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St. Mary, Iowa, mar. 15, '54—n29-tf

Selected Poetry.

A DREAM OF SUMMER.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

Bland as the morning breath of June,
The southwest breezes play;
And, through its haze, the winternoon
Seems warm as summer's day.
The snow-plumed angel of the north
Has dropp'd his icy spear;
Again the mossy earth looks forth—
Again the streams gush clear.

The fox his hill-side cell forsakes,
The muskrat leaves his nook,
The bluebird in the meadow brakes
Is singing with the brook.
"Bear up, oh, Mother Nature!" cry
Bird, breeze, and streamlet free;
"Our winter voices prophesy
Of summer days to thee!"

So, in those winters of the soul,
By bitter blasts and drear,
O'erswept by memory's frozen pole,
Will sunny days appear.
Reviving hope and faith, they show
The soul its living powers,
And how beneath the winter's snow
Lie germs of summer flowers!

The night is mother of the day
The winter of the spring,
And ever upon old decay
The greenest mosses cling;
Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
Through showers the sunbeams fall;
For God, who loveth all his works,
Has left his hope with all!

☞ There is something true, fanciful and sweet in the following epigram on Slumber, from the Italian:

"Sweet is slumber—it is life
Without its sorrow in or sighing—
Death, without the fearful strife,
The mortal agony of dying."

Correspondence of the Palladium.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17, 1854.

New York would go into a state of collapse, if its nervous system were not stirred up by at least one "excitement" a week. During the present week, we have had at least a dozen, and the production and consumption of "extra" Heralds, Tribunes, and "Timeses," have been immense.

In the first place, the oscillation of the election returns, have kept the politicians in a continual tremor. The author of the "*Politique Positive*," would have doubted the existence of positive politics, could he have witnessed the discrepancies in the returns, which have puzzled the [illegible] public, for the last five or six days. Falsehood, during that time, has kept the wires in a quiver, and now, that official truth is coming to hand, we are compelled to admit, that the aphorism, "figures won't lie," is not to be relied on, when they are propelled by electricity. The very latest returns elect Clark Governor, and literally throw *cold water* on the hopes of the Seymourites, not merely damping their spirits, but drowning them out altogether. The Tribune, which seldom overshoots the mark in figuring out election results, elects the Whig or Maine Law Candidate, by a plurality of thirty at least. Nearly all the returns upon which this plurality is based, are official, but, until the entire vote has been officially canvassed, there can be no absolute certainty.

The Know Nothings here, are much exercised about certain frauds, alleged to have been committed by the Fernando Wood party, but, as the board of canvassers have decided that they cannot go behind the inspector's returns, he will be the next Mayor of New York, beyond all doubt and question. Possibly, he may prove a better Chief Magistrate, than his antecedents would warrants us in expecting.

The death of Messrs. Harrison and Smith, of Williamsburg, in consequence of injuries received at the hands of some infuriated Irishmen, on the 7th inst., has occasioned something worse than excitement in that place, viz: a strong determination on the part of the Native Americans, to avenge their murder, at the first convenient opportunity. It is to be feared, that the ill-blood existing between the "Order" and the Irish, will lead to sanguinary scenes, ere long. I fervently hope, that no rash violence on the part of the latter, will invite a collision, for the perfect organization and oneness of purpose of the Know Nothings would, in such a case, render the retaliation terrible. Flushed with their recent victory in Massachusetts and Delaware, they are, by no means, disposed to patience and forbearance.

The suicide of Mr. William North, the poet and journalist, has occasioned some sensation in literary circles. He was an Englishman of Aristocratic birth, excentric in his habits and extremest in politics, (being a red republican of the reddest stripe,) and as proud personally, as he was democratic theoretically. In a conversation I had with him, some weeks ago, he related to me, many domestic troubles, (connected with the alleged unkindness of a step-mother, and the consequent estrangement of his father,) which, combined with poverty and disappointment, probably goaded his sensitive nature to the verge of insanity. Yet, he committed the act of self-murder, with great deliberation. On Monday night, he bade his friends farewell, being, he said, about to found sensation in this city. It is melancholly to reflect, that of the 251 persons lost, the majority might have been saved had the wrecking station, near the spot, been properly provided with apparatus, or had the steam-tugs, dispatched to the wreck by the underwriters, to save property, been furnished with life-boats. But the mortar for throwing life-lines, was rendered useless, after the fifth discharge, for want of ball. The crew of the ship, deserted; the Captain followed the crew in the only remaining boat of the ship; the surf boats from the shore, could not live in the storm; the steamers brought no aid, and there, within 200 yards of the dry beach, in sight of smoking chimneys and inviting homes, 250 men, women and children, perished. The ship struck on Monday morning, during a fog, and it was not until Tuesday, that the gale moderated sufficiently, to premit the surf-boats to reach the wreck. About 160 persons were saved, (all Germans,) three or four of whom, have since died of exhaustion. The New Era was built at Bath, Maine, and this was the first voyage. She was laden with hardware, dry-goods and chalk, consigned to Duncan & Co., of this city, and was insured in various offices—chiefly in Boston—to the amount of $80,000 or $90 000. It is said that the insustart on a long journey, never to return. On Tuesday morning, he swallowed enough of Prussic Acid to kill an elephant, re-corked the phial, threw himself upon his bed, and no doubt, died instantly. He left upon his table, a twelve and a half cent piece, with a note, stating that it was the remains of his fortune, after ten years of literary labor. Poor fellow, now many there are engaged in similar pursuits, whose experience have been as bitter as his own.

