LOVE. BY R. H. STODDARD.

Love is older than his birth-So a loving poet sung, How can he be so old, so young, Born every hour throughout the earth ? Hearts grow cold,

And bells are tolled ; His heart has never ceased to beat; Still his feet are dancing feet. Blazing in his strong right hand

ls the hymeneal torch; He lights the bridegroom from the porch To where the priests and altars stand; Leads the maid.

Who, unafraid, Passes then from maid to wife-Knows the secret of her life! Earth hath kings—he kings them all: Their rich palaces are his; They were, and are not, but he is, He sees great empires rise and fall, Fall and rise,

With equal eyes; Nothing disturbs his happy reign, So our kissing lips remain.

When you press your lips to mine, What care I for Time or Fate? Death must pass me by, or wait For a moment less divine. Heart to heart,

We can not part; Henceforth we breathe immortal breath-Love is mightier than Death.

SERMON.

A brief of the funeral sermon of Ralph B. Little Esq. preached by Rev. W. L. Thorpe, Jan. 29th 1877. The discourse was delivered extempore. "For what is your life?" James IV-14. Of the several texts of Scripture, which suggested themselves to my mind, either of which would very naturally incite appropriate reffection for this hour, I select this, not that it seemed especially appropriate but equally so with any other.

"There are some moments worth more than rears." Such moments are counted crises, turn ing points in one's career. All eminent lives have them. Again some moments are especially valnable for reflection, for candid thought, moments particularly opportune for meditation, on the great interests of human existence, and well being. Such are the moments we are now. passing in the presence of death's doings. Further the death of some is much more fruitful and inspiring in reflection than others. Some men's lives are bounded by the narrow circumference of the immediate neighborhood, scarcely known outside their home. Of others the outer boundaries touch the shores of the Continent. The average man dies-a few halt a day, a moment to bury him. Others die and the community involuntarially stop, hushed into silence by the providence.

Suca moments freighted with reflections are these. Much more than an average man has died. His life embraced the entire County and largely the adjacent Counties-and in no inferior sense the, legal circles of this Common-

Solemn moments! we are gazing at a life unrolled. A story completed. A serial running over sixty-one years of real conflict, a true story—not "founded on fact," but fact. Some passages deliberate—some graphic—some thrilling-some pathetic-all impressive. Not absolutely perfect, some mispelled words, an occasional blunder or doubt. For what life is ibsolutely perfect—only one, that of the immaculate Christ. But let us ever remember defects are always more-painful to the author than to any other and generally the number greater in his view. Solemn moments! memmy directing thought backward. Hearer, my wish is to lead or accompany you in your effections and in a way we may be profited. If I, do, I am aware I must not attempt to preempt your attention by diverting your mind from the channel in which it most naturally would journey this hour. This is why I select this text. Not presuming to occupy the entire field, so broad, embracing all that pertains to human existence, its responsibilities, its mission, its history, but simply ask attention to this one sentiment, Life is what we make it.

"For what is your life?" What you make it 'Man the architectof his own fortune." "Man the arbiter of his own fate." Mottoes worthy of nscription where all eyes may see them.

This the great rule of lite, of nearly universal cumstances simply \* \* \* Circumstances are fruitless or largely so unless prefaced by stern discipline and close training. A rule applying to all departments of life, the purely secular, the intellectual, and the moral. In the secular perhaps there is greater room for question or exception than elsewhere. But the analysis of the lives of men who have amassed wealth will reveal that this sentiment is the rule. Being masters of the situation, generaltheir allies, doing their service.

market that which he had produced.

not the exorbitant bonus or discount.

His property has for years been furnishing rious. did not escape the tax gatherer's eye, paying its oot-steps.

pro rata of governmental, expenses. This is his own gathering principally. \* \* \* But let us take a step in the advance considering that department of earth life which brings into exercise more particularly intellectual forces. Where the capital is brain power. In this we may speak with emphasis, "Life is what we make it." / Differences there are in natural endowments and mental acumen and calibre, yet a study of the eminent makes manifest that life. is not graduated by these merely. \* \* \*

Our Brother's life gives us an illustration of the correctness of the sentiment. He reached and sustained an enviable position in his profession. The oldest practicioner of this bar and conceded at the head as a jurist. His counsel and services sought, for years, in nearly all important questions brought into Court.

