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MOURNING BESIDE THE SEA.

HELEN SEYMOUR SMITH.
As we sit here, my love, my love,
I see you in my heart, my love,
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MECCA AND MEDINA.

BY PROFESSOR JAMES ROBERTSON, D. D.

The devout Muslim, in whatever
of his race, at the commencement of
his prayer, to ascertain the true
direction in which to turn. Only
one spot may worshipers be seen
simultaneously to the east, north,
west, east and west, and that is in
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A NEW HOME.

BY MARGARET SPENCER.

A week's long journey of two thou-
sand miles from the capital.
Joe looked at me, and I looked at
Joe. He simply said—"Well, dear,"
and led me into a queer old frame
house. Our boys made out of the
some years before deserted photo-
graph gallery of the camp. The porch
was low and the steps were rude, but
all were parts of a true home, because
they were made in the hills. In the
corner Joe was the man I loved better
than all the world beside, and our
three children were with us, and my
mother and our brother had come too.
With all these dear ones what could
I say? "I am glad," I said, "to be
home again, and to be with you all."
I said, "yes, dear," and walked into
our bedroom. I looked at the old
furniture, and I thought of my mother
sighing, as she set
down her bag and looked about, and
we were tired, and the journey had
been long. Our boys showed the
sound of gold mills, and smelters, the
roar of furnaces, the shouts of the
Mexican drivers, and the tread of the
oxen with their heavy loads, climbing
the hills.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

NEW IN BRIEF.

—A Berliner breeds rats for viv-
section.
—Napoleon's favorite dish was blood
pudding.
—The knitting machine was invented
by Hooten in 1770.
—The four great ocean routes employ
1100 steamships.
—The present quotation for prime
Egyptian mummies is \$100 per dead
head.
—The output of the American manu-
factories for the past year was \$7,215,
000,000.
—Texas permits high-toned convicts
to hire substitutes to work for them in
the convict camp.
—At the World's Fair, Chicago,
there are to be three of the largest elec-
trical cranes ever built.
—Every State and Territory in the
Union has an organized militia except
the Territory of Utah.
—The various German fraternities of
Freemasons were incorporated into one
body in 1835, and numbered 1444.
—Walter Besant's sister, Mabel, is an
enthusiastic bicyclist, and regards a
"spin" of thirty or forty miles as a
mere bagatelle.
—There are believed to be a score of
widows in New York City whose col-
lectible lace value in value from \$20-
000 to \$50,000.
—George Elliot wrote for eight years
with the same pen, and when she lost it
beware her misfortune as almost too
hard to bear.
—Under chloroform, as under an an-
esthetic gas and vapors, there is a
mode of death which may be called the
final or natural.
—Katherine E. Conway, recently ap-
pointed one of the judges of the
Massachusetts, is one of the editors
of the Boston Pilot.
—Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt gives
so much in charity, that she has less
money to spend on her own adornment
than many of her relatives.
—Trailer, the famous dog which
died in Southern Oregon the other day,
during his lifetime caught 105 bears,
besides panthers and wildcats.
—The number of foreigners who
took up their residence in America last
year was 54,487, of whom 115,278
came from Germany.
—A wise man will make haste to
forgive, because he knows the full val-
ue of time and will not suffer it to pass
away in unnecessary pain.
—The number of persons who have been
invented by which the degree of impurity
may exist in the air of any room or
place can be determined easily and
accurately.
—Professor Koeb, who has been in-
vented in New York City, is one of the
editors of the Boston Pilot.
—The invention of the water pump, of
which that in use to-day differs but
slightly from that which was used in
Babylon in the Third Century, B. C.
—On December 10, 1835, 700 banks in
England stopped payment. The Bank
of England's credit was saved by the
timely issue of £1 (\$5) notes.
—The Empire of Austria has made
so much progress in the study of mod-
ern Greek, that it has translated two
of Shakespeare's plays into that
language.
—One of the oldest war pensioners of
the United States is Mrs. Seneca, of
Newville, Oregon, who draws a pension
from the Government of \$12. She is
over 100 years old.
—Lady Haberton in her zeal for dress
reform is organizing a league, every
member of which will be pledged to
wear only the simplest of gowns, at
least five inches.
—There is a great medicinal virtue in
onions, eaten raw at the very beginning
of cold or malaria. They have a dis-
cided tendency to check it, and an act
advantageously in kidney and stomach
troubles.
—Reports from New Orleans show that
the Louisiana sugar crop reached last
year 180,500 tons, upon which the
Government has furnished, as against
\$6,582,500 paid in bounties last year.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. PROBBE HEARST has definite-
ly decided to erect a museum in Golden
Gate Park, San Francisco, which
amount to be placed to the credit of the
park for the purpose stated will be one
million dollars. Much of the material
has been gathered by Mrs. Hearst, who
has extensive travels, and is now stored
in her Washington and San Francisco
residences, and elsewhere.
MRS. ELIZABETH P. B. DAVIS, a
young Southern woman, is reckoned
one of the best mathematicians in this
country.
MADAME DIAZ, the wife of the Mex-
ican President, will be her own expense
send to the World's Fair a woman's
band of forty-five musicians. It will
be one of the most expensive musical en-
sembles of the Exposition.

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