

MATER DOLOROSA.

Born of one infant head
With all little heads
A halo wear;
And I can't face I know
All babies are fair,
Because of two wife, earnest eyes
Of heavenly blue.
Which looked with yearning gaze
My adored soul.
All my life fill mine own with tears
Whate'er they have.

Because of little dead-marked lips
Which once did call
Some time times,
This world of woe,
To each cast tony hand stretched out
The lowest cannot pull it vain.
I loved him.
—C. C. Hahn in Chicago Curset.

DID NOT FEAR DEATH.

Having Learned That Ah Is Vanity, Gen. Gordon Looked Beyond.

From the London Telegraph.

"God knows what my anxiety is. Not for me, for I lived years ago to all theies in this world and to all its comforts, honors and glories?" It was on September 11, 1877, when on the expedition to Shaka, 500 miles southwest of Kharoum, with four thousand of indiffrable troops, to the peak of slave raiding in the desert, that Gordon wrote these characteristic words, which may be fully quoted at a time when there is too much reason to fear he has actually laid down his life for those whom he had vainly striven to save. They breathe health and vigor, and give him a clear conscience; "God has given you," he says, writing to his friends and anchors to this earth, you have wives and families; I, thank God, have none of them, and am free. I have only called on, and am still, to rely on your God; I will continue to do so. I mean by this that you have only great trials, such as the illness of a child, when you feel yourself utterly weak, now and then, and then it is in anxiety. The man who relents against this cannot leave on God; it is a heavy strain on it; it causes appetite to cease. Find me the man—and I will take him as my helper—who utterly despises misery, namely, glory—ones who never wish to see his home again and controller of evil, one who has a healthy body and an energetic spirit, and one who looks on death as a release from misery. If you cannot find him, then let me die."

The distinctive clinging to life which is natural to all men, Gordon seems to have overcome as completely as Ignatius Loyola, or John Wesley, or Cromwell." Pauline, when his poor condition caused him to write: "I am not complain if they have no thought of what I have already gone through. There is only one issue to it, and that's death, and I often fear that it would strike at the root of the disease and drives it rapidly." One can hardly doubt that if Gordon was in fact stabb'd as he left the palace, he saw the dagger only an instrument of deliverance. In every reference to death it was with him the great release. "I value my life as naught, and should only leave weariness for perfect peace."

TEMPEST SCHRIET.

Time's moving finger writes, and, having writ,
Moves on; nay, all thy penitry nor wit
Shall turne it back to eame; though thou
Shouldst your tears wash out a world of it.

—Quoth Corcoran.

Bancroft and Corcoran Contrasted.

From the Cleveland Leader.

Bancroft is so thin that the wind would appear to blow him away. Corcoran is so heavy that he could withstand a blizzard, Bancroft's shoulders hollow, hiccups, sunken, and his hair as white as the newest of frosted silver. Corcoran's checks are full, his face large, and his eyes, like his mouth, strong and rather fierce. Bancroft, a thin, wiry, presbyterian, starting off with intense ambition and honest intent. Corcoran, the son of a shaman, resolved to become wealthy, and he is now perhaps the richest of Washington millionaires. Bancroft cures but little for his personal appearance. Corcoran cures a dandy, and he looks through the hole he made out of his coat.

Both of these great men live on West, within a stone's throw of the White House. Corcoran has a palace, and Bancroft a library which he would not trade for it. Both have succeeded in their ambitions, and both will probably live in history.

TRUTH'S CALMNESS IS ITS POWER.

"All truth is calm.
Repose and rest, the more of calm,
Its calmness is its power!"

Observation of Lent.

From the Reformed Messenger.

The number of people who observe the Lenten season as a time of humiliation and fasting, it would seem, is increasing from year to year. True, there are many who fast to keep it in any way and who regard it as a "rite of Popery." No doubt it is observed by some there is seen in it much that is sham and show, but the critics of the Lenten feasts which are often indulged in concerning the doing of the observers of Lent seem to us in exceedingly bad taste. Whether this yearly fast originated with the Apostles or with the Roman Catholic church is immaterial, if it is observed it is good and beneficial in its influence on the minds and hearts of those who observe it. And if it ever fails in this it is because it is not kept in good faith.

AITE.

God's ways seem dark, but soon or late,
They touch the shining hills of day;
The evil cannot brood delay,
The good can well afford to wait.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

In vain the eyes are filled with light,
The vain the hands with beauty glow,
Unless the teeth are pure and white,
Unless the breath is like the rose:
These beauties that we all so prize,

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SPECIAL NOTICES.**HOME ITEMS AND TOPICS.**

"All your own family can get hop bitters that never fail."

"The weakest woman, smallest child, and sickest invalid can use hop bitters with safety and great good."

"Old man tottering around from Rheumatism, kidney trouble, or any weakness will be made almost new by using hop bitters."

"My wife and daughter were made healthy by the use of hop bitters, and I recommend them to my patients."

"Bitters are not the best family medicine."

"On earth it is."

"Malaria Fever, Ague and Biliousness, will leave every neighborhood as soon as hop bitters arrive."

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