He did not confide in prestige. In the beginning he had none to rally as an ally. He did not step into some empty shoes accustomed to walk in the beaten paths of the profession. After reaching the emmence he did not trust to past success. \* \* \* He worked his way to the front. He did not rely upon genius, whatever that may mean, With an overtowering mind, he trusted solely in a thorough acquaintence of what he undertook. As an evidence of this, see account of the blank book of law reports mentioned in Mr. Turrell's article.

That book has condensed, a law library such as a successful lawyer would collect by forty years practice. Very much abbreviated, index characters meaning nothing to any other, yet speaking pages to him, this gives the key to his success as a lawyer. \* \* He knew not the art of policy. He was the sought, not the seeker in his profession. He courted not his client by empty smiles and flattery which would be blasted at the first onslaught of the opposing attorney. He knew not speculation in his profession. He brought to his client and case well beaten oil, stern logic, hard law and fact which to attack was to rush on bayonet and

He made himself, by simple abstract worth, the lawyer sought, not by the effervesence of affectation, empty smile or gentility of manner, simply; these were abhorrent to him unless the rock was underneath. Thus his client was not betrayed into a whirlpool of defeat \* \* \* Socially he gives us an illustration

'Life is what we make it." To say that Brother Little was not friendly or has no friends would be saying what this vast audience would impeach. His was a friendship true, abiding, not easily disturbed.

In his social lite he manifested the same marked characteristics, viz: no confidence in mere announcement or gusto, valuing abstract worth. By no means demonstrative, not assumptous. Nothing affecting, a simple matter

He was not attracted by coquetry in others rather repelled. Where the coquette would win others, he, was filled with disgust. As a friend he was the sought not the seeker. And whoever found his heart found a valued friend. As occasional meeting did not reveal his worth. His acquaintance was formed by the hours of quiet personal conversation. I may be permitted to evidence, he was to me as pastor, a dear friend, no pastor ever had a truer friend.

His tenants feel quite universally, "he has been like a father to me." His friendship was not of hasty growth. \* \* \* His religious life witnesseth to the truthfulness of this sentiment. He made his religion a reality; (For particulars see last issue.) It was in individual, in personal social sonversation and in the religious meeting his inner life was most clearly, seen. The nature of the streams of life which coursed through his soul, and the realms of thought in which he basked, when released from the stern duties of his profession are revealed by the records which linger with his memory.

A blank book of collected extracts penned so finely by his own hand, makes manifest his inner life. A volume of rare gems from the Historian the Poet, the Statesman. An extract with this explanation. A form of "self examination, prepared by Rev. Dr. Griffin," "from the N. Y. Observer Feb. 1842" portrays his view of what it is to be a christian.

The collection of these gems began with him as early as the age of 21. Another small blank book containing expositions of chapters and consecutive verses of the Bible and exegeses of single texts, bearing date 1845 and running down to the present. Another of collected and original briefs on purely religious subjects, declare that much of his life was to himself. Truly to him religion was not an abstract dream. The theme of his sermons, his brief religious addresses all evidence to this.

Again as an evidence that his life was what acceptance. Not creatures of fortuitous cirche made it, observe he was not dictated by mere impulse.

He was a person of strong convictions never acting until forced by conviction, then without compromise.

He did not rely upon impulsions but stern forcible conviction. This was seen in all his history, in his religion as elsewhere.

So in the meeting if called to take a promineut part he desired a moment for reflection \* Such is the life record of our brother, ing the propitious circumstances making them emphatically he was the builder of his fame, as a scholar as well as in other things. His ed-The record of our brother shows that wealth ucation commenced in the "bark mill." His can be gathered with out impeaching or tarnish- book was then his 'companion, studying Latin ing a christian name, without resorting to the and Greek while driving the horse to grind tricks of trade or applying to the art of specu- bark. The foundation of studious and metholation but by simple prudent economy and dic habits of life were fixed early, and as years strict attention to business. He accumulated rolled, on the structure towered up \* \* \* wealth much beyond the average. This did Another marked and praise worthy characteris-

not appear as his ambition but really a result tic of his life was the modest, the unassuming. of his prudence and untiring exstem of life. The giant intellect, the vivid fruitful imagina-He knew not the art of speculation. He tion, would listen with interest to the simple never bought to sell again. He brough to the soul utterances of the undisciplined and unlearned. But the evening has come, the end is He never made capital of other's misfortunes, reached, scarcely a seared leaf, hardly the dim or necessites or ignorance, never, never. It was sadows of Autumn were seen when suddenly he cases to toil and live. His hand falls, the No higher eulogy can be paid any man than pen drop, the eye closes, it is all over. "He is the universal "a more mercitul land-lord I gone." We bury the mortal, the immortal

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