# Poetry.

(For the American Presbyterian.)

"Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee:—Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? Jon XII. 8, 9."

THERE'S beauty in the morning's dawn, When dew-drops deck the verdant lawn, And gladly falls the sun's first beam On mountain, valley, hill and stream.

There's beauty in the Western sky When gorgeous clouds are rolling by. When fades the soft and summer light Before the dark approach of night.

There's beauty in the midnight hour, When deepest gloom would round us low'r; Were not you moon and silvery star All brightly gleaming from afar.

Time, on its swiftly flying wings, No scene, no season to us brings, That doth not in each aspect wear The garb of all that's bright and fair.

Thus let me still in all my ways Declare my glorious Saviour's praise; Let every look, and act, and thought Show forth the work which he hath wrought:-

A work so fair, though but begun-A soul set free, its race to run, Till, in the kingdom of His grace, It finds its hoped-for resting place. APRIL, 1862.

### OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

Bible Circulation in India-Murder of Missionaries-Madagascar and Radama II. Progress in Italy—Human Instrumentalities too much Exacted—Ratazzi—Pio Nono and his Rebellious Children-Franceand Protestantism — Death of Austria's Tyranny—Monument to Calvin—English Parliament-Education and Church Rates -Free Church - Stirling Tract Enterprise-Prayer for America, etc.

High possessing the kingdom over all the reason to believe, if Pio Nono could get his earth. Bible circulation has been steadily brigands to serve these seventy traitors as subject says, there "is no doubt that a larger | reigning Pontiff did, when he heard of the number of copies of the Word of God has bloody scenes of St. Bartholomew's day. been circulated in the Presidency this year There was a frightful explosion in the French than for several years past." As closely Senate some weeks ago, occasioned by a allied with this, I may mention that a tran- speech of Prince Napoleon on the temporal slation of the Old and New Testament Scrip-tures in the Gujurati has been completed, and is now in circulation in that missionary province, where a marked change is taking place, unfavorable to easte dignity, which, as Spurgeon said of a minister he described, might "die of dignity." One missionary says in a letter lately received, "many of the highest caste sit with the lowest in the third class railway carriages," which, I think, is more than some of the pro-slavery Americans would his Holiness. The speech produced a perdo with the poor men whose misfortune it is to have a black skin. If the idols of India are to be dethroned and demolished it shall are to be dethroned and demolished, it shall surely be by the instrumentality of the Bible, and aspersed dogma which is to the Bishop as Dagon fell before the ark of God. Therefore all Christians should rejoice to hear of increased Bible circulation, and should bid God speed to the noble and benevolent cause France during the last half century-in-

in a practical way. The intelligence from China is of a min gled character—painful and pleasing. The Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. J. H. Holmes. both American missionaries, have been murdered by a party of rebels in the district of Shantung. It may be-we hope it shall be -though it is a dark avenue to a bright future, that their blood shall eloquently and successfully preach the Gospel for which they "fighting fell." Under the righteous reign of our enthroned Redeemer, who orders the destinies of a universe whose kings are only ministers of His, the old traditional policy has been discarded as a bad servant, and a new policy adopted, under the leadership of hundred and eighty in the Lutheran. These Prince Kung, whose political views are said were located in many parts that are not now to be very liberal and enlightened, for China. His accession to power seems very providential, for the settlement of Dr. Lockhart in Pekin, where he (Dr. L.) reports his prospects nominations, settled in France proper. In to be discouraging.

The bloody Ranavalona, Queen of Madagascar, and an enemy of all good, has ceased 1818 they had one Protestant religious jourfrom troubling Israel. She has gone, shall I say? drunk with the blood of the saints to cluding those which come from other counthe judgment seat; and her son, and successor on the throne, Radama II, has inaugurated a liberal reign, by opening the prison doors and setting the captives free, by striking the fetters from the enslaved, and recalling the persecuted refugee to his peaceful home, and by granting Europeans access to his kingdom, which was almost as churlish as Japan used to be. Education and commerce are to be encouraged, and religious toleration secured, so that the natives friendly to Christianity, are beginning to breathe more freely, and to emerge from a forced obscurity A Protestant minister from Mauritius, with an interpreter and twenty marmites, native porters, two Romish priests, and four sisters of charity, have arrived in the capitol. Probably ere this, Mr. Ellis, another Protestant, has reached the island. What are these among so many? Surely protestants who, for years, have been looking to Madagascar with weeping eyes, shall not be slow to go in to possess the land, and sow the wheat, so that the emissaries of Rome shall find their unwearying propagandism for once outdone. Let Christians remember to pray that Radama II, who has begun so well may not be hindered, but guided of God to the knowledge of the truth which is the basis of all sound liberty, and the most powerful ally of any government.

