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POETRY.

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

My Only Sister.

They tell me she is dead, That on her bier he lies, The calm deep sleep of death, The chilly resting place...

They tell me that her voice,

With all its tones of love, Will ne'er again our hearts rejoice, While on this earth we rove...

They tell me that the brightness

Of her eyes is dimmed by death, And the heart that beat so warmly, Throbs no more within her breast...

They tell me that this thought,

Of her gone bosom past, In the dear old home-land, We ne'er might meet again...

But yet I would remember—

There are others more bereaved, Whose hearts are sorely grieved, Her fond and loving husband— Those babes of tender years— Her noble, soldier brothers— All claim our prayers and tears...

On earth we've lost one treasure,

In heaven we've gained one more; We've, by death, divided, Just four on either side, 'Tis our Father's choice, To wear our hearts from earth, To turn us from our pleasures, To joys of heavenly birth...

Now, 'tis we mourn her absence,

She smiles among the blest, And on her Saviour's bosom, His love forever rests, No pang nor pain her heart-string, No sorrow damp her joy, But praise to our Saviour, In his bow her sweet repose...

Her golden harp just tuned,

As when a thrill of joy, The mother clasps her infant, Her bright—her cherub boy, A babe of scarce three summers— Of budding promise rare, To Paradise transplanted, To bloom in beauty there...

Dear Saviour, claim that father

And grant his stricken darling, The smile of thy face, Of which each word is sorrow, Of which each word is joy, Safe may they reach the heaven, Of everlasting rest, MRS. ROBERTSON, Sept. 30th, 1861.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Synod of Virginia.

The Synod met, as you have stated, Oct. 1st, 11 A. M. in the 24 Presbyterian church in Petersburg...

There were present as regular members, during the sessions, 33 ministers and 39 ruling elders, making 82 members...

During the sessions also Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson of the Synod of North Carolina, Rev. Lindsey H. Dixon, of the Synod of Kentucky, Rev. A. W. Pitzer, of the Synod of Upper Missouri, Rev. James M. Wilson, of the Synod of Nashville, Rev. J. W. Kern, D. D., of the Synod of Philadelphia...

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