The loss of the ship New Era, from Breemen, with nearly 400 emigrants on board, between Deal and Long Branch, on the Jersey Shore, has created a prorance covers the value of ship's cargo; but what shall compensate for this awful destruction of life? Captain Henry, the commander of the vessel, has published a statement, intended, I suppose, to be exculpatory, but which, convicts him of negligence, and shows, that he left the ship, much to early for his own reputation.

Beheehan, the monster now under sentence of death, at Riverhead, L. I., for the murder of the Wickham family, made an attempt to escape, a few nights ago, by setting fire to the jail. His plans were frustrated, by a timely discovery, and he is now so throughly secured, that it will be impossible for him to play the same trick a second time. His execution will take place on the 15th of next month.

Peverelly, indicted for attemping to burn his own warehouse, has been found guilty. The penalty, is five years imprisonment. Of course, his counsel have prepared a bill of exception, and sentence has consequently been deferred.

The sale of the late Bishop Wainwright's valuable library, consisting of about 10,000 volumes, will commence the 22nd inst, which, by the by, is the day appointed for the consecration of his successor, Bishop Potter. A free Church is to be erected here, as a tribute to the memory of the late Bishop, who expressed, some time previous to his death, a strong desire to all, to see such an edifice built.—A number of ladies belonging to the Episcopal Church, have started a subscription to defray the expenses of the structure. The site is to be up town, near the corner of Fourth street and Eighth Avenue, I believe.

The funeral of the venerable Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, which took place from Trinity Church, on Saturday last, was almost immediately followed by that of probably the oldest person in the United States, Mrs. Sarah Karns, of this city, who died on the same day as Mrs. Hamilton, aged 117 years and three months. She was born in this country, in 1737 when George Washington was five years old. The old lady retained the full possession of her faculties up to the day of her decease.

It is a "fixed fact," that we are to have a new City Hall, additional to the old one, connected with it and in the same style of architecture, which I take to be a Dutch modification of the Grecian.

The refusal of the French Government to permit Mr. Soule to pass through France to Madrid, has been rescinded, and he has been invited to pass through France. This has been brought about, by the intercession of our Minister at Paris, Mr. Mason. All fears of war in that quarter are at an end.

The auctions at the Crystal Palace go on briskly, and, notwithstanding the hard-times, the statuaries, porcelain, furniture and watches, which have been the principal articles sold thus far, have almost uniformly brought a fair advance on invoice prices. A prize shirt sold (to the rich Mr. Lennox, it is said,) for $125—awful tight times these, are they not? The colossal mirrors, and more magnificent pieces of furniture, seem to be less valuable than the lesser articles, as no bids could be obtained on them.

The steamship Asia arrived yesterday from Liverpool, with "three days later." The news from the seat of war, seems to be, in substance, identical with that of the last previous steamer—the same dish, rehashed in several styles, by English, French, Greek, Austrians and Russian cooks. The sum of it is, that the allied armies are having a lively time before Sebastopol, and getting just as good as they bring, if not more so. The Paris correspondent of the London Times says, that the French government has in its possession, positive evidence of the participation of Mr. Soule in some vast plan for revolutionizing Europe. Gammon! The Liverpool Cotton market was steady, with a very slight advance; breadstuffs a little lower, with a buoyant market and money easier. Consols 94 3-4.

The bank difficulties of the West, contribute to tighten the money market here. Forced sales of Ohio State Stocks, have brought down the prices of these hitherto favorite securities. Railroad stocks of all kinds seem to be going down by the run. First class mercantile paper is taken at 12 1-2 per cent.; but heavy sales of stocks absorb large amounts of money, which would otherwise be employed for discount purposes.

