MIDNIGHT MASS FOR THE DYING YEAR. HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

Yes, the Year is grewing old.
And his eye is pale and bleared!
Death with frosty hand and cold.
Plucks the old man by the beard
Sorely,—sorely The leaves are falling, falling,
Solemnly and slow;
Caw! caw! the rooks are calling,
It is a sound of woe!

Through woods and mountain passes
The winds, like anthems, roll;
They are charting solemn masses,
blinging, "Pray for this poor soil,
Pray, pray!")

And the booded clouds, like friars, Tell their beads in grops of rain. And patter their doleiul prayers: But their prayers are all in vain, All in vain!

There he stands in the foul weather,
The foolish, ford Uld Year,
Crowned with wild flowers and with heather
Like weak, despised Lear,
A king,—a king! Then comes the summer-like day,
Bids the old man rejoice!
His joy! his last! O, the old man gray,
Lovelh that ever suft vole.
Gentle and low.

To the crimson woods he saith,—
To the voice gentle and low,
Of the soft air, like a daughter's breath,—
Of the soft air, like a daughter's breath,—
'Pray do not mock me so!
Do not laugh at me!' And now the sweet day is dead;
Cold in his arms it lies;
No stain from its breath is spread
Over the glassy skies,
No mist or stain!

Then too the Old Year dieth,
And the forests utter a muan.
Like he voice of one who crieth,
In the wilderness alone.
-Vex not his ghost."

Then comes with awful rost, thathering and sounding on, The storm-wind from Labrador, The wind Eurocledon, The storm-wind! Howil howli and from the forest Sweep the red leaves away! Wou d, the sins that thou abhorrest. O soul! could thus decay. And be swept away. For there shall come a mightier blast,
There shall be a darker day!
And the stars, from Heaven downcast,
Like red leaves be swept away!
Kyric eleyson!
Christic eleyson!

EPHENERIS.

-St. Louis had but six fights on Christ--Eastern swells, sport gold mounted

-New Jersey has produced a steam ve-"locipede. -There are said to be 5,000 Mormons in

Denmark. -There are seven Smiths in the English Parliament. -Emil Deschamps is said to have become totally blind.

-Whale oil as a beverage is by no means despised in Alaska. -Many of the lobsters eaten in England are American born.

-17,000 English walnut trees are flour ishing in California. -The man that travels in the cance Rob

Roy is at Suez now. -New York rejoices in the presence of Parepa and Ole Bull. -The new skating rink in Brooklyn has been formally opened.

-Booth, in Buffalo, bagged more than seven thousand dollars. -New Orleans has a French circulating

rary; so has Philadelphia. -The Maine lumbermen are having an unusually successful winter. -\$16,000 worth of handkerchiefs formed

part of the trouseau of a Paris bride. -Convicts in the Maine penitentiary made \$45,000 worth of carriages last year. -Charles Dickens' admirers in Liverpool are about to give him a public banquet. -John Morrissey is reported to have made \$150,000 in the recent N. Y. Central man-

ipulations. -Missouri has a negress who claims to be 120 years old. She has evidently lost

ker memory.

-Nearly every prominent American newspaper prints a column of short parapraphs now.

-Pickled California salmon can now be found in the markets of the Eastern seaboard cities. -Earl Derby gave \$100,000, to support the conservative party in the recent Eng-

lish elections. -An exchange says: "When were eggs first laid in England? In the time of Hen.

L of course. -The working men of London have decided that they will not give Reverdy John-

son a banquet. -Stammering can be cured. A stammering boy in Iowa, after becoming insane, ceased to stammer.

-On Christmas Eve and the day following, 244 persons were fined for getting drunk in Baltimore.

-Queen Isabella has purchased a magnificent residence on the Boulevard du Roi de Rom for \$360,000. -The ladies of Lowell, Mass., are saving

themselves much trouble by giving private parties in public halls. -A practical man says he thinks that at

the present rate of house rent, the dearest spot on earth is home. A writer in a recent New Orleans paper

asks, "Why is New England considered the Athens of America ?"

-Madeline Henriques thinks her husband's temper is incompatible, and, therefore, she has come back to the stage.

-Famine continues to spread in the Red River country, the past season being bad for fishermen, farmers and trappers. -All of Mr. George Peabody's gifts, when added together and reduced to a

greenback basis, amount to \$10,560,000. -New Orleans has had exciting rumors that a \$200,000 prize from the Havana lottery had been drawn by a party in that city. -New York is dreading an inundation of country editors, following in the footsteps of Mr. Bowles, and seeking fame in Ludlow

-Louis Napoleon "squelched" the Princess Metternich recently by saying that she was created to prove that beauty is not ne-

-Mr. George Peabody's gifts to the poor of London and Baltimore have, by latest accounts, amounted to two and one half

millions of dollars. Lord Stanley, before his resignation, street will find him a dangerous rival, and a divided \$45,000 among three of the Abysman who has shown such abilities in that attention given to the designing and building of line may even aspire to dabbling in Eric.

for their sufferings when in the power of -A surgeon at Fort Randall says he can Theodorus. play brass bands in half a dozen different cities at once, merely by using an electric

invention of his. -Five gentle ladies of Aix, France, are now being tried on a charge of having made themselves widows and poisoners at one and the same time.

