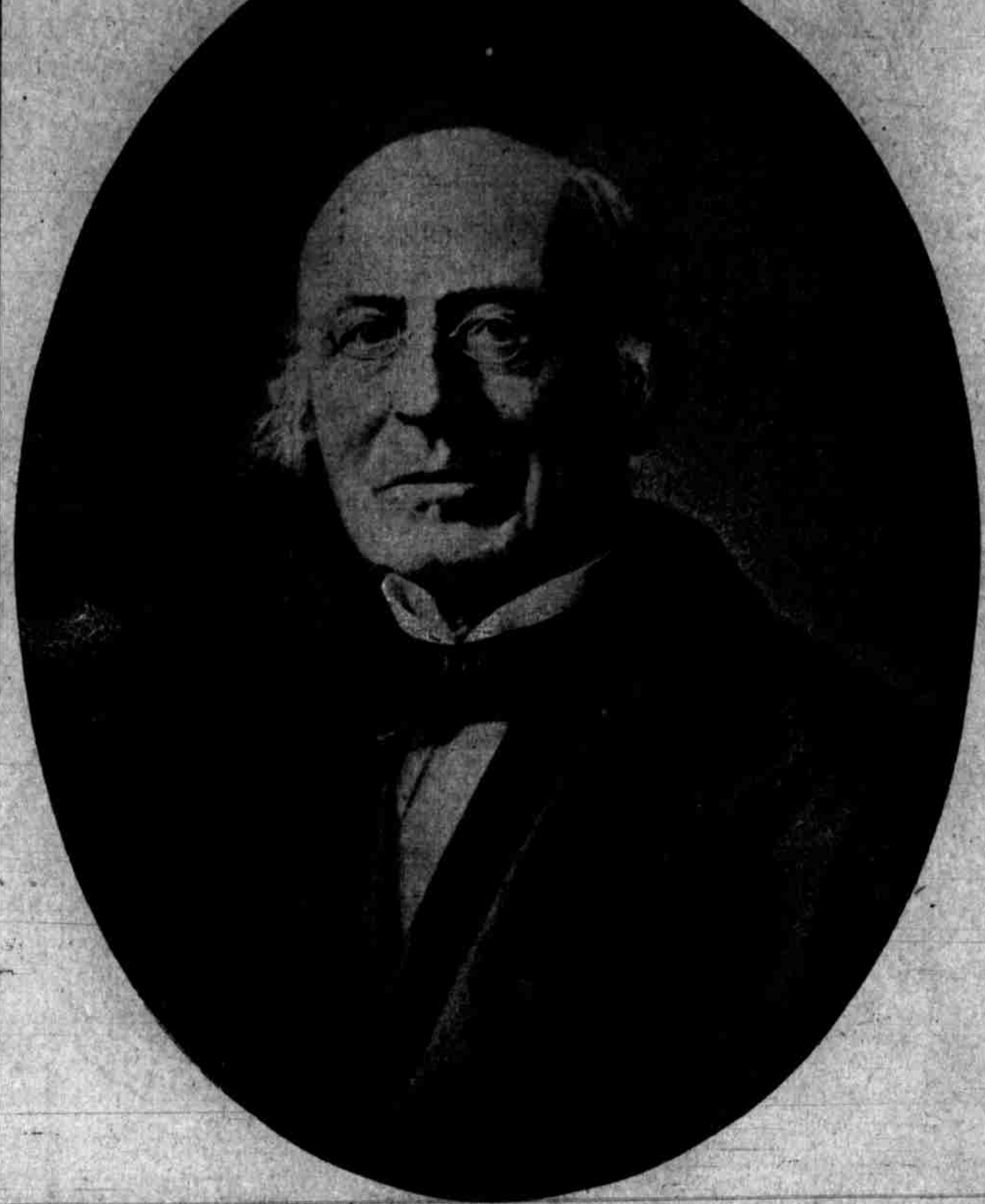
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breaking up the marriage vows of the black race.

