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JUST received and for sale, a fresh supply of

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for Singing Schools. We are also opening at this time, a large assortment of Books, in every branch of Literature, consisting of

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SELECT POETRY.

HYMN TO THE FLOWERS.

DR HORACE SMITH.

Day-stars! That open your eyes with morn
 To twinkle,
 From rainbow galaxies of Earth's Creation,
 And dew-drops on your lovely alters sprinkle
 As a libation.

Ye matin worshippers, who bending lowly
 Before the uprising Sun, God's lilted eye,
 And dew-drops on your lovely alters sprinkle
 As a libation.

Ye bright mosaics, that with storied beauty
 The floor of nature's temple tessellate,
 What numerous emblems of instructive duty
 Your forms create.

'Neath cloistered boughs each floral bell that
 Rings forth,
 And tolls its perfume on the passing air,
 Makes Sabbath in the fields, and ever ringeth
 A call to prayer.

Not to the domes where crumbling arch and column
 Attest the feebleness of mortal hand,
 But to that fane most Catholic and solemn
 Which God hath planned.

To that cathedral, boundless as our wonder,
 Whose quenchless lamps the sun and moon
 Supply,
 Its choir, the winds and waves—its organ,
 Its dome, the sky.

There, as in solitude and shade, I wander
 Through the green aisle, or stretched upon the
 Awed by the silence, reverently ponder
 The ways of God.

Your voiceless lips, O Flowers! are living
 Preachers;
 Each cup, a pulpit—each a leaf, a book,
 Supplying to my fancy numerous teachers
 From loneliest nook.

Floral Apostles! that in dewy splendor
 "Weep without wean and blush without a
 Oh! may I deeply learn, and ne'er surrender
 Your love sublime.

Thou wert not, Solomon, in all thy glory,
 Arayed, the lilies cry, in robes like ours;
 How vain your grandeur, oh! how transitory
 Are human flowers!

In the sweet scented pictures, Heavenly
 Art!—
 With which thou paintest Nature's wide-
 spread hall,
 What a delightful lesson thou impartest
 Of love, to all.

Not blossoming as ye, Flowers, though made
 Of gleaming o'er field and wave, by day and
 night,
 From every source your affection bids treasure
 Harmless delight.

Ephemeral Sages, what instructors, hoary,
 For such a world of thought could furnish
 scope!
 Each calyx a 'memento mori,'
 Yet fount of hope!

Posthumous glories! Angel-like collection,
 Upraised from seed, or bulb interred in
 earth,
 Ye are to me a type of resurrection
 And second birth.

Were I, oh God! in churchless lands re-
 maining,
 Far from all voice of teachers, human and
 divine,
 My soul would find in Flowers of thy ordain-
 ing,
 Priests, Sermons—Shrine.

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HARMONY OF COLORS IN NATURE.

Raphael was not more choicer about his painting than we find the sun to be. As winter departs, the modest violet first blossoms beneath a veil of leaves. The modestly needs means of shelter. Protecting leaves radiate back upon the fragrant little flower all the heat that departs from it.

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POETRY.

It is rare that we meet with anything more true to nature than the following little gem, descriptive of frontier life:

THE BACKWOODSMAN.

In the deep wild wood is a lonely man,
 And he swings his broad-axe like a slight
 rattle—
 His garb is uncouth, but this step is proud,
 And his voice when he speaketh is firm and
 loud;
 The forest recedes as his strong arm
 swings,
 And he letheth in light like the King of
 kings.

A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT.

The late eminent Judge Sir Allen Park, once said at a public meeting in London:

THE WILD TURKEY.

We take the following from a work entitled "The Hive of the Bee-Hunter."

BEKENS AVRES.

This former province of the Argentine Confederation, having set up for itself as a State, the new constitution has been proclaimed with appropriate ceremony, and on the 20th of April the first election for members of the Legislature took place in an orderly manner, and, strange to say, with any attempt on the part of the government to influence the contest.

CAPTURE OF SHANGHAI.

In the recent battle at Shanghai between the English and Americans and the Imperialists, the loss of the two former was, two men killed and thirteen wounded. Of the wounded, one of the volunteers was mortally injured, and several others, volunteers and British regulars, severely.

STOCK FARMING.

The Delaware County Republican says that there are at the present time at least twenty thousand head of cattle in Delaware and Chester counties in the hands of farmers and graziers, who are feeding them for sale to any person who will call and buy them at fair prices.

A LOST WORLD.

The Dayton, Ohio, Herald states that Dr. Vanuyl, of that city, in his extensive geological cabinet, has an aenolite meteoric stone, which is about eighteen inches in diameter.

QUALIFICATIONS.

—Somebody very truly remarked that a good wife exhibits her love for her husband by trying to promote his welfare, and by administering to his comfort.

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SUICIDE FROM DOMESTIC TROUBLE.

On the 19th ult., Wm. Henry Husky, hung himself in his father-in-law's barn, at Wyanetskill, N. Y., being driven to the fatal deed by family quarrels.

AN UNFORTUNATE CERTIFICATE.

Mr. Churchwell, of Tennessee, publishes in the Washington Union a card stating that, in the recent fracas in the House of Representatives, he drew a weapon.

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