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(Correspondence of the Southern Opinion.)

General Hunter's Vandalism.

The Shenandoah Valley, during the late war, was the scene of many acts of vandalism...

perpetrated by men wearing the uniform of United States officers...

Their very name will bring to mind the days of Attila and Hun...

and their deeds of cruelty must cause a shudder of horror...

memory is recalled. But of all these brutal acts, the burning of the private mansions of Edward Jennings Lee, Esq., and Col. Alex. Butler...

of which were absent at the time, by order of General David Hunter...

of July, 1864, was the most wanton, as not the slightest apology could be offered for the conduct...

The residence of Mr. Lee, known as "Redding," had been in the possession of the Lee family for many years...

and was a handsome building, situated on an eminence that overlooks the village...

Scarcely a moment was allowed the family by Capt. Martindale, the minion of Hunter, to leave the house and save what valuables they could...

Strict orders were given against removing anything yet some old citizens from town endeavored, at the point of the bayonet, to save a few necessary articles...

Mr. Lee's books were taken from him, and he was brought out...

When the flames were past extinction, these brave (?) soldiers went over to "Fountain Rock," the residence of Col. A. R. Boteler...

and his fine mansion was soon on fire. In this act they showed the same diabolical malignity as in the other, and resisted every effort of the young ladies and citizens to save some things from destruction...

No reason or excuse was ever given for their conduct, and the next day Mrs. Lee addressed a letter to General Hunter, which ought not to be withheld from the world...

and therefore we append a copy of the same. "General Hunter:—Yesterday your underling, Captain Martindale, of the "First New York Veteran Cavalry," executed your order and burned my house...

Your orders were fulfilled to the letter; the dwelling and every out-building, seven in number, with their contents, were burned...

I, therefore, a helpless woman, whom you have cruelly wronged, address you, a Major General of the United States army, and demand why this was done? What was my offence? My husband was absent an exile...

He has never been a politician, or in any way engaged in the struggle now going on, in his age preventing. This fact David Strother, your Chief of Staff, could have told you...

The house was built by my father, a Revolutionary soldier, who served the whole seven years for your independence. There was I born; there the sacred dead repose; it was my home and my home, and there your own cities, [Miss Griffith, who remained in this vicinity during the struggle—Corresp.] who lived among us all this horrible war, met with every kindness and hospitality at my hands...

Was it for this you turned me, my young daughter and son out upon the world without a shelter? Or was it because my husband is grandson of the Revolutionary patriot and rebel, Richard Henry Lee, and the near kinsman of the noble Henry Lee, the greatest of the great, the greatest of Generals, R. E. Lee? (Heaven's blessings be upon his brave forefathers!)

"Hyena-like, you have torn my heart to pieces, for all hallowed memories clustered around that homestead; and demon-like you have done it, without even the pretext of revenge, for I never saw or harmed you—Your office is not to lead, like a brave man and soldier, your men to fight in the ranks of war, but to separate yourself from all danger, and with your incendiary hand to make way upon helpless women and children, and steal, unawares upon them, to insult and destroy. Two fair hours you yesterday ruthlessly laid in ashes, giving not a moment's warning to the startled inmates of your wicked purpose, turning mothers and children out of doors—your very name execrated by your own men for the cruel work you gave them to do. A Colonel of the Federal army has stated you deprived forty of your officers of their commands and commissions; he refused to carry out your malignant mischiefs. (All honor to their names, for this at least; they were men, and had human hearts and blushed for such a commander.)

