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FATHER RYAN, THE POET-PRIEST.

**Death of a Distinguished Southern Poet,
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Abram J. Ryan was born in Ireland, 46 years ago. His parents came to America, near Norfolk, Va., when he was a baby. He was a gifted, fiery boy from infancy, and was educated for the Roman Catholic priesthood. He received his training at Niagara Falls. He had barely left college and been ordained as a priest when the war broke out. He entered the Confederate service as a chaplain. More than that, he took up the southern cause and threw himself into the war with all the fire and energy of a passionate and powerful nature. His devotion did not stop at his duties as chaplain. The young Father Ryan was a fighter as well as priest and poet. When the wounded dropped a musket, he picked it up and shouldered it and used it. Once he was wounded while fighting in the ranks. It was at Nashville, Tenn. He also was of great service in the hospitals.



FATHER RYAN.

His face is a peculiar one. Swarthy and full of expression, there is that in it which suggests the oriental type. The Irish have a tradition that the true original settlers of their island were the ancient Phoenicians. Inscriptions found among ruins here and there in Ireland bear out this belief. Father Ryan's face is a strong presumption in favor of it.

After the war it seemed that his occupation was gone. He was as fiery and untamed a southerner as Robert Toombs, and he never was reconstructed. He was settled in various parishes throughout the south after the fighting was over. For a time he was at Biloxi, Miss., and later at Mobile. He was a man of eloquence and fire in his sermons. He preached during a season at the cathedral, New Orleans, and drew vast audiences, sometimes over 5,000.

He consoled his grief for the lost cause by writing poetry, and it is as a poet that he is best known. It is rather a strange circumstance that at his death he should have been more honored by the general public than by his own church, gifted preacher and lecturer though he was. He died at Louisville, Ky., at the Franciscan monastery, of heart disease. The passionate heart had worn itself out when he was only 40.

His remains were taken to Mobile for burial. At the railway station in Louisville, where his body was brought to be shipped, 100 ex-Confederate soldiers were drawn up in open line and the coffin carried between them.

The New Senator from Tennessee.

The successor to Senator Jackson, who has been promoted to a judgeship, is W. C. Whitthorne. His appointment by Governor Bate was a surprise, being unexpected, and if the cannon firing and bonfires which greeted the announcement can be taken as an expression of feeling, it is certain that the choice was highly acceptable to at least one party in Tennessee.



WASHINGTON CURRAN WHITTHORNE.

Gen. Whitthorne is a genuine old war horse of the "Pig Iron" Kelley and William S. Holman order. He is 61 years old, and has practiced law for nearly forty-three years. From 1855 to 1858 he served in the senate of his state, and in 1850 was elected to the assembly, and became the presiding officer thereof. He was adjutant general of his state during the civil war. His political disabilities were removed in 1870. March 4, 1871, he took a seat in the house of representatives, where he was a very prominent figure for many terms. He was a leader in the attack on Secretary Robeson's management of the navy department, as he was the most strenuous claimant of Mr. Tilden's election. His term of service will expire March 3, 1887.

Do Men Wear Corsets?

Men do wear corsets. The reasons for their so doing are, however, various. Some have had spinal troubles in their earlier years, have worn some sort of an appliance for the support of the back, and on growing up require a canvas and whalebone corset in place of the brace. They are used also to advantage by men afflicted with obesity. Persons following out-of-door occupations wear them as a protector against sudden changes of weather. Corsets of this class, however, are made of sheepskin. To believe that the article is ever worn by mankind as a means of perfecting their forms is a mistake. The contour of a man's physique cannot be beautified by being. Besides this, the discomfort of breathing to a man who wears a corset for such a purpose would be such that he would gladly sacrifice his personal appearance to ease.—New York Mail and Express.

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