In 1847 Garrison began to attack the constitution of the United States and caused consternation by burning it publicly, because it authorized the slave traffic. When secession came he realized that the disunion which he had been advocating was not sufficient to cure the evil and that this would effect a change only in one part of the country because the disunion states would continue as before. Then he realized that by war only could the matter be settled and he straightway began to prepare the public mind for this step. Soon the north was ready for the emergency. He urged the people on constantly though he could not fight himself. His son, however, carried out his father's principles and volunteered as an officer for one of the colored regiments.

It is a significant fact that when the war was over Garrison insisted that there was no more to fight about. He withdrew his paper Liberator from publication and refused to remain a member of any anti-slavery societies. He wished then to enjoy the domestic life for which he was primarily intended but which circumstances had kept him from enjoying. He lived in Boston till 1864, then removed to a more retired life at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Had Seven Children.

He had seven children, five of whom grew to maturity. The eldest was named George Thompson in honor of the great English emancipator who came over to lend his aid and was mobbed with Mr. Garrison while trying to lecture in an unpopular cause.

In 1867 Mr. Garrison went to Paris for his health and to visit his two children there. He received marked attention from noted assemblies and everywhere people paid him honor as one of the great men of the day. St. James hall in London he was given a banquet at which all the most distinguished men of London were present.

The description of his personal appearance in youth as given by Thomas B. Lawson, an artist companion of the emancipator in Boston, will be of interest:

"His hair a rich dark brown, his forehead high and very white, his cheeks decidedly ruddy, his lips full, sensitive and ruddy, his eyes intense, wide open, of a yellowish hazel, with fine teeth, rather

larger than the average, and a complexion more fair, more ethereal white than I ever saw upon a man."

He became bald early and was always smooth shaven. He was singularly prejudiced against a beard, and even after it became the fashion associating it always with men of no reputation—just as the conventional stage villain is bearded. He encouraged independence in his children, but almost rated it a moral delinquency that his sons all eschewed the razor.

Fond of Children.

Mr. Garrison, outside of his public life, was a gentle character, fond of children and having a great influence over them. He was, too, fond of pets, except dogs, which he hated, and he thought almost as much of the cats of the house as of his own family. When absent from home, his customary way of closing a letter was "Remembrances to Mary Ann (the one maid servant). My good will to the cat. Love to all the friends."

He was fond of art and music and reading. In art, to be sure, he was led in his likes and dislikes more by sentiment than by artistic discrimination. But he heard good music whenever it was possible. Reading he had to give up largely after he reached manhood for lack of time.

Mr. Garrison died May 24, 1879, at the age of 74 years, at Roxbury, Massachusetts, surviving his wife three years and with four children yet living. He was buried beside his wife in the cemetery at Forest Hills. Mrs. Lucy Stone followed the body to the grave in recognition of his services to women. A poem written by John Greenleaf Whittier for the occasion was read at the funeral and Wendell Phillips delivered one of his masterly addresses. The flags of the city and state were at half mast on the day of the funeral and the governor in his order respecting Decoration day a few days later invoked special honors to the great citizen whose life he had so long honored. The flags of the city and state were at half mast on the day of the funeral and the governor in his order respecting Decoration day a few days later invoked special honors to the great citizen whose life he had so long honored.

the rebels upon trees." Though the scarcity of trees prevents the gallant of the monarch's humane command, he endeavors to act up to the spirit of it, and floggings and executions attend the German line of march. Nor are these severities limited to native rebels. Last year two Englishmen named Fisher were shot by the Germans on suspicion of having furnished the rebels with supplies, and other cases of maltreatment of whites have been reported.

Of course, all the authoritative information concerning this "little war" has to pass through German hands before it reaches the outside world. Official accounts are proverbially unreliable, since even with the check of impartial war correspondents and foreign attaches, the staffs of contending armies are apt to turn requests into defenses, claim victories for drawn battles, and draw largely on their imagination for the damage inflicted on the other side.

