## Editor's Table.

TENNYSON'S NEW VOLUME.

The public grasps with eagerness at a new instalment of the fruits of this | And rosed in the west." great singer's genius. It thirsts for true, enjoyable poetry as a dry land for surpass, in beauty of conception and in water. The age grows rusty and hard, smoothness and rapid flow of rhythm the wheels of action creak aloud for lubrication, while the poet's harp is silent, or the gift of song withheld. Especially after the vain attempt of the public to receive, appreciate, and digest the impracticable essay of Robert Browning, that intricate mixture of forgotten Italian fends—as hard to unravel as the Schleswig Holstein affair-with still more subtle philosophy and mestheticsan English mystic pretending to interpret an Italian mystic of six centuries ago-Sordello! "Who will, may hear Sordello's story told," but men, whether they will or no, will be charmed into bearing the stories of Enoch Arden and of Aylmer's Field as told in the sweet, clear music of Tennyson's numbers. In about two weeks we have waded, or rather like Milton's archangel

With head, hands, wings or feet, pursued our way, And swam or sank, waded or crept or flew,

through two-thirds of Sordello, and know what the Poet means in chance spots, at the rate, say, of ten lines to the page; while our eager, thirsty souls drank up in one all too short, but refreshing draught, measured by minutes only, and with only so much pause as served to prolong and refine the enjoyment, first one and then the other of the leading poems in the new volume of the poet-laureate.

Doubtless, the critics will complain that we have nothing of the "great" poet here; only simple tales wrought by a skilful and tender fancy into melodious verse; nothing sustained in argument and eagle-like in movement, epic and grand in creation. And the impeachment is doubtless correct. But how much better to succeed so well, to convey valuable lessons so admirably, to charm and refresh the multitude in a comparatively limited sphere of writing, than to be lost to the ordinary gaze in a vast gilded haze of numbers, grappling with abstruse æsthetic prob lems-in a word, writing metaphysics of the most transcendental sort and putting it forth to the world as poetry, because, forecoth, it is in rhyme and rhythm! We are estisfied that the author of In Memoriam is not adequately presented in these mere stories of true love that, ala.! ran very far from smooth, and we cherish the hope that the contents of this volume are but the play of a mind whose real work is withheld, or perhaps hinted at in the translation from the lliad which closes the collection. Nevertheless, some of the finest traits of the author are exhibited in various portions of the two leading poems, as well as in some of the smaller pieces. Of these latter, our readers are acquainted with the Welcome to Alexandra and the Ode sung at the Opening of the International Exhibitiontwo noble odes full of joy and beauty and epic grandeur of thought and expression. Besides these, we may mention "Boadicea" as not only a successful experiment in versification, but as conveying the probable tone of fierceness and patriotism, which must have characterized the utterances of the harrassed queen, when urging the people to avenge ber wrongs by attacking Roman colonies. "The Northern Farmer" is an attempt as far as we can remember, in an entirely new field for Tennyson-that of broad provincial dialect-Yorkshire we suppose-quite as marked as the Scottish patois in much of Burns' poetry. The post not only gives the Farmer's dial ct, buthis humour, his prejudices, his ignorant, thick headrebelliousness against God and human improvement alike. It is a complete and unique characterization. We are better acquainted with the boorish, industrious, Yorkshireman since reading The Northern Farmer," than ever be-

Tennyson is excellent company by the sea-shore. His "In Memoriam" and other verses associated with the death of his friend Hallam, give us a some what gloomy view of the ocean. But in the very frequent notices found in the little volume before us, the aspect is altogether changed. All wears an inspiring and cheering, as well as grand appearance. Enough Arden is the story of a sailor, and is thoroughly pervaded with the influences of the shore or the boundless main itself. The first of the shorter pieces is " Sea Dreams," in which the dreams of the sleeper by the senshore are suggected by "a full tide" that

Bose with ground-swell which, on the fore-Touching, upjetted in sprits of wild sea smoke most forke

And sented in sheets of wasteful foam, and fell In vast sea-cataracts - ever and anon Dead claps of thunder from within the cliffs Meard through the living rear.

to the shore where they

Drank the large air, and saw but scarce be-So new on sand, they walked and now on cliff,

Till all the sails were darkened in the east

And few of Tennyson's shorter lyrics "the Voyage," p. 162 of this volume. We might fill out the title and call it the Voyage of Life, of which it is a spirited allegory. We cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of quoting most of the

We left behind the painted buoy That tosses at the harbor-mouth; And madly danced our hearts with joy, As fast we fleeted to the South: How fresh was every sight and sound On open main and winding shore! We knew the merry world was round, And we might sail for evermore.