Emmanuel, has been checked. Many months have passed, and very few visible advantages have been gained. No doubt there may have been—perhaps I should say, there has been—a strong under-current of progress, undiscovered by the most clear-headed and keensighted politicians of the day. Why the

surface check? is a question for the thoughtful. I shall attempt to reply, only by asking another question. May it not be the doing of the Lord to warn us against unduly elevating creature instrumentalities, and to bring more prominently before the public mind the fact that the battle is not man's, but God's? We praise a Garibaldi, extol a Cavour, and eulogize a Ricasoli, when we should magnify the name of the Lord, who has but to stand aloof for a moment, and the whole machinery of any movement is at a stand-still-in a dead lock. Here I cannot help turning aside, and asking, is God ac-knowledged and honored as he should be, by the Northerns, in the present American civil war, which appears as unreasonable and absurd, on the part of those who made the quarrel, as if the right and left sides of a man should commence a campaign that must end where it began, not in the destruction of both, but in the peace-breaker submitting, or being subdued, and consenting to act in harmony with the other side, and under the same head? Is not too much expected from President, and Secretary, and General, and army, and too little from God? The sinews of war are worth very little without the God of battles. To return from this digression: Ricasoli, the genuine and tried friend of religious liberty, has resigned, and Ratazzi has succeeded him in the administration. The policy of the present administration is pronounced to be procrastination. This does not look well; and the hopes of the friends of Italy burn not so brightly since the change. They should, however, brighten at the thought that it may be with Ricasoli, as it was with Cavour, who, after his resignation was shortly appointed again. It is highly pro-bable that this change of ministry is just one of the empiricisms of statesmanship which abound in the history of even the oldest governments. It should never be lost sight of by the true friends of Italy, that God often works by means which appear to us inadequate, while in His hand they are efficient. Therefore, we have no fear for the issue of Italian struggle, no matter who the premier may be, so long as these words are in the Bible, the Lord reigneth. The enemies of the temporal power of the Pope are becoming SINCE I last wrote, cheering tidings have reached us from the East, well calculated to invigorate the faith, and hope, and love of all who are longing to see the saints of the Most rising up against the father! There is every Jenu served the sons of Anab, he would make for several years. The last report on the old St. Peter's ring with a Te Deum, as the settled without delay; and insisted on with-

drawing the French troops from Rome im-mediately, and leaving the Italians to do their own business. He produced documents at least two hundred years old, to prove that the temporal power of the Popes has been

of Rome what a wife is said to be to her husband-his better half. Protestantism has increased amazingly in creased extensively-in breadth and numbers —and intensively in vigor and power. In a recent article from the pen of Dr. F. Monod, it is shown that in 1807 there were but three pastors of the Reformed Church in Paris, and but two places of worship, in each of which there was but one sermon every Lord's day. What is the state of matters there now? There are forty-eight pastors of different denominations, thirty-one places of worship, and eighty-three sermons weekly, with about fifty prayer meetings and thirty Sabbath schools. As to the whole of France; In 1807-there were five hundred and fifty-one pastors in the Reformed Church, and four