HERE is a beautiful thought of that strange compound of Scottish shrewdness, strong common sense and German mysticism, or uncommon sense—Thomas Carlyle:

When I gaze upon the stars, they look down upon me with pity from their serene and silent spaces, like eyes glistning with tears, over the little lot of man.—Thousands of generations, all as noisy as our own, have been swallowed up by time, and there remains no record of them any more, yet Arcturnus and Orion, Sirius and the Pleiades are still shining in their courses, clear and young as when the shepherd first noted them from the plain of Shinar! What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue?"

A MAN will be what his most cherished feelings are. If he encourage a noble generosity, every feeling will be enriched by it; if he nurse bitter and envemoned thoughts, his own spirit will absorb the poison; and he will crawl among men as a bruished adder; whose life is mischief, and whose errand is death.

The Great Valley of the West.

The difference of elevation of the valleys of the Missouri and Mississippi has been determined. The level of the Missouri at the mouth of the Platte is one thousand and sixteen feet above the level of the Mexican gulf; that of the Mississippi at Rock Island in near the same latitude, only five hundred and twenty-eight feet. At Fort Pierre, in latitude 44 deg 24 min., the elevation is one thousand and fifty-six feet, while at the lower end of lake Pepin, in the same latitude, the elevation is only seven hundred feet above the gulf.

There are in the Missouri 210 islands between the Yellowstone and its mouth; one half of them produce forest trees chiefly cottonwood, willow and plane trees, below the Platte, and above intermingling with trees and shrubs peculiar to higher regions, until the predominating growth is stunted cedar and pine. The number of its tributaries within the same space is over two hundred. Very few of them are of any size or length. The Kansas and the Platte are the only one west of the States of any value for navigation.

A lady being asked what business her husband followed, said he was engaged in finishing. Further explanation was necessary, and after a brief hesitation the lady continued, 'finishing his time out in the state prison.'

PROVOKING.—To have a fly light on your nose just as the daguerreotypist pulls out his watch and says 'Now!'

A Short Story.

"When Mary and I were married," says Grant Thornburn, "we were young and foolish for we had nothing to be married with; but Mary was delicate, and I thought I could take care of her best. I knew I had a strong arm and a brave heart to depend upon.

"We rented a chamber and went to house-keeping. We got together a little furniture—a table, bedstead, dishes, but our money failed us before we bought the chairs. I told Mary she must turn up a tub; for I could not run in debt. No, no. It was not long before our rich neighbor Mrs. M. found us out, and kindly enough supplied us with a half a dozen chairs, added to our store. They were old ones to be sure, but answered just as well for us. I shall never forget the face those chairs put upon our snug quarters—they never looked just right before. The tables have turned with Mrs. M. and me. Now she has become a poor widow; but she shall never want while I have anything; never! cried the old man, with a beaming face, "I shall never forget the old chairs."

And now the secret was out. It was the interest of the old chairs, which maintained the poor widow. She was living on the interest and compound interest of a little friendly act done years before, and it sufficed for herself and daughter.

How beautiful it is to see how God blessed the operations of, His great moral law, "Love thy neighbor;" and we should oftner see it, could we look into the paths of life, and find that it is not self interest, nor riches, nor fame, that binds heart to heart. The simple power of a friendly act can do far more than they. It is these, the friendly kindness, the Christian sympathy of one towards another, which rob wealth of its power to curse, extract the bitter from the sorrow, and open wells of gladness in the desolate homes. We do not always see the golden lines shining in the chain of human events; but they are there, and happy is he who feels their gentle, but irresistable influence.

THE EBENEZERS.

This is the name of a community located about eight miles from Buffalo, N. Y., on the old Seneca Reservation. Their domain consists of about nine thousand acres. A great portion of it consists of large fields, more thoroughly cultivated than any other portion of western New York—indeed, it is almost a garden. Their farm buildings, and especially their barns, are models of the kind. They have valuable water power, which they use for saw-mills, and other manufacturing purposes. They have large flocks and herds, and what if unusual in this country, sheep under care of shepherds. With them work, work, is the order of the day, and in the fields and shops, both sexes and all ages are seen. Their population is about 2,000. Their domain they wish to sell, and move to Kansas. They have been offered $5,500,000, they ask $6 000,000.

They are styled a community or a common property association of a religious type. They organization had risen in Germany, on the banks of the Rhine, and has existed for more than a hundred years. They have an elective board of thirty elders, on whom devolve the duties of legislation, and who appoint a single executive officer, who is the general superintendent of their multifarious concern. Little is known of their internal policy, saving the fact that is voluntary—a member having the liberty to withdraw at any time, and draw out the fund all he has contributed, and his proportionate share of the increase.