From the constantly renewed vigor and confidence shown by the Hottentots it would appear that the German successes have by no means been so complete as they appear in print, while the extent of their disasters has been underestimated. Even this explanation, however, does not fully account for the

stubborn resistance of the rebels. The native of South Africa soon tires of a long war when the terms of peace are not too severe. But when surrender means death or other heavy punishment he will fight to the last like a rat at bay. Marengo tried to enter into negotiations with the Germans, as a result of which he has determined to send his women and children to British territory and with his band of warriors maintain the war to the last man. The terms of peace must have been harsh indeed to force the Hottentot chief to such a decision.

Meanwhile the eyes of black South Africa are turned in eager anxiety toward the conflict. Many natives are aware that the British, if not the Boers, admit the military superiority of the Germans. And, having short memories, they forget in the present discomfiture of the white men the almost constant success of British and Boer arms against them in the past. Even where England has failed, as in the Basuto and Fingo of 1850, the Boers have prevailed, and vice versa; so the prestige of the white man did not suffer.

But now the spectacle of a few bands of Hottentots defying a vastly superior army is bound to have an unsettling effect upon the native mind.

up on the stairway, where it was handy for him to reach it, and so the stairway was now about evenly balanced on that side. Our next door neighbor on that side of the fence had four stacks of hay in a field just the other side of that fence, and the stairway just caught each of those haystacks right at the base and picked up and shook out and scattered the whole of 'em, one after another, all over creation. And at the next jump it made it broke the hayowner's arm and tore the roof off his woodshed.

"It bounced along the field after tearing up the haystacks and happened to be on an upward bounce when it struck the woodshed and caught under the eaves. The farmer had come out along with every body else when the kite started, and he rushed up and grabbed the stairs and tried to hold them, but a puff of wind on the kite pinned his arm between the stairs and the shed, and the next instant away went the roof, leaving nothing of it but sticks and shingles, and away went the stairs, tearing up fields beyond and tearing down fences on the way until it came to a road, where something really extraordinary happened.

"This road ran east and west and there was coming along it at the time a horse and wagon, headed for the stairs, bounced clean over the last fence by this road without touching that, but, as it sailed over one end of it it hit this wagon a smashing blow and turned it whole, and the horse and wagon—all—clean around in the road, so that the horse headed west, and it started, with the wreck of the wagon, running away. In that direction, just contrary to the way it had been headed a minute before, while the kite dragged the stairs along across the road and through the fence on the other side and on into the next town.

"And the next instant away went the field there was a big moss-grown boulder, too big to move, and which the farmer had never thought it worth while to blast, and which lay beyond this was the farmer's house and barn. Moving fast and tearing things up generally on the way, and with an extra blast hitting the kite at just that minute, the kite could have been headed if they slid up the side of it and high into the air and turned around and came down end first like a great battering ram and smashed through their strength of wood, and this farmer's big barn. You never saw such destruction anywhere.

"But that was the end of it. Coming on the run we'd come up with the flying stairway now, and the kite fast to his hands on the kite line and hauled in the kite and we got the stairway out of the hole in the barn and started home, with the kite and the kite line, and the kite and some of the circus men carrying what there was left of the stairs, marching back across country along the line that the stairs had plowed up. "And the kite, which had been flying cheerfully. He was always willing and more than willing to do anything he could to amuse the great giant, the greatest circus attraction that ever took the road to make him happy and keep him comfortable. But the giant never flew any kites after that; he didn't want to.

"He'd just had a little mid attack of kite fever, that's all, and now it was all over. He was a freak in size only. In other ways he was just like the rest of us."

Busy Lives of Rich Men's Sons

The sons of rich men are rarely idle whatever the extent of their family fortunes may be. If there is now a business of interest, they take a business of sport. Foxhall Keene is an example of successful devotion to sport. In one form or another it has kept him happily employed all his life. He is a field sportsman in the most extensive sense of the word. He has been a member of the billiard club since he was a boy, and he has been a member of the golf club since he was a boy. He has been a member of the tennis club since he was a boy, and he has been a member of the croquet club since he was a boy. He has been a member of the polo club since he was a boy, and he has been a member of the horse club since he was a boy. He has been a member of the yacht club since he was a boy, and he has been a member of the racing club since he was a boy. He has been a member of the boxing club since he was a boy, and he has been a member of the wrestling club since he was a boy. 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