French territory, so that in the calculation we may not reckon on more than four hundred and fifty pastors in all, of these two de-1861 the numbers were—of the Reformed Church, six hundred and fifty-three pastors: of the Lutheran, four hundred and five. In nal; now they have twenty-one such, not in-

tries. At the thought of these numbers, which are so many vouchers for substantial progress, we may exclaim, What hath God wrought? Austria, Russia, Greece, Turkey, Poland

and Hungary are said to be in an unsettled state, as if their foundations were shaking. Austria has, at last, granted religious liberty in her borders, and proclaimed that creed shall not be a qualification or disqualification for office. We have a saying in Ulster, which is applied to a miser who may have unaccountably given a donation to a friend in need, or to a religious object, that he has not long to live. Without exposing myself to the charge of being too superstitious, I think I may say, this last deed of Austria is an unfailing premonition of the death of her hoary tyranny at no distant day. My heart's desire and prayer is, that it may be so. The state of religion in Sweden is greatly improved. The fruit of the awakening is abiding. The ministry is becoming more efficient, and discipline is restored—the Sabbath is better observed, and new Tract Societies have been found. The "Ice Palace." as the State Church has been called, is beginning to look like a warm and comfortable house, in which living men can enjoy themselves, while they worship God in Spirit and

It had been spoken of at the last meeting The amazing progress made for a time in of the Evangelical Alliance, in Geneva, that the liberation of Italy from a dark despotism a monument should be erected to Calvin in that devoured its own children as fast as 1864—the three hundredth year after his they were born, and the consolidation of the death. An earnest appeal comes from the new Italian kingdom under the good Victor living historian of the Reformation, for world-Emmanuel, has been checked. Many months | wide support in carrying out the suggestion.

the preaching of the Gospel to the lower orders. This is a much more sensible style of monument than a statue of the great Re-

subscribe. THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The meeting of Parliament, this year, has peen characterized by the introduction of several very important bills, or motions relaof Education for England will most probably pass both Houses, and it is predicted by its supporters that it will confer great henefits tive to important bills. The Revised Code supporters that it will confer great benefits ipon the youth of England. A new system gable Spooner on the Maynooth Grant, while Sir Hugh Cairns has brought in a new bill on Marriages in Ireland, which, if it become law, will prevent Romish priests from celecertain grievances that, at present, press experienced, to bring us to our moral senses. on several of the smaller Protestant com- We had to be driven to an extremity of permunions. Some of the Irish Roman Ca- plexity and distress, where God could have tholic members took exception to a portion a fit opportunity of re-asserting his supre-of the Queen's Speech, which referred to the macy to advantage. general prosperity of her Majesty's subjects. atoms the atrocious misrepresentations of the objectors to the Queen's Speech. In his address he described a late repeal meeting in Dublin as composed of "manikin traitors to be an incalculable benefit." who were determined to rival the cabbage language, and sent Sir Robert a challenge to a duel, a short and easy method of settling disputes, happily almost unknown now. For this breach of the rules of the House, the would-be-duelist clumsily apologized, rather than take free lodgings in the Tower for a time. Like the Gunpowder plot this Famine plot was blown up, before it did any harm. plot was blown up before it did any harm. ernment on earth. Guy Fawkes was taken with the match in his hand, and hence the rage of the disappointed highly, as we shall be obliged to expend so puppet who danced as the crafty priests pullwhen they came every day.

The following statistics concerning the Free burden of wings with which to rise. ship, 565 manses, and 620 schools. Besides schools erected by private individuals, at a of automaton, which required act our special of considerable learning, and much respectings is estimated at £1,422,364. Her yearly extremely careless about the honesty and in- mant added, that his only inducement to join

since he published his first tract on "The ed to hold responsible and lucrative offices by conversing with the object of it. A few of tracts, on various subjects, is issuing from the press. At present, the British Messenger has a circulation of 100,000 copies monthly. None should despise the day of small things," who knows anything of the origin and development of the Stirling Tract Enter-

Gospel work goes on in London, without any relaxation, and the results reported are most cheering—particularly this which applies to many Christians in both this country and Scotland—"no man has a right to be idle." O, that all believers felt this more, and acted under it more! Then the power of God's fellow workers on earth would be increased to an indefinite extent. Reader. what art thou doing for thy fellowmen? Advise and see what answer thou art prepared to give, in presence of the Lord. If unconverted, thou art doing nothing for Him. To continue where and as thou art, is to work thy way to hell. Turn, turn, and serve the Lord with all thy heart, and so thou shalt be happy here and hereafter.

