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THE KANSAS EMIGRANTS.

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We cross the prairie as of old
The pilgrims crossed the sea,
To make the West, as they the East,
The homestead of the free.

We go to rear a wall of men
On Freedom's southern line,
And plant beside the cotton-tree
The rugged northern pine!

We're flowing from our native hills
As our free rivers flow;
The blessing of our Mother-land
Is on us as we go.

We go to plant her common schools
On distant prairie swells,
And give the Sabbaths of the wild
The music of her bells.

Uphearing, like the Ark of old,
The Bible in our van,
We go to test the truth of God
Against the fraud of man.

No pause, nor rest, save where the streams
That feed the Kansas run,
Save where our pilgrim goulalon
Shall flout the setting sun!

We'll sweep the prairies as of old
Our fathers swept the sea,
And make the West, as they the East,
The homestead of the free!

DESTRUCTION OF THE INQUISITION IN SPAIN.

In 1809 Colonel Lehmanowsky was attached to that portion of Napoleon's army which was stationed in Madrid. "While in this city," said Col. L., "I used to speak freely among the people about the priests and Jesuits, and of the Inquisition." It had been decreed by the Emperor Napoleon that the Inquisition and monasteries should be suppressed; but the decree, like some of the laws enacted in this country, was not executed. Months had passed away, but the prisons of the Inquisition were still unopened. One night, about ten or eleven o'clock, as Col. L. was walking the streets of Madrid, two armed men sprang upon him from an alley, and made a furious attack. He instantly drew his sword, and put himself in a position of defence, and while struggling with them, saw at a distance the lights of the patrols—French soldiers mounted, who carried lanterns, and rode through the streets of the city at all hours of the night to preserve order. He called to them in French, and as they hastened to his assistance, the assailants took to their heels and escaped, not, however, before he saw by their dress that they belonged to the guards of the Inquisition.

The Colonel went immediately to Marshal Soult, then Governor of Madrid, told him what had taken place, and reminded him of the decree to suppress the institution. Marshal Soult replied that he might go and destroy it. Col. L. told him that his regiment (the ninth of the Polish lancers) was not sufficient for such a service, but if he would give an additional regiment—the 117th he would undertake the work. The 117th was under the

leaders. When we arrived at the wall I addressed one of the sentinels, and ordered the holy fathers to surrender to the Imperial army, and open the gates of the Inquisition. The sentinel, who was standing on the wall, appeared to enter into conversation for a moment with some one within the close of which he presented his musket, and shot one of my men. This was the signal for attack, and I ordered my troops to fire upon those who appeared upon the wall.

It was soon obvious that it was an unequal warfare. The walls of the Inquisition were covered with the soldiers of the holy office; there was also a breast-work upon the wall, behind which they but partially exposed themselves as they discharged their muskets. Our troops were in the open plain, and exposed to a destructive fire. We had no cannon, nor could we scale the walls, and the gates successfully resisted all attempts at forcing them. I could not retreat and send for cannon to break through the walls without giving them time to lay a train and blow us up. I saw that it was necessary to change the mode of attack, and directed some trees to be cut down and trimmed to be used as battering rams. Two of these were taken up by detachments of men as numerous as could work to advantage, and brought to bear upon the walls with all the powers they could exert, while the troops kept up a fire to protect them from the fire poured upon them from the walls. Presently the walls began to tremble, a breach was made, and the Imperial troops rushed in to the Inquisition.

Here we met with an equal to the Inquisition. Jesuitical effrontery is equal to the Inquisition, and followed by the father confessors in their robes, all came out of their rooms, as we were making our way into the interior of the Inquisition, and with their arms crossed over their shoulders, as if they had been dead to all attack and defence, and had just learned of their own destruction, they blessed themselves in with their arms raised, and said, "My son, you must not take those light words; do you hold our souls the French Inquisition? I will bear the responsibility!" I took the candle and proceeded down the staircase. As we reached the foot of the stairs, we entered a large square room which was called the Hall of Judgment. In the centre of it was a huge block, and a chain fastened to it. On this they had been accustomed to place the accused, chained to his seat. On one side of the room was an elevated seat, called the Throne of Judgment. This the Inquisitor General occupied, and on either side were seats less elevated, for the priestly fathers, while engaged in the solemn business of Holy Inquisition.

"From this room we proceeded to the right, and obtained access to small cells, extending the entire length of the edifice; and here such sights were presented as we hope never to see again.

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