Warm broke the breeze against the brow Dry sang the tackle, sang the sail:
The Lady's-head upon the prow
Caught the shrill salt, and sheer'd the

gale.
The broad seas swell'd to meet the keel, And swept behind : so quick the run, We felt the good ship shake and reel, We seem'd to sail into the Sun!

How oft we saw the Sun retire, And burn the threshold of the night. Full from his Ocean-lane of fire, And sleep beneath his pillar'd light!" How oft the purple skirted robe Of twilight slowly downward drawn, As thro' the slumber of the globe Again we dash'd into the dawn!

IV. New stars all night above the brim Of waters lighten'd into view; They climb'd as quickly, for the rim Changed every moment as we flew. Far ran the naked moon across The houseless ocean's heaving field, Or flying shone, the silver boss Of her own halo's dusky shield;

The peaky islet snifted shapes, High towns on hills were dimly seen. We past long lines of Northern capes And dawy Northern meadows preen. We came to warmer waves, and deep Across the boundless east we drove, Where those long swells of breaker sweep The nutmeg rocks and isles of clove.

The object of life, the master passion described as a power

"that drove the sail Across the whirl wind's heart of peace, And to and thro' the counter-gale." And again in a different light:

VIII. For one fair Vision ever fled Down the waste waters day and night, And still we follow'd where she led, In hope to gain upon her flight. Her face was evermore unseen.

And fixed upon the far sea-line; But each man murmur'd 'O my Queen.
I follow till I make the mine.'

· IX. And now we lost her, now she gleam'd Like fancy made of golden air, Now nearer to the prow she seem'd Like Virtue firm, like Knowledge fair Now high on waves that idly burst Like Heavenly Hope she crown'd the

And now, the bloodless point reversed,

The sad exception, to whom life was an overwhelming failure, and who, in his own ill success, sees everything awry, and his melancholy end are thus described: \ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

**x.** " And only one among us-him We pleased not—he was seldom pleased; He saw not far: his eyes were dim: But ours he swore were all diseased. 'A ship of fools' he shricked in spite, A ship of fools' he sneer'd and wept. And overboard one stormy night He cast his body, and on we swept.

At length comes oldage, which however cannot break the fresh enthusiastic heart | immortality they are destined to inherit; of the poet:

XII. Again to colder climes we came, For still we follow'd where she led: Now mate is blind and captain lame, And half the crew are sick or dead. But blind or lame or sick or sound We follow that which flies before We know the merry world is round, And we may sail for evermore.

"The Sailor Boy" and "The Islet" have the same source of inspiration, to which belong other scattered, allusions as in the welcome to Alexandra:

Roll and rejoice, jubilant voice, Roll as a ground-swell dashe: on the stand Roar as the sea when he welcomes the land. We shall pay some attention to the

DR. SUNDERLAND'S FAREWELL.

longer pieces next week.

The Washington Chronicle contains a eport of the services in the First Church of that city, on Sabbath, August 7th, when Dr. Sanderland, the pastor, took leave of his people preparatory to his departure for Europe. Dr 8. has accepthut does not resign his position as pastor of the First Church, Washington. We give the substance of the Chroni.

cle's report : REV. DR. SUNDERLAND'S FAREWELL SERMON.-First Presbyterian Church, the largest in our metropolis, was yesterday morning filled with an intellectoal and devout assemblage, for on that ble communion was in full attendance, whilst Calvary Baptist Church, Rev.

in our city was there represented. Dr. Sunderland announced his text

verse: "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

His exordium commenced: The place where a man has spent his life. the people among whom he has dwelt and moved for many years, must stir his nature to the profoundest depths whenever an hour arrives which concentrates all the associations of the past, and fills the mind with memories of good and evil, light and darkness, joy and sorrow, mingled tumultuously together. And if the period thus spent has consumed the prime of his manbood, and covered the most eventful passage, of his history, an intensity of interest is likely to gather about the close of the chapter, and crowd into its last page and to its final period the whole sub stance and consummation of all that he has felt and said, thought and done from the beginning. These are the principles which operate in humanity every the chairman and treasurer only rewhere, but no where more strongly maining to this day. I found a church than in the Christian Church, with the of 213 members then in actual commudeep and powerful relations which it nion, besides a long roll of the names of establishes in human society, and more members of whom all traces had been especially when that man is a minister of the Gospel.