The recent intelligence from America conerning the important victory gained by the North, was "long looked for come at last," and it made many hearts rejoice. Surely the South has been fatally wounded by this blow, -gain two heads for every one cut off. Many Christians in these lands are crying unto God night and day to bring the heartending war to an end speedily, and to establish a sweet and permanent peace in which all animosities shall be forgotten, all wrongs forgiven, and all breaches healed, so that the now lying in wickedness.

# DISCEDE, MORATOR.

timulus of an appropriation of money for the peals of temperance advocates. ourpose from the Italian Government. Herelazy. Loafer, depart." This inscription is for a large impressive public debt. as good for industrial establishments of modern times, as it was for those of ancient necessary to put up inscriptions, giving a general warning to all such to depart.—Eve. such a benefit, we may well afford to endure be ashamed of appearing to be. Are you a sincere Mussulman, then? I boldly asked.

hands out other things to wicked men, but he deals out this only to his children.

Every conversion of a great sinner is a new copy of God's love; it is a repeated procla-mation of the transcendency of his grace.

THOUGHTS are the words of the mind.

#### (COMMUNICATED) ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF OUR NA-TIONAL TRIALS:

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY APRIL 3, 1862.

former, or anything of that kind, and one to which the Christian public will more liberally WE do well to nerve our fortitude for the endurance of our afflictions, by reflecting on the happy results of them. A compensation that shall correspond with the magnitude of our present domestic and public trials, must be great indeed. I need not attempt to depict them. I will only endeavor to reconcile

1. A revived and lasting recognition of of National Education for Scotland is to be the Divine control over our destiny. In our proposed by the Lord Advocate on an early exaltation we were, as a nation, forgetting day. The voluntaries are mustering for a Church Rates campaign; and a Mr. Whalley has risen up to take the place of the indefating Union, and failing to give glory to God, ing Union, and failing to give glory to God, the once acknowledged author of our distinguished blessings. We were cherishing an almost atheistical independence.

We evidently needed just such an inter-

Now we trust that the dependence which The said Irish orators rung the changes on the (fabricated) Irish famine I wrote of in a strained to publicly and solemnly acknowformer letter. Sir Robert Peel dashed to ledge, will continue to be felt and humbly

2. We shall undoubtedly have a better garden heroes of 1848." A member of the appreciation of our civil government, and pay House, the O'Donoghue, who occupied the more faithful attention to its administration chair at that meeting, felt insulted by this in consequence of this terrifle struggle.

ed the string. Ceberus has got few sops of tion. A great national debt to be borne and late, and yet he growls not more loudly than liquidated by the citizens, may give a very healthy exercise. It may prove to be the

income is £264,000, of which £38,000 go to tegrity of the men who were entrusted with the party had been the expectation of meetmissions. Verily the Lord has prospered its administration. By suffering corrupt ing an Englishman, as he was much attachher way.

Mr. Drummond has completed the new building for the English ration, and had studied we had been brought to the ed to the English ration, and had studied our language and learning. This information outlay of £5000. It is fourteen years only at self-aggrandizement, had been allow mined to seek an opportunity of gratifying. account for their delinquencies and frauds:

> of our public servants. We shall feel the and English literature in general. I was perimportance of vigilance to save the commonwealth from destruction, and to save unnecessary expenses. When our revenue was subjects, and the precision with which he exderived from a tariff on imported goods, and pressed himself in English, We discoursed from the sale of immense public lands, we scarcely felt the burden of sustaining the hours, till at length I ventured to sound his national government, and we were little con- opinions on the subject of religion. cerned about the dishonesty, prodigality, or embezzlements of which public functionaries

> An overflowing treasury and an indifferent people really tempted unprincipled men to of your religious volume, I rejoined, dedo what they otherwise would be restrained from doing. Now, we apprehend, good men will repent of their neglect as citizens of a republic-they will see to it that reliable canrepublic—they will see to it that reliable can-didates be elevated to office, and with un-of comments, which ascertain the sense of

dustry and economy, temperance, health and mark, I continued, Our Scriptures are their virtue may be promoted by the demands of own expositors. We are solicitous only that the times. Injurious luxuries, inviting vice they should be read: and although some parand producing dissipation and effeminacy, ticular passages are not without difficulties, and cannot hold out much longer, except it be like the Hydra Hercules slew with his club are heavily taxed. A little return to frugative guage, the faults of translations, or the error lity will be a wholesome discipline.

