

THE DRUMMER BOY.

BY DENNIS LEAHY.

The subject of this sketch was a little newboy named Tommy Gowan, who followed a famous Irish regiment to the front. This scene took place at the second battle of Bull Run.

Truce up against the enemy We rushed to the attack, And thrice with dreadful slaughter Our lines were driven back. Once more our colonel marshaled us, And on we rushed again, But torn and battered back recoiled With scarcely half our men.

Fast flashed the red artillery Our bleeding columns through, And thick and fast to earth they fell, Our gallant boys in blue. A shuddering thrill, an icy chill Through every bosom runs, As faster fell the shot and shell From the Confederate guns.

A cry of horror thrilled the ranks And wavered the brigade. Before their battering guns we stood Pale, panting and dismayed. The last man of the colour-guard His death-shot there had found, And close beside, his battle-flag Lay torn upon the ground.

'Twas then an Irish drummer boy— Too young for such a scene— Stepped proudly to the foremost ranks Dressed in his jacket green, And picked from earth the battered flag That lay all gory there, Regardless of the hissing shell Which hurled through the air.

Proudly before the foe's men's guns, He waved that flag on high; His face lit up, his fearless soul Shone in his flashing eye; The light of heaven and martyrdom Beamed in his glowing face, As if for once were centered there The fire of his race.

Fiel! Shame on you boys! Will you desert The old flag to the foe? Come on! Who shrinks before his guns Or fears his rebel blow? Charge for our own old flag again! With fearless voice he said, A moment more and in his gore The drummer boy lay dead.

We heard him shout, we saw him fall, With banner in his hand, We gazed upon his boyish face, So fearless, proud and grand, Then from our ranks there burst a yell For blood, revenge or death, As if the infernal floods of hell Had heaped upon the earth.

Right up against their blazing batteries, With fiercely flashing blade, In frantic fury fiercely sprang Each man of the brigade. No human force, no human power Could turn that shock aside, Deep, deep in blood, our blades avenged The little boy who died.

Wrapped in his flag, we buried him, And o'er his lonely grave, With saddened heart our whole brigade A farewell volley gave. For braver ne'er on field or plain, From Foyle to Fontenoy, Died for the free more grand than he, The little drummer boy.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. Melly, of Las Vegas, New Mexico is visiting Mrs. R. E. Lacey, and the family of J. P. Davenport.

Miss Lewis and Miss Roth, two young Chicago ladies were visiting Downers Grove for a few days this week.

It is reported that 400 cars have been chartered for the Scotch picnic to be held at Burlington Park, August 18.

Miss Allie Davenport accompanied by her Aunt "Alice" has returned after visiting for three weeks, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandpa Davenport, at Mendota.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Cong'l. church will hold their quarterly meeting, next Wednesday afternoon, July 3, at 1:30, at Mrs. Wm. Colwell's. All unfinished work will be considered at this meeting. By order of Sec.

Our postmaster has extra copies of the REPORTER every week for the accommodation of those who fail to receive their's regularly. If the paper is not in your box when it should be, ask him for one.

F. A. Brode is nothing if not progressive. He is now going to tear out the corner of his building and put in double doors and large windows, which will greatly improve the appearance of his place of business. He has a change in his ad. this week. Read it.

They say that a dog is compelled to wear a muzzle for the next 90 days. That is, some of them do; but others—privileged dogs—roam around without the sign of a muzzle. If there is a law in this regard let it be enforced. The village can well spare many curs who now wander on our streets.

St. Andrew's Mission, brick building on the north side, near the depot. Services on Sunday, June 30th as follows. Morning prayer with Litany at 10:30 a. m., Sunday School 11:45. A cordial invitation extended to all. The choir will meet at 8 o'clock sharp. Every member of the choir is requested to be present.

The members of the Downers Grove Club are making elaborate preparations to properly celebrate the forth coming national holiday. Invitations have been issued for a dancing party in the Club rooms which, from all accounts, is to surpass anything of a similar nature ever before given in our village. A first class orchestra has been engaged from Chicago, and refreshments of the most tempting description will be provided. Card rooms will also be prepared to accommodate all who prefer that form of amusement to the "Mazy Woty." We are pleased to hear that the affairs of the Club were never in a more prosperous condition than at present; the membership has already passed the much coveted fifty mark, and there are several names now before the Membership Committee for incoming members.

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CASS.

Choir practice at Mr. Littleford's Saturday evening.

Miss Atwood, of Downers Grove, is visiting at her grandfather's, Mr. Jesse Oldfield.

Mr. A. L. Smart is having a gravel driv' put in and planed flagg stones hauled, from Lemont, for a walk. Mr. Neel, of Wheaton, is doing the work.

A Fourth of July picnic was voted for, Sunday, by the Sunday school, and committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Good luck to the widowers— Darkibus nightibus Sweet glorum Manibus kissibus Wants some morum.

That's right you east end folks, don't let the west end get ahead of you.

Mr. James Craigmile and Mr. James Littleford have bought land in Indiana. Mr. Craigmile will leave Cass for that place in the fall.

Mrs. Richard Cleveland of Chicago, formerly Miss Minnie Wells, and her husband made a short visit at her grandfather's, Mr. I. Cleveland, last week. A number of her old friends gave them a pleasant surprise last Saturday evening.

We are to have a children's sermon next Sabbath. Rev. Sedweek requests that as many children of the neighborhood as possible might be present. We feel to sympathize in this movement and hope that a special effort will be made by all so that the children may be at the service.

LISLE SIFTINGS.

Fourth of July is drawing near. Mr. and Mrs. Quitmeyer entertained a lot of company from the city Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Harrington, of Spring Valley, Ill., is here visiting her parents.

The Misses Rosa and Hattie Hatch intend to spend the summer in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hatch are going to start for Denver, Col., about the fifth of July, to spend two months.

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