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Poetry and Miscellany.

THE VOYAGE OF LIFE. BY REV. S. T. LEON, D.D. Those art flowing, on bright rivers, In gladness to the sea; And summer sunbeams quiver On thy waters joyously.

THE LOST CHILD. A TALE OF FACTS. In the heat of the last French war, some forty years ago, says a writer in "Hogg's Instructor," we were under the necessity of removing from the north to make our residence in London.

Madame de Bourbon sent from France. Perhaps, had that sister known the straits of her poor relatives, her pity might have been increased. What sated the girl, her mother thought, as Jane gazed upon the page with indecipherable emotions depicted on her face.

Pleasing Varieties.

RURAL POSTERY. The correspondent of the Burlington, Vt., Free Press, sketches from oblivion the following samples of Rural Poetry, which show "us for us" in more ways than one.

REVEREND LANCASTER LING. I was in the office of a legal friend some time since, when a dilapidated specimen of humanity, bearing full traces of the wear and tear of life, came in.

FASHION AT THE NORTH POLE. The way the ladies indulge fancy among the Esquimaux, may be worth comparing with our ways in more temperate latitudes. The dress of a married lady is composed of a pair of short seal-skin pants, for slippers, extending nearly to the knee joint, which she wears the day of the week, made of the same material, or of deer-skin.

The Adventures of a Texas Scout.

We find in the New Haven Daily Register an interesting account of two brothers, Charles and George Downes, citizens of Connecticut, one of whom was murdered by the Mexicans some months ago, and the other who died at Camargo in Mexico. The former left New Haven five years ago for Texas, the latter in 1839 for New Orleans.

Reverend Lancaster Ling.

I was in the office of a legal friend some time since, when a dilapidated specimen of humanity, bearing full traces of the wear and tear of life, came in. He addressed himself at once to the proprietor of the office: "You servant, Sir, I see before me, I presume, that distinguished lawyer, —" naming my friend.

A Good Story.

A humorous disciple of Thoma's commences the following story to the New York Spirit of the Times. Any one who knows Judge Nye, can imagine how he enjoyed the incident alluded to. When Nye himself tells a story, we inevitably commence laughing some time before he comes to the laughing point.