public expense and demoralization, which, in style, as well as precepts.' duty of their position, as a great Christian liquors as a beverage. The tax for supportrize the leading principles of Christianity, ing paupers and criminals produced by the more particularly in respect of their more particularly in respect of their more. pernicious rum-traffic, has been borne without and practical character; and happened a-much complaint, because it has been difficult mong other reflections to suggest, that, as no

THE excavations at the buried cities of is imposed on the community, to defray the of being regarded as indifferent, though too Compeil, Herculaneum, Pozzerol and Capua expenses of the war, the inconsiderate may many did so regard it. Do not you esteem are going on with renewed vigor, under the be brought to listen; with favor, to the ap- it so?' he asked. 'Certainly not,' I replied.

tofore Naples had the work under its exclusive care and control. At Pompeii new frescoes have been discovered, and there is an inscription on the wall of what was probably inscription of the wall of what was probably to a tax of twenty hundred dollars. If the workshop of some kind as follows. "Otiosis workshop of some kind, as follows: "Otiosis | wants of the times shall close up bar-rooms; alluded, and recognised in his countenance may be translated "This place is not for the lazy. Toafer depart." This inscription is

the same eighteen centuries ago in Italy, as them for republican institutions—if this root I profess. it is now in America; that there were lazy shall be eradicated by our present struggle, folks and loafers who would intrude into workshops, and waste the time or divert the workshops, and waste the time or divert the attention of the workmen; and that it became ple, exalted by righteousness. To receive mount duty. What we are, we should never such a benefit, we may well afford to endure be ashamed of appearing to be.' 'Are you

result, for we think that the indications of An internal struggle seemed, for an instant,

This trial will preclude any subsequent you a Christian? 'I am,' he replied. attempt at rebellion. It will work for the cure of nullification and secession. The problem of our permanent existence as a free claration. I surveyed Mahomed Raheem at nation will be solved, and its influence on the first, with a look which, judging from its reliberties of mankind will be most salutary. | flection from his benign countenance must Our republic will prove itself be, to not a have betokened suspicion or even contempt. floating bursting bubble on the waves of the The consideration that he could have no mo- shaped souls.

political ocean, but a rock against which the | tive to deceive me in this disclosure, which tumultuous billows of popular commotion, which shake and shatter the thrones of Europe, may dash in vain. Calling on the Lord in the day of trouble, we shall be delivered, and then we shall glorify him.

The Christian patriot, who has trembled to see the ark of our liberties borne down into the rushing waters of Jordan, shall sing the songs of triumph as he shall see it emerging with tokens of divine preservation. If we serve Christ, we shall never perish.

## HENRY MARTYN'S INFLUENCE IN PERSIA.

The News of the Churches for March, contains the following remarkably instructive incident related by Mr. Batley, of the (English) Church Mission'y Society," who died recently deeply lamented at Umritzur in the Punjaub." It appeared originally in the Asiatic Journal. The writer had been spending a brating clandestine marriages, and remove ruption to our deteriorating course as we have few weeks at Shiraz in Persia. He says:

"Having received an invitation to dine. or rather sup, with a Persian party in the city, I went and found a number of guests assembled. The conversation was varied, grave and gay; chiefly of the latter complexion. Poetry was often the subject, sometimes philosophy, and sometimes politics, prevailed. Among the topics discussed re-ligion was one. There are so many sects in Persia, especially if we include the free-thinking classes, that the questions which grow out of such a discussion constitute no trifling resource for conversation. I was called upon, though with perfect good breeding and politeness, to give an account of the tenets of my faith; and I confess myself sometimes embarrassed by the pointed queries of my companions. Among the guests was a person who took but little part in the conversation, and who appeared to be intimate with none but the master of the house. He was a man below the middle age, of a serious countenance and mild deportment; they called him Mahomed Raheem. I thought that he frequently observed me with great aftention, and watched every word I uttered-especially when the subject of religion was discussing. Once, when I expressed myself with some levity, this individual fixed his eyes upon me with such a peculiar expression of surprise, regret, and reproof, that I was struck to the very soul, and felt a strange Church of Scotland may not be uninteresting We had not before a sufficient personal mysterious wonder who this person could be. pecuniary interest in political concerns to I asked privately one of the party, who told' induce due attention to them. Our govern- me that he had been educated for a mollah, but these, she has places of worship, manses and ment seemed almost self-sustaining—a kind had never officiated; and that he a was man cost of £50,000. She has 3 colleges, and an contributions and supervision to support and Assembly hall. The total cost of her build-regulate its movements, and we had become even his most intimate friends. My infor-