Every one familiar with the bible, as all are presumed to be, will understand the origin of the name "Ebenezers."

At first, it is said, when their circumstances were narrow, the Ebenezers concluded their should be no increase of their population by births; but since they have become more prosperous, they have not ceased to "multiply and replenish the earth."

I HAVE read books enough, and observed and conversed with enough eminent and splendid cultivated minds, too, in my time; but I assure you I have heard higher sentiments from the poor uneducated men and women, when exerting the spirit of severe yet gentle heroism, under difficulties and afflictions, or speaking of their simple thoughts as to circumstances in the lot of friends and neighbors, than I ever met with out of the pages of the Bible.—[Sir Walter Scott.

KANSAS Territory is two hundred and seven miles wide, and averages six hundred miles in length—capable of division into three States the size of Ohio.

ECONOMY IN A FAMILY.

There is nothing which goes so far towards placing young people beyond the reach of poverty as economy in the management of their domestic affairs. It matters not whether a man furnish little or much for his family, if there be a leaking in his kitchen, much more in the parlor, it runs away he knows not how, and the demon waste, cries, more, like the horse-leach's daughter, until he that provides has no more to give. It is the husband's duty to bring into the house, and the wife's duty to see that nothing goes wrongfully out of it. Not the least article, however unimportant in itself—to establish a precedent, not under any pretence; for it opens the door for ruin to stalk in, and he seldom leaves an opportunity unimproved.

A man gets a wife to look after his affairs and assist him in his journey through life, and not to dissipate his propriety.—The husband's wife's care, and the greatest ambition should carry her no farther than his welfare or happiness together with that of her children. This should be her sole aim, and the theater of her exploits in the bosom of her family, where she may do as much towards making a fortune as he in a workshop or counting room. It is not the money that makes the man wealthy—it is what he saves of his earnings. A good and prudent husband makes a deposite of the fruits of his labor with his best friend, and if the friend be not true to him what has he to hope? If he dare not place confidence in the companion of his bosom, where is he to place it? A wife acts not for herself only, but she is the agent for many she loves, and she is bound to act for good and for her own satisfaction. Her husband's good to which she should aim—his approbation her reward. Self-gratification in dress indulgence in appetite, or more company than his purse can entertain, are equally pernicious—the first adds variety to extravagance; the second fastens a doctor's bill to a butcher's long account—and the latter brings intemperance, the worst of evils in its train.

☞ Will it not be a merry time when men with a [illegible] face and [illegible] confess they are poor. When they shall be to the world what they are to themselves. * * * * *

Look at this peasant—his faced bronzed with mid-day toil. From sunrise to sunset, with cheerful looks and uncomplaining words, he turns the primal curse to dignify, and manfully earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. * * *

And here is a white-haired shepherd. As a boy, a child playful as the lambs, he has tended, he labored. He has dreamed away his life upon hillsides, on downs, on solitary heaths; the humble, simple, patient watcher for fellow-man. Solitude has been his companion; he has grown old and wrinkled, bent in the eye of the burning sun. His highest wisdom is a guess at the coming weather; he may have heard of diamonds, but he knows the evening star. He is, to our mind, a most reverend knight of the fleece.—*Douglas Jerrold.*

GOOD WIVES.—That young lady will make a good wife who does not apologize when you find her at work in the kitchen but continues at her task until the work is finished.

When you hear a lady say, "I shall attend church, and wear my old bonnet and every day gown, for fear we shall have a rain-storm," depend upon it she will make a good wife.

When a daughter remarks, "I would not hire help, for I can assist you to do the work in the kitchen," set it down that she will make a good wife.

When you overhear a young lady saying to her father, "don't purchase a very expensive or showy dress for me, but one that will wear best," you may always be certain she will make somebody a good wife.

When you see a female arise early get breakfast and then sit down to sew or knit, depend upon it she will make a good wife.

When you see a female anxious to learn a trade so as to earn something to support herself, and perhaps aged parents, you may be sure she will make one of the best of wives.

The best qualities to look after in a wife are industry, humanity, neatness, gentleness, benevolence and piety.

☞ A white man was punished with fifteen lashes, in Norfolk, Va., the other day for stealing $15—one lash for every dollar. After the punishment was over, he thanked the sheriff and gave three triumphant crows, a la Shanghai.

The "bank where the wild thyme grows, has declared a dividend of ten cents.