you—the best of my life. Here I have families scattered widely over the city, my prayers. Ought it not to be doubly 42 we have followed to the grave, the dear to me as my field, as my home- remainder have been suspended, or dis-There is then to my mind a mystery in which has ever been inexplicable. Had I been told, Fix months ago, that events have received it only as the idle fancy of an unmeaning dream. Had the proposition come to me in any previouyear of my ministry, immediately the form of an old man, bound with the infirmity of years, away under the shadow. of the Green Mountains, would have risen up to forbid its acceptance. That old man lies sleeping with his kindred, and there was no voice from his grave to utter prohibition. When the propo sition came, it found me weakened and worn indeed, but even then I could not have supposed that I should accept it; tor had I not fathers and mothers, and brethren and friends in this fam ly of Israel? Were there not those that bound me here? Were there not duties and obligations? Were there not burdens upon the church? Were there not vast interests at stake in the church and in the nation? And who should see to my flock? Who should lead into the fold the precious lambs of Christ? Who should break to you the bread of life? Who should administer the secred rites of our holy religion? Who should join of the sum of \$5,000. you in marriage? Who should baptize your children? Who should bury your dead? Who should stand upon our Zion in the capital of the nation, in the fearful crisis of our country's peril, trum pet in hand, and, pres-ing it to his lips, blow the faithful blast which summons men to their allegiance to Christ and our country, with all that we hold dear? Besides, what was I to do in yonder nation, and in that famous city whence have issued so many ruling forces, and where have transpired so many tragic. blood chilling and historic scenes? the addition of a special committee on

The Doctor here expressed his feelings when he first received the invitation, the difficulties which appeared to his mind, and the reluctance with which gether with the generous subscriptions

he finally accepted it. He then eloquently surveys his present ground again, and says: "When I see around me the flower, and strength to read some lesson of a shepherd's care, and feel that their hearts are beating warm and fast with questions of the great when I look around and see the circle of multiplied friends and acquaintances we have rallied to this house of worship. and filled these sacred sents with audi tors that have, under God, borne me up in this pulpit; and when I carry my thoughts out to the Christian people of this city, to the members of the commu every class of the population here, whom I have known, and with whom the most privileged and precious hours of my life, I tremble stil, for the ques

leave them? who years ago preached in this city with ' eloquent power, and was went down with all on board." (This, m mbers by letter and 119 on profes man, of the M. E Church, wno was lost on board the ill-fated President.) The Doctor proceeds: "And yet, when thousands of miles separate us, I shall look back with deepest interest and affection to the church in which I have

"What, then, is the order and steaded a temporary appointment to the fastness of fauth that I shall follow with charge of the American chapel at Paris, my mind in this church and city, and forever more rejoice to behold? "Let this question be answered in a

brief review of the church itself; what it has been and what it now is, and what I pray God it may yet become, as it holds on its course to the great inevitable unfolding future.

"The first sermon I ever preached in this church was in the month of Sep tember, 1852. I spent one Sabbath and interesting occasion their own veneral returned, scarcely thinking I shoud come again. Months intervened. Pro vidence opened the door, and I com Mr. Howlett, pastor, merely met and menced my pastoral labors on the 6th from their beginning to the present time; adjourned almost in a body over to the of February, 1853. I found here a plain closing in, a most affecting and beautiful former, and nearly every other enurch edifice, with a parrow lecture room, in the rear going to decay. I found in the session seven men-fathersof the church profound attention, and at the close the

The couple are paying their first visit from Colos-ians, second chapter, fifth in those days-only one of whom remains among us now. To these were added soon after three more, and still Hundred," which was followed by more recently three others. But of the prayer from Rev. Dr. Marks. Benewhole number five only continue. Two of these are on temporary absence, one prostrate with severe and protracted sickness, and the two remaining, with myself, all that are here to conduct the ordinances of the people of God.