"In the case of Colonel Boteler, both father and mother were far away, and any heart but that of Captain Martindale and yours would have been touched by that little circle, comprising a widowed daughter, (whose husband had died from cruel treatment in the hands of Federal soldiers,) just risen from a bed of sickness, her little fatherless babe—the eldest not five years—and her heroic sister. I repeat, any man would have been touched by that sight. But one might as well hope to find mercy and feeling in the heart of a hungry wolf bent on its prey of young lambs, as to seek for such qualities in the souls of Capt. Martindale and yourself. Your name will stand on history's page as the hunter of weak women and innocent children; the destroyer of defenseless villages, refined and beautiful homes, the torturer of the agonized spirits of suffering widows; the betrayer of the poor sons and daughters of Africa, luring them on to ruin and death of both soul and body; the Hunter with the relentless heart of a wild beast, the face of a fiend and the form of a man. Oh I earth, behold the monster; Can I say, "God forgive you?" No prayer can be offered for you. Were it possible for human lips to raise your name Heavenward, the angels would thrust the foul thing back again and demons claim their own. The curses of thousands, the scorn of the manly and upright, the hatred of the true and honorable, will follow you and yours through all time, and brand your name with "Infamy! Infamy!"

This is the Hunter, the hero, that burned the mansion of his own kinsman, Andrew Hunter, Esq., at Charlestown, the Virginia Military Institute, and destroyed every horse, dog, sheep, hog, cat, and every particle of grain, and robbed every house and its inmates—and in one instance burned the dwelling afterwards—from Lynchburg to Salem,

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PORTIAL.

MY MOTHER.

Long years have passed of toil and strife, And darker grows the path of life, As up the rugged steep I climb, And strive to bear the load of time, Of memories from the olden time, My mother, my sweet mother!

These olden days my Saviour died, On bloody Calvary crucified, How Mary wept his cross beside, As agonizing he cried, And on his brow the crimson tide, My mother, oh, my mother!

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Once more, once more, I leave to rest, A child upon thy listless breast, And as thy feet I kiss, My mother, oh, my mother!

Long years have passed, alas! what years, Of bright hopes and blinding tears, Of lonely wandering ways, Thine absent son doth nightly pray, God's blessings on thee far away, My mother, my sweet mother!

MISCELLANEOUS.

Among the Mormons—Present Condition of the Latter-day Saints.

As Mormonism grows and expands in Utah, it becomes more and more a subject of interest to the people of the United States. Much has been said and written about it, but a full picture of the iniquity has never yet been drawn. The following sketch, giving an account of an interview with Brigham Young, will be found interesting:—

I regard Brigham Young as a greatly underrated man by most persons in the East. They all judge him mainly by his ribald and often blasphemous harangues from the pulpit, and do not appreciate him as a great administrator and leader of surpassing attainments. I first saw him in his own business room. He was nearly or perhaps quite alone when I entered, but almost instantly several side doors opened, and half a dozen brothers, sons, secretaries, etc., were seated around the little office. I learn that he never sees a person alone, unless that he knows perfectly the character of the visitor, and when strangers call on him his person is guarded from possible assassination by the apparent casual but evidently systematic appearance of his immediate friends. He greets the visitor with serene dignity but faultless courtesy, and converses freely and quite intelligently on all agreeable topics. He is evidently in no mood for a talk about the inside workings of Mormonism, and an inquiry as to the number of his wives and children, and their health, would doubtless have terminated the interview most abruptly. He is a well preserved man of sixty years, of medium height, rather corpulent, with an abundant growth of light Auburn hair, and a heavy crop of sandy whiskers, extending on his upper and lower lips. His eyes are a very light, dull blue, and wanting in expression, his nose short and prominent, his lips thick and firmly set, and the whole give him the appearance of a man of obstinate will, and cold, calculating purpose. His head is of unusual shape. The face is quite broad across the centre, and gradually narrows to the top of the forehead, and point of the chin, while his neck is of uncommon thickness, and describes a semi-oval line from the base of the head to the top, tapering gradually to the crown, giving it a sugar loaf finish. He is evidently a man of the keenest perception, of great self-reliance and will of the subtlest quantity, and possesses an organization capable of the highest measures of physical endurance.





POETICAL.

LUCKY LOYD.

BY A. FOLKERSON.

She gave to me her young bright eyes... When Spring-time brought the roses back...

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A Fair Burglar.

A Dresden correspondent of the Cleveland Plaindealer thus writes of what happened to him on awaking in the morning...

You can imagine my terror when, upon early day, our door was opened and a formal row slowly and carefully glided into our room...

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