

KISS THAT BOUND MY HEART TO THINE.

BY SAMUEL N. MITCHELL.

One happy day, long, long ago,
When summer fields were all aglow,
And birds were singing in the trees,
I had a sad farewell to thee.
The gentle breezes murmured low,
The daisies nodded to and fro,
When you received from lips of mine,
The kiss that bound my heart to thine.

Thou' seas have kept us far apart,
Your image still is in my heart,
And visions of the fields and flowers
Consume my lone and weary hours;
I hear the robins as of yore,
I see the sparrows 'bout your door,
I catch the whippoorwill's sad call.

Again among the clover sweet,
Where in the past we used to meet,
My weary feet I long to trace,
To see once more your genial face;
But while from you I may remain,
I live in hope to meet again,
For dearer than the stars that shine,
The kiss that bound my heart to thine.

SEPARATION.

Would you know me if you met me
In the paths we used to tread?
Would you know me, darling, darling,
While you deem me with the dead?

Would my face bring back the memories
Of the past long buried low?
Would you stoop and kiss me then, dear,
As you did once, long ago?

Would your heart in sorrow soften
If you knew how keen the pain?
How I've suffered, darling, darling,
Clasp me to your heart again.

How through months of pain and anguish,
True my heart has been to you;
Would you love me now, my darling,
Would you love me if you knew?

—(Telegram.)—

Samuel J. Tilden.

The death of Samuel J. Tilden has been a probable event of any time within the last six years. His advanced age and ill-health were all that stood in the way of his nomination to the Presidency in 1880. Though he survived the candidate of that convention his health has been too precarious to warrant the assumption of the duties of the responsible office. The political opponents of Mr. Tilden will admit that he was a remarkable man.

Since 1876, when he was nominated for the Presidency, he has been the central figure of the Democratic organization. Without official position, and with the weight of years that cast all the fruits of life behind him, he has still been, by the sheer force of ability, the leader of his party. His wealth was an element of power, but he was not the richest man in his party. He was probably, all qualities considered, the ablest political leader of his country. The political campaign of 1876 was a proof of his ability as a manager. He entered that campaign with great odds against him. The Democratic party had been swept almost out of existence in 1872. The defeat of Mr. Greeley was not limited to a failure to elect a ticket; it was a blow at the vitality of the Democratic organization. Democrats had for the first time refused to go to the polls and vote for the nominee of the Democratic Convention. A great many declared their release from a party that sought success under false colors. Mr. Tilden came to the front during the years which followed Mr. Greeley's political annihilation. His masterly administration of the affairs of New York at a time when the canal ring was at the height of its power pointed to him as the leader to reinstate his party in public confidence. As the time for the meeting of the national convention approached, all other candidates lost ground, and when the convention met it was simply to record an event the popular vote of the party had demanded. The historian will tread cautiously over the months which followed the election in 1876. During the canvass the Democrats had made a showing of power which alarmed their opponents. For one, at least, there were no blunders to help the Republicans out of the lethargy the nomination of Mr. Hayes threw the party into. The points all through the canvass were in favor of Mr. Tilden. The count after the voting showed that Mr. Tilden had carried the States which were regarded as the battlefield of the campaign. He had concentrated his force upon four Northern states, which, with the Solid South, were sufficient to secure his election. These four states he carried by handsome majorities. The Republican leaders in a night moved the decisive point to the South by disputing the apparent result in Louisiana and Florida. It is enough to say that the flank movement was successful. A few days later the electoral commission declared that Mr. Hayes had both these states. The submission of Mr. Tilden to a verdict which a large portion of his party thought unjust has been urged as a reproach upon his ability to lead. The general opinion, however, is that the period between the election and the final declaration of the result was the grandest epoch in Mr. Tilden's life. The one man who calmly looked on in this crisis was Mr. Tilden himself. The ambition of his life had been to be President, and he doubtless believed himself to have been elected. But when his lieutenants blundered for war the chief remained silent and calm. The people without distinction of party were impressed by his dignity and patriotism of his conduct in this crisis, and if he had again come before the country as a candidate he would have received thousands of votes that were withheld in 1876. The party has had two candidates since and elected one. During all this time no one has disputed with

Mr. Tilden the real leadership. He could easily have been nominated over Hancock in 1880 and over Cleveland in 1884. His voice, feeble as it was, had more influence over his party than any that was heard while he lived. Without comparing Mr. Tilden to Clay, Webster and Calhoun, neither of whom he resembled in the character of his mind, he was like them in this, that he was greater without the Presidency than those who succeeded to the office.—[S. F. Call.]

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