

WAR SONGS OF THE SOUTH.

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(From the N. O. Crescent.)

THE MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA.

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I.

Reveal'd, as in a lightning flash,

A hero stood!

Th' invading foe, the trumpet's crash,

Lit up his blood!

II.

High o'er the sacred pile that bends
Those forms above!
Thy star, O Freedom! brightly blends
Its rays with love!

III.

The banner of a mighty race
Serenely there
Unfurls—the genius of the place,
And haunted air!

IV.

A vow is register'd in Heaven,
Patriot! 'twas thine—
To guard those matchless colors, given
By hand Divine!

V.

JACKSON! thy spirit may not hear
The wail ascend,
A nation bends above thy bier,
And mourns its friend!

VI.

Th' example is thy monument!
In organ tones
Thy name resounds, with glory blent,
Prouder than thrones!

VII.

And they whose loss hath been our gain,
A people's care
Shall win their tender hearts from pain,
And wipe the tear!

VIII.

When time shall set the captives free,

Now scath'd by wrath!

Heirs of his immortality,

Bright be their path!

