

VOICES FROM THE PAST.

Eulogy on Abraham Lincoln.

(Written in 1866.)

Oh, History! What tragic scenes
transpire,
Emblazoned on thy page! Ambition's
fire,
And passion fell, and dire fanatic rage
Impel the crimes that tarnish every
age,
When at fair Freedom's chief the shaft
he aimed,
"Thus die all tyrants," murd'rous
Booth exclaimed;
And Acted on Columbia's fatal stage
A tragedy most thrilling of the age.
Ah! Let that night the rueful tidings
tell,
That theatre where martyred Lincoln
fell!
The generous warrior patriot, brave
and true,
May draw the sword rebellion to sub-
due;
And statesmen firm and rulers kind
and wise,
Send legions forth to crush their foes
that rise:
Uncompromising Pitt, firm Castlereagh
Armed num'rous hosts Europa's states
to free;
But Lincoln, from the humble ranks
of men
Rose, a far-famed Republic to defend
From her infernal foes that bold
essayed
Rebellion 'gainst the laws their sires
had made,
To rend a Union they had helped to
frame,
And "Honest Abe" a tyrant foul was
named
Because the Federal Union he main-
tained.
All honor to Columbia's fallen chief;
Whose tragic fate a world o'erwhelm-
ed with grief.
Columbia weeps for him — Europa
sighs,
And tears are moistening kind
Victoria's eyes—
E'en comic Punch sincerely doth re-
pent
That his lank figure was his merriment
He turns his eulogist, and quaintly
then
Hails him, "Railsplitter, and a prince
of men,"
Yet—Lincoln's fate enhances more his
fame—
E'en more unsullied is his honest name
Than bold and brilliant Henry of
Navarre,*
Whom desperate Ravallac murdered
in his car—
But he has suffered Henry's cruel fate,
And patriotic Williams** good and
great.
Now aged Garrison*** exults to see
The oppressed colored race at last set
free,
He first combatted in that glorions
strife
That ends with Lincoln's most eventful
life.
Low lies immortal Lincoln's honored
head
Through which the assassin's fatal bul-
let sped:
How wise his policy let History tell;
He loved his county—in its service fell.
—JOHN PALMER STUART, (1831 1891)

*Henry IV of France, assassinated
by Francois Ravallac in 1610.
**William the Silent, Prince of

Orange, assassinated by Belarmis in
1584.

*** William Lloyd Garrison, the
great abolitionist. His parents were
natives of New Brunswick. His
grandmother was Mary, third daugh-
ter of Daniel Palmer, who married
Elizabeth Wheeler, of Chebasco, in
1736. Their daughter Mary was born
January 19th, 1741, in Byfield, (Mass)
She was married to Joseph Garrison
Aug. 14th, 1765, one year after their
removal to New Brunswick. Their
son, Abijah, was father of Wm. Lloyd
Garrison, and was first cousin of David
Palmer, the poet.

[Editor's Note.—John Palmer Stuart,
a teacher, with considerable poetical
ability, died in Fredericton on October
21st, 1891, aged 60 years. He was the
nephew of David Palmer of Scotch-
town, Queens Co., N. B., who was the
first cousin of the celebrated Garrison.
David Palmer (1789 1866) was the
author of "New Brunswick and Other
Poems." David Palmer's brother,
another Daniel, was also a poet. Four
of John Palmer Stuart's five children
survive. They are Henry Harvey
Stuart of Harcourt, N. B.; Mrs. R. S.
Googins, Scarborough, Me.; John Robert
and Miss Effie Sabina Stuart of Fred-
ericton.]

Freedom of Conscience.

By WM. LLOYD GARRISON.

Oh, brave Apostle! Thou hast truly
said—
It is a trivial thing indeed to be
Judged of Man's Judgment. Consci-
ence must be free,
Not blindly nor dogmatically led,
Either by living oracles or dead:
For truth admits of no monopoly,
And where it points each for himself
must see,
Nor fear an independent path to tread.
Honor to him who speaks his honest
thoughts,
Who guards his reason as a sacred
trust,
Demands the truth for every dogma
taught,
And turns dissenter only when he
must!
For he shall rise, by whom the light is
sought,
To the high plane where stand the
wise and just.

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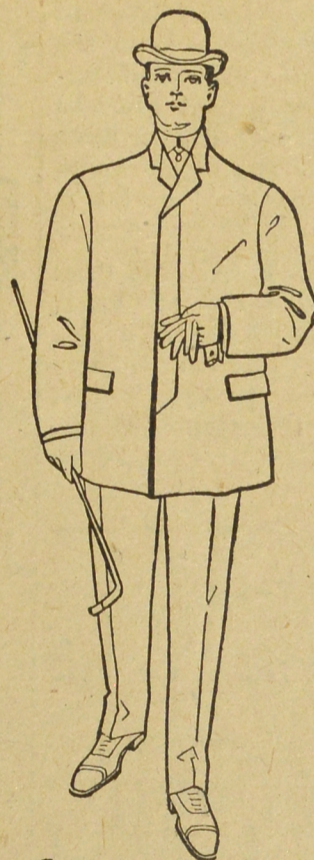
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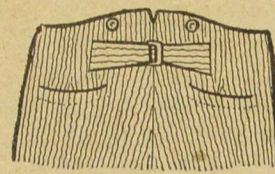
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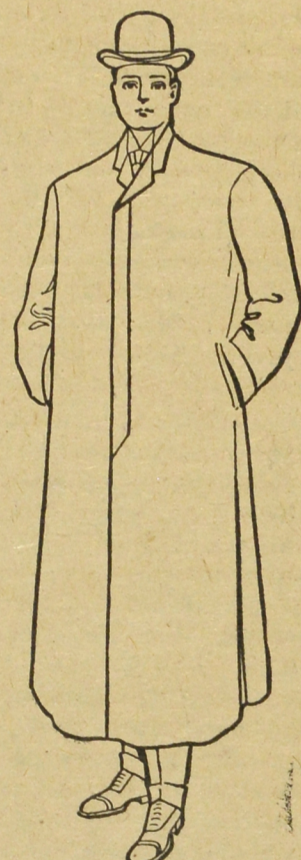
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