mined to seek an opportunity of gratifying, and now the thirty-third million without the fear of being called to a strict days afterwards I called upon Mahomed Raheem, and found him reading a volume of Now we shall feel the impulse of very Cowper's poems. This circumstance led to strong motives for looking after the character an immediate discussion of English poetry, feetly astonished at the clear and accurate conception which he had formed upon these on these and congenial topics for nearly two

> "'You are a mollah, I am informed. 'No, said he; 'I was educated at a Madrussa (college), but I have never felt an inclination to he one of the priesthood.' The exposition mands a pertty close application to study, before a person can be qualified to teach the doctrines of the Koran. I understand he wonted fervency will they pray for our rulers. the text and the application of its injunc-3. The habits and happiness of the people tions. This is a laborious preparation if a may be much improved by the burdens which man be disposed conscientiously to fulfil his this occasion will require them to bear. In- important functions.' As he made no reof copyists, yet it is our boast that the au-Under these circumstances we shall be thority of the Holy Scriptures is confirmed more likely to look after those sources of by the perspicuity and simplicity of their

> our prosperity, we too much disregarded. "I was surprised that he made no reply to Particularly shall we feel the importance of these observations. At the hazard of being abating the nuisance of retailing intoxicating deemed importunate, I proceeded to panegyto induce the people by the pecuniary argu- other concern was of so much importance to ment, to procure and execute a prohibitory the human race as religion, and as only one law. But now, when another enormous tax faith can be right, the subject admitted not Then your indifference at the table of our The people will hardly be satisfied with friend Meerza Reeza, when the topic of reli-

owned that I had acted inconsistently, per-4. If the evil root of slavery, which poisons haps ineautiously, and imprudently; but I the moral sentiments, and corrupts the hearts | made the best defence I could; and disavow-Pompeii. Its discovery is interesting from and habits of our Southern fellow citizens—ed, in the most solemn manner, any premeditated design to contemn the religion which

"'I am heartily glad I was deceived,' he said; 'for sincerity in religion is our para-Pardon is God's family blessing, and the ecculiar mercy of his choicest darling; he ands out other things to wicked men, but

Providence point it out to our view.

Finally, the benefit of our struggles to our posterity, and to the oppressed nations of the earth, may reconcile us to our endurance.

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What are you then? be you sincere. Are

was of infinitely greater seriousness to himself than to me, speedly restored me to recollection, and banished every sentiment but rous breeds, are constantly adduced as evily his hand to my heart.

sentiments. "' And whence came this happy change?'

subject of them, and finally to read a tract ties in domesticated animals, therefore phywhich he had written in reply to a defence sical causes have produced all the diversities of Islamism by our chief mollahs. Need I among wild ones. Surely the sounder logic detain you longer? the result of my examin- would be to infer that, because our finite ination was a conviction that the young dis- telligence can cause the original pattern to putant was right. Shame or rather fear, withheld me from avowing this opinion. I ever avoided the society of the Christian established all the boundless diversity of teacher, though he remained in the city so which our boasted varieties are but the faintnot refrain from paying him a farewell visit. that has the greatest success in improving Our conversation—the memory of it will his breeds; and if the animals so fostered never fade from the tablet of my mind—seal- are left to themselves without that intellied my conversion. He gave me a book—it gent care, they return to their normal condi-has ever been my constant companion, the tion. So with plants: the shrewd, observing, study of it has formed my most delightful thoughtful gardener will obtain many varieoccupation—its contents have often consoled ties from his flowers; but those varieties will

the New Testament in Persian, on one of the cility in the organization both of animals and blank leaves was written: 'There is joy in plants, which may be developed by the fos-