"I found a Sabbath school of some hundred children, whose superintendent was a beloved elder, soon dying, and to whom succeeded the present in that office, now called away to pay his last filial duties at a father's funeral. I found in this school teachers who, among many changes, have mostly removed from among us. I found a juvenile mission association, comparatively in its beginning, and contributing its funds to the support of missions in the

"I found a temporal committee of seven, with the treasurer of the church, lost. I found a congregation of some 300, with a small portion of younger peo-"Twelve years have I spent among ple, comprising one hundred and fifty turned the summit of the journey, and and even some miles beyond its limits. henceforth go down towards the clods This was the parish of that day. But of the valley. To this church have I of the original communicants who were given all I had to give—my labor and here when I came, only 76 now remain; the object for which I have forsaken all missed to other churches. Of the nonelse, and turned away from all else? communicants we have buried 40-the last, and one of the most respected, but our present condition and prospects yesterday. Suddenly departing, always present in the house of God; here, wi h us, the last Sabbath, now in eternity. would so turn as they have done, I could (Doubtless this refers to the late lamented Mr. Anderson.) These are all sleeping in the cities of the dead which skirt the capital.

"This was our order then. Holding to Christ the Head; professing the great evangelical doctrines of the Cross; observing the Christian ordinances. baptism, and the eucharistic marriage and burials, and the simple but impressive rite of private and family devotion, of social and public worship, objects of

Christian charity, &c. "We stand, to day, in a position of advance. Not withstanding the heavy diminution of the last three years, our present roll of communicants is increas ed to 400, most of whom are at this hour in living communion with the charch. Besides the members of the church, we have the congregation that ron see in these seats from Subbath to Sabbath and from whose rentals during the last year, supposing all to have continued, and all to have been punc tul in the payment of dues, the church revenue would not have fallen far short

"The number of families comprised in this congregation is not less hat two hundred and fifty, distributed in every portion of the city and its vi cinage. We have erected within the last few years this beautiful and commodious place of worship, at a cost of \$26 000, a structure that could not now he built for double that sum. We have charter of incorporation; by the ap- OVER pointment of a board of trustees, and These things amazed me, and amaze the liquidation of the debt. Tue Ladies' A sociation, existing for only eighteen months, has paid the sum of \$4,000, the proceeds of their late festival having reached the sum of \$750, which, torecently made by our friends in the city and congregation, and some appropriation from the annual revenue of the church, which has been made in the of young Christian manhood, and the year that is past, will entirely extinbrightfaces of children looking up to mine guish every dollar of debt against it, and leave a sufficient fund for all con tingent or current expenses. We have, in addition to the Sahhath school of some/140 children, two Bible classes and an infant class. We have increased activity in the Youths Missionary Society. which, for several years past, as now employs a city missionary, under whose superintendence a mission school of

some 250 members is conducted." After further eloquent and edifying remarks the learned Doctor refers to nity, to those in all the churches, and in | the duties of the Christian minister, and asks, is the life of the Christian pastor especially in Washigton, a sinecure? in years gone by I have shared some of He states his own work thus: "During my pastorate in this church. I have prepared and delivered 4,197 sermons, loction still returns to me, Should I go and tures, addresses and speeches; made 5.741 pastoral visits, which are matter "I recall to-day the memory of one of record, with many more beside, of which no account has been kept; have attended 188 funerals; performed 215 much believed, and took his leave marriage ceremonies; baptized 12 adults of friends that day, as I do this, but and 166 children; in co-ope ation with who never saw the other side—only the session, received into the church 112 doubtless, refers to the eloquent Cook sion of faith; dismissed by letter 63,

and suspended 26. "In addition to personal and domestic cares, I have carried on a correspondence averaging 200 letter an nually; have attended 7,784 meetings of verious kinds, in most of which I have parti i a ed ha e travelled over routes equivalent to 18,000 miles, and done an amount of work outside the strict s, here of ministerial duty which I have no means to compute; was called to the main burden of the new Western Presbyterian Church in the First Ward, and theu to the new structure of my own congregation, in addition to active perticipation in the Union Prayer meet-

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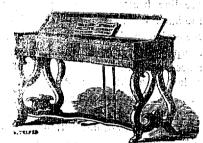
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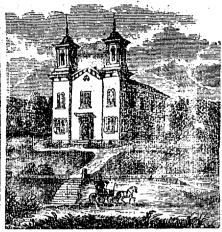
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