## THE "SWAMP ANGEL."

A MONUMENT MADE OF THE OLD GUN WHICH WAS USED IN BOMBARDING CHARLESTON IN 1863-A UNIQUE ME-TON, N. J.

MORIAL BY THE CITIZENS OF TREN-A rather unique memorial is to be unveiled by the patriotic citizens of Trenton, N. J., probably on Christmas Day. The memorial is a monument consisting of a gun mounted on a pedestal of stone. The piece of ordnance used is the famous gun known as the "Swamp Angel," which did such good service for the Union cause before Charleston, S. C., in the Summer of 1863. pedestal of the monument is now nearly completed. It stands at the junction Perry street and Clinton avenue, "plain for all men to see." It is made of Trenton brown-stone, and is in shape a truncated four-sided pyramid. On the easterly and westerly sides there jut out stone tablets, on each of which is hewn the inscription: "Swamp Angel; the first gun, an eight-inch Parrott rifle or 200-pounder, fired from the Marsh Battery on Morris Island, S. C., at the City of Charleston, 7,000 yards distant. Weight of gup, 16,500 pounds; weight of projectile, 150 pounds; charge of powder, 16 pounds; greatest eleva-tion used, 35 degrees. Bombardment opened Aug. 21, 1863. Burst at thirty-sixth round." At the top the pedestal is arranged like a gun-carriage, and into the cavity formed the gun is to be comented. The credit of getting up the monument is almost wholly due to Hon. John Hart Brewer, who suggested the idea, and then went around collecting subscriptions wherewith to carry it out. The design was drafted by Isaac Brougham, of Trenton. It is plain but striking. On the northerly and southerly sides of the monument will appear the only attempts at ornamentation. These will consist of neat posts supporting clusters of lamps, and from the stone bases of the posts ornamental drinking-basins will project. The "Swamp Angel" has a record which is of interest to the lovers of the Union, and the memorial will well serve to commemorate the patriotism which called the gun into service. The circumstances attending its history are perhaps worth recalling. The time was August, 1863, and Charlerton, S. C., was in the possession of Gen. Beauregard and the rebel Army, who were boas: fal of their supposed security trom attack. Gen. Quincy A. Gilimore was in command of the Union Army, Union Army, which was besieging the place on the side of the barbor. The intrepid Union troops gained a footing on, Morris Island, on which was situated Fort Wagner. The assailants began approaching the fort by parallels. Over four miles from Fort Wagner lay the City of Charleston, and when the people of the city began to be apprehensive at the slow but sure approach of the Northern troops, and feared lest their residences should be shelled, Gen. Beauregard quieted their fears by proclaiming publicly that the Union Army had no guns which could carry so far. He reckoued however, without his host. Right out in the marsh on the side of Morris Island fronting the city Gen. Gilimore caused a firm foundation to be made, and on it was placed the "Swamp Angel"—the new Parrott rifled cannon which had just been received from West Point. Gen. Gillmore had notified Gen. Beauregard that he would begin to shell the City of Charteston on Aug. 21. The notice was sent several days before the gun was fired, and Beau: egard answered the notice the day before the firing in a jesting way, not believing it possible that the Yankees had a gun which could carry so far, pretended that he had been absent and had only received the notice just then, had not had time to remove the people of the city. On the night of the memorable Aug. 21 every soldier in the Union camp lay awake to watch the result. The gun was elevated carefully, and was loaded with a shell. 'Then it was fired, and again and again the experiment was repeated. After a time fluines began to shoot up in the City of Charleston, and showed that the experiment was a success. The enthusiasm among the troops in camp was tremendous. Again and again was the gua loaded and fired, no longer as an experiment, but with the assurance that every shot was a telling blow to secession and the capital of the State which had been the first to secede from the Union. In firing the thirty-ixth round the breeon of the gun blew off. This accident was, however, of minor\_consequence. The object had been accomplished, and other guns were used to continue the work. By Sept. 7 Fort Wagner and Battery Gregg were in possession of Gen. Git more, Fort Sumter was in ruins, and a large portion of the City of Charleston was greatly injured and entirely abandoned by the inhabitants. The City and harbor of Charleston were also completely covered by the Union guns. The "Swamp Angel" did not again turn up until after the war, when it was sold in Charleston, with a number of

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other guns, as scrap iron. Charles Carr, an iron manufacturer of Trenton, became the purchaser,

and fastened the two pieces of the gun to-gether so that it is now intact once more, though

and the formal presentation of the monument to the city will be probably made, as before mentioned, on Christmas day, though the date is not yet definitely

fixed. Adj. Gen. Stryker, of New-Jersey, who was one of Gen. Gillmore's staff officers at the

bombardment of Charleston, will then nairate the history of the piece of ordnance, end addresses will

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