#### (COMMUNICATED.) LE NOIR FAINEANT. OR THE BLACK SLUGGARD,

"At once, this knight seemed to throw aside his apathy, when he discovered the leader of his party so hard bested; for, setting spurs to his horse, which was quite fresh, he came to his assistance like a thunder-bolt, exclaiming in a voice like a trumpet call, Desdichado, to the rescue!!?—IVANHOE.

weeks ago at Fortress Monroe, reached the low that because the Chinese can, under abnation, an indescribable emotion thrilled ev- normal conditions, produce a variety of fanery heart. The sight of that iron-clad monster creeping out of her lair at Norfolk, and water, or the physical conditions established eating up our mighty ships of war, as if they in the water, can create a fish, any more had been so much bread, filled us with ap- than it follows that, because they can dwarf prehensions; but the providential arrival of a tree, or alter its aspect by stunting its nother iron combatant, which entered into growth in one direction and forcing it in anthe conflict, standing up like some giant other, therefore the earth, or the physical boxer against the beast and her cubs, and conditions connected with their growth, can after giving and receiving blows that would create a pine, an oak, a birch, or a maple. have annihilated ordinary fighters, beating I confess that in all the arguments derived them off and remaining master of her position; this intervention relieved our fears and prove that all animals owe their origin and raised up our hopes of safety, as the Monitor diversity to the natural action of the condiadvised the foe, that to them, was not confined tions under which they live, the conclusion the prowess arising from ingenuity and labor, does not seem to me to follow logically from bat! On either side was put forth the cated animals of all races of men, equally

strength of ten thousand mailed warriors of with the white race, vary among themselves the olden time. Iron balls of two hundred in the same way and differ in the same way pounds weight, hurled with proportionate from the wild species, makes it still more scaly sides; the most effectual shot from our explain the origin of species, except, as I wooden ships was like pelting the iron sheath- have said, by showing that the intelligent ing of the enemy with pebbles, and when the will of man can produce effects which physitwo monsters came close enough to touch cal causes have never been known to proeach other, and gave forth their most enor- duce, and that we must therefore look to day: "Canst thou fill his skin with barbed connected with the existence of animals in iron, or his head with fish spears? Who can their wild state. So far from attributing open the doors of his face? His teeth are these original differences among animals to terrible. His scales are shut up together, as | natural influences, it would seem that, while tween them. They stick together, that they within which man can exercise his intellicannot be sundered. His breath kindles gence and his ingenuity, not even this super-coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. ficial influence is allowed to physical condi-He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as so far as we have been able to discover, en-

King over all the children of pride." did we contemplate our noble vessels over- that God has set upon his creatures; and if whelmed and our-brave sailors killed, drown- man is able to influence their organization in the most desperate crippled condition, was has given to his relations with the animals obliged to surrender; the other, showing the he has intended for his companions the same true American mettle, told the enemy they plasticity which he has allowed to every first; who kept firing, and went down hurrah- may in some sort mould and shape it to his ing for the Union, with flags flying. And own ends, and be held responsible also for there, over the bloody waters of the James its results. river, although the "Stars and Stripes" were submerged, the pennant may still be seen nity has already pointed out the true disfloating from the topmast.

our deliverance from a greater calamity, and ticated animals. They are called breeds from her unexpected appearance to all-par- and breeds among animals are the work of ticularly to the enemy,—as well as her prow-ess, we have given her the name of "Le Noir" —Agassiz in the Atlantic M Faineant, or the Black Sluggard."

SINCE Mary kept and pondered the short times, will fall backward, because it is a sayings of our Saviour in her heart, com- forced motion; but if the nature of this stone mitting and fitting them, as it were, in her were changed into that of fire, it would mount preserve the whispers of that Spirit, who re- ward. You may force some thoughts toceives from the same mouth and hand what ward heaven sometimes, but they will not be he both speaks and shows to us?

