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REFORM.

BY REV. THOMAS L. HARRIS.

A voice peals over Life's wily heaving waters, More startling than the anthem of his storm; Sweet as the hymn wherewith Sarah's daughters...

Success will crown each anxious endeavor, And from the strife they still rise great and free, And do not give birth to deeds that roll forever...

Japan and the Isles of the Sea.

In the beautiful and glorious visions of the Prophets, the "Isles of the Sea" were the last order of illumination and the brightest stars in the crown of the final restoration.

Japan has been closed against all European and American observation, on the same principle as China—that of an exclusive State, neither seeking nor permitting foreign intercourse.

The Empire of Japan is said to extend over most of the Islands from Latitude 26° to 40°—or twenty-three degrees of Latitude.

parallel with the best part of the United States. The first of these, Kiu-siu, is about 220 miles long; the second, Niphon about 1000 miles; and Jesso about 100 miles in length.

The productions of Japan are very numerous, and in great abundance. Among them are Tea, Spices, Cotton, all the grains and tropical fruits, Gold, Sulphur, Coffee, Iron, Rice and Coal.

The Empire of Japan—its Government and Institutions, are the most remarkable in the world. Its vast natural resources have enabled it to be exclusive, and its dark superstitions have constructed a most complicated, compound Government.

- 1. The Central and General Office. 2. Legislation and Education. 3. Affairs of the People and Police. 4. Bureau of the Interior. 5. Bureau of War. 6. Bureau of Finance. 7. Bureau of Criminal Law. 8. Minister of the Royal Palace.

The Dai-ri is called the "Son of Heaven," and is the spiritual head of all religion. He is however shut up in the Palace of Macago, surrounded by innumerable Princes, allowed twelve concubines, is addicted to Music and Poetry, and the sun is not allowed to shine upon him.

The dark religion of those countries are their worst features, and it can do them no harm to let in the light of Christianity, even though it should not be at once impressed upon their institutions.

To the Messenger of Grace we well may say: Go to many a tropic Isle In the bosom of the deep, Where the skies forever smile, And the oppressed forever weep.

NAPOLEON AFTER ELBA.

[LAMARTE continues to issue the volumes of his Napoleonic history. In the following passage he describes that remarkable scene which occurred between Napoleon and his soldiers, immediately after the flight from Elba.

"On quitting La Mure, the Emperor composed his vanguard of one hundred picked men from that chosen body always under the orders of Camborne. This General, on advancing towards a bridge at some distance from La Mure, found himself in front of a new battery. The envoy he sent to them with signs of peace was driven back.

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a gentle pace, almost alone, in a lance of his army. Whether he had been assured by his accomplices at Grenoble that the hearts of this battalion beat in his favor...

At the sight of the carriages which had been prepared in secret, and entered the court-yard at midnight, the officers of the National Guard, and the citizens who were under arms to guard the palace, rushed in disorder into the halls and staircases of the chateau.

There he dismounted, gave the reins to one of his Poles, crossed his arms on his breast, and advanced with measured steps like a man who marches to his death.

Without speaking a word he passed through this line of followers, familiars, courtiers, and private citizens, who opened before him and closed after him, hands darting forward and seizing his hands to kiss them, others touching the skirt of his coat as if to preserve an impression of his person.

Having gone through the semblance of obedience and fidelity to discipline they thought they had done their duty, and that the heart might now be left to its own course. And the hearts of all spoke with one voice.

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neutral tint;" reigns supreme among these dead wills, while the living are attempted to discolor with narrow shiftings now in all the compass of the compass of appreciated worth.

If then, all history appears inevitably, the very elements of Mr. Bancroft's manner, which are named as his weakness, will prove his secret passport to the favor of posterity.

We regret to see such sentiments as these have quoted from the North American Review, in such a periodical. It is strange teaching that an American may have too "fervid a patriotism," "too exalted a love of country," may cling with too much admiration to the "polity of his country," and the teaching because the stranger, when an American is warned that by such "manifestations of natural feeling," he is "apt to excite the ridicule of foreigners."

It were possible for those who have exchanged "corruption for incorruption, to resume their habiliments of clay, and the critic of the North American could be induced to write an American history after the manner of the "uniform neutral tint," Mr. Bancroft might afford to revisit the earth with his critic two centuries hence.

Tom Benton on the Homestead. The following admirer's views appear in a recent speech of Missouri's distinguished son, delivered in St. Louis county:

The ex-Senator explained the nature of a "homestead." He said it was a provision for a family, intended to enable the mother to raise up her children under her own care, and train them to habits of industry, feeling of independence, and principles of virtue. It was to be secured to the family during the life time of the parents, and until the youngest child was 21 years of age.

He said the homestead was a democratic measure, and he did not so characterize it in the usual sense of the phrase, as being first proposed by a democratic man. He might do so, and truly, as far as he believed, Mr. Jefferson, near 50 years ago, being the first that he knew of to recommend it and himself about 25 years ago, in a speech in the senate, well known at the time as the Grassy White speech, being the first to propose it.