On the 2nd of December two prominent surgeons, professors of the Clinic in Paris, fought a duel, in which one was severely wounded in the breast.

-An American gentleman writes from London that common American corn cobs are sold in the streets of that city as "patent

fire-lighters-eight for a penny.' -Philadelphia letter carriers don't seem to have gotten their uniforms yet. Pittsburgh, New York and Wilmington, Del. have taken the lead in that way.

-At last a practicable use for Alaska has been found. Somebody proposes that it shall be made a penal settlement, and the proposition seems sensible enough,

-A workman in an English mill was seized by the machinery and drawn through an aperture three inches wide, with great detriment to his personal appearance. -A newly invented velocipede is being manufactured in Atchison, Kansas. It has three wheels, but can be changed to the or-

dinary two-wheeled velocipede in five min--The wife of the Rev. B. R. Romaine, formerly the editor of a paper in Albany, but now a clergymnn in Columbus, hanged herself, last week, in consequence of the

death of her child. -Two women are in gaol in New York, one of whom bowled her husband into the next world with a rolling pin; and the other assisted her better half to the same bourne with an iron poker.

-St. Louis has a new patent velocipede. The back of the rider is supported by a clamp which acts as a tiller. It has two back wheels five feet in diameter, and is moved by both the arms and legs.

-Kamehameha V., King of the Sandwich Islands, is jet black and very fat. He hates the United States because when he was here many years ago he was treated with disrespect on account of his color.

-Perhaps the highest mines in the world are those at Elizabethtown, New Mexico. They are 9,000 feet above the level of the sea, and it is claimed that \$200,000 worth of gold has already been taken from them. -One Paris correspondent says, owls heads and sculls are the nestest and most fashionable styles for jewelry- Another Paris correspondent says, sculls and owls' heads are worn only by persons of vitiated

-In Petersburg, Va., lives a negro, who has a full growth of "beard" on his forehead. It grows down to within half an inch of his eyebrows, and he is compelled to use a razor frequently in order to make any show of a

forehead. -It is said that one cause of the decay of trees in cities arises from the constant trembling of the earth from rapid locomotion. The effect of this trembling disturbance of the earth around the roots of

the trees. -Jolly, pleasant, joking English grocers get off a practical pun on their credulous customers by grinding up old coffins and selling them with ground coffee. The grocers say the change from one to the other

is an ee-sy matter. -An Ohio gentleman is ambitious to furnish the towns and cities of America with motive power, obtained from compressed air. He proposes to distribute his power through ordinary service pipes, as gas and water are distributed, with a meter for con-

-A well in California had dried up and the country in the neighborhood was very dry, until the late earthquake, which caused the deep well to fill to the top and flooded the farm on which it was situated so that it must be ditched and drained before a crop

can be put in. -All of the inhabitants of Siam had to have their heads shaved or be flogged, when their King died- The shaving was probably desired by the royal family, because af ter that operation had been gone through with no Siamese could claim to have any heir apparent to the throne.

Our country is soon to be honored by the presence of an aboriginal Hawaiian gentleman, Mr. J. Moanauli, which is, being interpreted, Blue Ocean. He is rich, intellight, educated, and a patron of native Hawaiian literature. He will make an extended tour of the United States.

-The famous Schneider received a bracelet valued at \$15,000, from an English lord, during her visit to Baden-Baden. The doner's name and title were set in diamonds. What a pity," exclaimed the actress,, when she received it, "that he is not a Spanish nobleman-his name would have

been so much longer." -"Friend Mallaby, I am pleased that thee has got such a fine organ in thy church." "But," said the clergyman, "I thought you were strongly opposed to having an organ in a church." "So I am," said Obadiah, "but then if thee will worship the Lord with machinery, I would like thee to have a first-

rate instrument." -In spite of their proverbial and actual hospitality and good sense, the Swedes have a good deal of common human nature, as is shown by the recent rlot in Stockholm, which was caused by the indignation of the people being aroused because some choice seats, on the occasion of the inauguration of the statue of Charles XII., were reserved by the authorities for persons whom the

populace delighted not to honor. -A successful French "operator" is about to visit this country. A short time ago he was merely the confidential clerk in a wealthy house in Rouen. With one admirable coup he achieved fortune and renown. He took three million francs belonging to his employers and absconded. He will arrive in this country with more than balf a million of dollars. Speculators in Wall street will find him a dangerous rival, and a man who has shown such abilities in that TRIMMINGS AND NOTIONS

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