

Poetry.

LIFE.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BYRANT.
The things, oh life! thou quickenest all
Drive upward toward the broad bright sky,
Upward and outward, and they fall
Back to earth's bosom where they die.

All that have borne the touch of Death;
All that shall live, lie mingled there
Beneath that vale of bloom and breath,
That living zone 'twixt earth and air.

There lies my chamber dark and still;
The atoms trampled by my feet
There wait, to take the place I fill
In the sweet air and sunshine sweet.

Well I have had my turn—have been
Raised from the darkness of the clod,
And for a glorious moment seen
The brightness of the skirts of God.

And knew the light within my breast,
Though wavering oftentimes and dim,
The power, the will that never rest
And cannot die, were all from him.

Dear child! I know that thou wilt grieve
To see me taken from thy love—
Wilt seek my grave at Sabbath eve,
And weep and scatter flowers above.

Thy little heart shall soon be healed,
And being shall be bliss, till thou
To younger forms of life must yield
The place thou fill'st with beauty now.

When we descend to dust again,
Where will the final dwelling be
Of thought and all its memories then,
My love for thee, and thine for me!

THE SABBATH.

BY SIR E. L. BULWER.

Fresh glides the brook, and blows the gale,
Yet yonder halts the quiet mill;
The whirling wheel, the rushing sail,
How motionless and still!

Six days stern Labor shuts the poor
From Nature's careless, banquet hall;
The seventh, an Angel opens the door,
And, smiling, welcomes all!

A father's tender mercy gave
This holy respite to the breast,
To breathe the gale, to watch the wave,
And now—the wheel may rest!

Six days of toil, poor child of Cain,
Thy strength thy master's slave must be
The seventh, the limbs escape the chain—
A God hath made thee free.

The fields that yester-morn knew
Thy footsteps as their serif, surveys;
On thee, as them, descends the dew,
The baptism of the day.

Fresh glides the brook and blows the gale,
But yonder halts the quiet mill;
The whirling wheel, the rustling sail,
How motionless and still!

So rest, O weary heart! but, lo,
The church-spire, glistening up to heaven
To warn thee where thy thoughts should go
The day thy God hath given!

Lone through the landscape's solemn rest,
The spire its moral points on high—
O, soul, at peace within the breast,
Rise, mingling with the sky.

They tell thee in their dreaming school,
Of power from old dominion buried,
Whose rich and poor with juster rule,
Shall share the altered world.

Also since Time itself began,
That fable hath but fonied the hour;
Each age that ripens power in man
But subjects man to power.

Yet every day in seven, at least,
One bright republic shall be known;
Man's world awhile hath surely ceased
When God proclaims his own!

Six days may rank divide the poor,
O Dives, from the banquet hall;
The seventh Father opes the door,
And holds his feast for all!

I SAW THEE WEEP.

I saw the weep—the big bright tear
Came o'er that eye of blue;
And then methought it did appear
A violet drooping dew;

I saw thee smile—the sapphire's blaze
Beside thee ceased to shine:
It could not match the living rays
That filled that glasse of thine,

As clouds from yester-morn receive
A deep and mellow dye,
Which scars the shade of coming eve
Can banish from the sky,

Those smiles unto the moodiest mind
Their own pure joy impart;
Their sunshine leaves a glow behind
That lightens o'er the heart.

CHANCE IS WRITTEN ON THE TIDE,
ON THE FOREST'S LEAFY PRIDE,
ON THE STREAMLET GLANCING BRIGHT,
ON THE JEWELLED CROWNS OF NIGHT—
ALL WHEREON THE EYE SEAS,
SHOWS IT LEGIBLY IMPROV.

PROSPECTUS

TO THE NEW VOLUME OF THE UNITED STATES MAGAZINE AND DEMOCRATIC REVIEW.

VOLUME XI, COMMENCING JULY, 1842.

JOHN L. O'SULLIVAN, Editor.

By an increase in the number of pages, and by an alteration in its typographical arrangements, the quantity of matter heretofore furnished to the readers of the Democratic Review, will be increased in its future numbers about

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J. L. Cooper, Hawthorne, Tilden,
A. Kendall, Davezac, Tasistro,
Whittier, Paulding, Eames,
Sedwick, A. H. Everett, Bryant,
Gilpin Brownson, Cass,
Butler, Cambreleng, C. J. Ingersoll.

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