Free grace is God's darling, which he Creating power drew the world out of nothloves to advance; and it is never more ading, but converting power frames the new vanced than when it beautifies the most mis- creature out of something worse than noth-

### ORIGIN OF SPECIES.

joy. I could not refrain from pressing silent- dence of the changes which animals may unhis hand to my heart. dergo, and as furnishing hints respecting the "He was not unmoved at this transport, way in which the diversity now observed but he betrayed no unmanly emotions. He told me that I had possessed myself of a secret, which, in spite of his opinion that it in no way sustained by the facts of the case, was the duty of every one to wear his reli- and that, however striking the differences gion openly, he had hitherto concealed, ex- may be between the breeds of our domesticept from a few who participated in his own cated animals, as compared with the wild species of the same genus, they are of a peculiar character, entirely distinct from those I asked. 'I will tell you,' he replied. 'In that prevail among the latter, and are alto-the year 1223 (of the Hejira) there came to gether incident to the circumstances under this city an Englishman, who taught the religion of Christ with a boldness unparalleled the natural action of physical conditions, in Persia, in the midst of much scorn and ill- but the more or less intelligent direction of treatment from our mollahs, as well as the the circumstances under which they live. rabble. He was a beardless youth, and evi- The inference drawn from the varieties indently enfeebled by disease. He dwelt a-mongst us for more than a year. I was then a decided enemy of infidels, as the Christians are termed by the followers of Mahommed; does on a small scale, nature may do on a and I visited this teacher of the despised sect, large one. It is true that man has been able with the declared object of treating him with to produce certain changes in the animals scorn, and exposing his doctrines with con- under his care, and that these changes have tempt. Although I persevered for some time resulted in a variety of breeds. But in doin this behaviour toward him, I found that every interview not only increased my respect for the individual, but diminished my confidence in the faith in which I was edu- man, that is, to a power similar in its nature cated. His extreme forbearance towards the and mode of action to that power to which violence of his opponents, the calm and yet animals owe their very existence. The inconvincing manner in which he exposed the fluence of man upon animals is, in other fallacies and sophistries by which he was as- words, the action of mind upon them; and sailed—for he spoke Persian excellently—
gradually inclined me to listen to his arguments, to inquire dispassionately into the

words, the action of mind upon them; and
yet the ordinary mode of arguing upon this
subject is, that because the intelligence of
man has been able to produce certain varieong. Just before he quitted Shiraz I could est echo. It is the most intelligent farmer fade out, if left to themselves. There is, as Upon this he put into my hands a copy of it were a certain degree of pliability and do heaven over on one-sinner that repenteth.— tering care of man, and within which he can HENRY MARTYN." exercise a certain influence; but the variations which he thus produces are of a peculiar kind, and do not correspond to the differences of the wild species.

In fact, all the variability among domesti-

cated species is due to the fostering care, or, in its more extravagant freaks, to the fancies of man, and it has never been observed in the wild species, where, on the contrary, everything shows the closest adherence to the distinct, well-defined, and invariable WHEN the news of what transpired some limits of the species. It surely does not foltastic shapes in the Golden Carp, therefore from the phenomena of domestication, to Never was such an adventure as this com- the premises. And the fact that domestiorce, had no apparent effect against their evident that domesticated varieties do not nous efforts, on one side, at least, no serious some cause outside of nature, corresponding lamage was inflicted! The living leviathan in kind, though so different in degree, to the of Job (Chap. xli.) seems anticipative of this intelligence of man, for all the phenomena with a close seal, that no air can come be a certain freedom of development is left, The sword of him that layeth at him cannot tions unaided by some guiding power, since nold; the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. in their normal state the wild species remain, cotten wood. The arrow cannot make him tirely unchanged, maintained, it is true, in flee; sling-stones are turned into stubble. their integrity by the circumstances that He laugheth at the shaking of a spear. He is were established for their support by the Ging over all the children of pride."

Defore our help arrived, with what sorrow by them. Nature holds inviolable the stamp ed or captured? One, after being placed in some slight degree, it is because the Creator rould never give up, but go to the bottom other side of his life, in virtue of which he

The common sense of a civilized commuoating from the topmast.

The Monitor was evidently, under God, crimination of the different kinds of domes--Agassiz in the Atlantic Mothly.

A STONE, if thrown upwards a thousand

ace book; why should not we also as naturally upward as before it sunk down natural till nature be changed.

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