

Poetry.

The Light of the House.

Patting o'er the carpet,
Patting up the stair,
Tidy feet are running,
Running everywhere.

Literary Notices.

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THE NORTH-WEST COAST; or, Three Years' Residence in Washington Territory. By James G. Swan. With numerous illustrations. 12mo., pp. 185. Harper & Brothers, Franklin Square, 1857.

We have read Mr. Swan's book with much satisfaction. He tells his story without any attempt at fine writing, or philosophical expositions. His object is to describe that portion of the territory which lies South of the Straits of Fuca, and North of the Columbia River, including the soil, climate, natural productions, state and character of the Indians; and, in fact, to give a faithful picture of the region, such as it presented from the year 1852 until the Autumn of 1855.

A CHILD'S HISTORY OF GREECE. By John Bonner, author of "A Child's History of Rome," &c. In two vols., 18mo., pp. 515 and 292. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia.

We have already had occasion to commend Mr. Bonner's History of the United States, and afterwards to speak in language of still stronger approval of his History of Rome. Now we are called on to say that the two pretty volumes before us he has been quite as happy in compiling his History of Greece. We have examined the work with much care, and we can truly say that it is a capital abridgment. The sentences are short, and very direct; at times the language verges on the humorous—sufficiently so to arrest the attention of the young reader; but it never descends into the vulgar style which betrays an imperfect education, or a low mind.

THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN. August, 1857. Montreal: John Lovell. Under the management of the Rev. Mr. Kemp and Mr. Fraser, this monthly bids fair to be one of the most valuable Presbyterian Magazines published on this Continent. There is a thoroughness and substantiality in the original articles, characteristic of the literature of the parent Churches in the father-land; and the selected pieces are judicious and instructive.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL REVIEW, for July, made its appearance at the proper time, and should have been noticed earlier. The present number sustains the high character given to the Review by its predecessors. It contains Reviews of Martin (J. Banald) on Tropical Climate; Dixon's Guide to the practical Study of Dissection; the Rev. Barnard's Physiological Experiments; Gray's Hospital Reports for 1856; Statistical Report on the Sick and Mortality in the United States Army, prepared under the direction of the Surgeon General; the Physician's Pocket, Dose and Symptom Book; by Dr. Wythes; Hogg on the Microscope; Todd and Bowman's Physiology; together with eight original articles, notices of the proceedings of the American Medical Association of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, of the Quarantine Convention, an Editor's Tale, and a Bibliographical Record.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Barley Growing. Mr. EDITOR.—Since barley growing has become quite a business in various localities, it has occurred to us that a few words through the columns of the Banner and Advocate, might not be amiss. In looking over the farms in this vicinity, perhaps one-third of the fields are made to produce this grain. Nor are these fields the property of the worldly, or those who make no pretensions to morality; but the possession of those who stand high in the community, and in the Church, and who are looked to as patterns—whose influence gives a shade of light to whatever they may sanction.

What a Blind Boy thought of Heaven. At a Sunday school in Albany it was asked, "Why is heaven a happy place?" For some moments there was silence in the school. It was soon broken, however, by a soft, silvery voice, which replied: "Because Jesus is there!" This beautiful answer came from the lips of a little blind boy, named George. Happy boy! Though unable to see the beauties of heaven, or the pleasant faces of his friends, or the pages of the holy Bible, yet his young heart had opened to the story of a Savior's love, and he felt that where Jesus is there is heaven. May Jesus dwell in that blind boy's heart! He will then carry a little heaven with him as he gropes his way along the unit path of his pilgrimage.

hold these truths to be self-evident; and whatever practice or occupation does not comport with them, must be, to say the very least, of doubtful propriety. Let us not be misunderstood; we do not mean to say that barley-raising is per se sinful. We believe that nature intended it to be applied to other purposes than those for which it is cultivated. We think it the duty of the farmer to look beyond the mere production of the article; especially when the nervousness from nature is so apparent. Whence comes the demand for the article, or whence is created the necessity of its production? Does it arise from a healthy Christian spirit, or a legitimate want in the community? We can not answer these interrogatories in the affirmative. Would that we could. We tell the farmer, though he may not be aware of it, that he is encouraging and stimulating a morbid appetite in the community; pandering to vice, and inaugurating debauchery, in various forms, in almost every village and hamlet. Whence proceeds the numerous murders throughout our cities, that have so recently shocked the moral sensibilities of the community, which have become callous owing to their frequent occurrence? Do they not, invariably, proceed from, or are in some way connected with, the drinking revelry of a lager-beer saloon? Has the barley-grower ever thought of this? He may return, after having delivered the products of his soil at the brewery, with his pockets glittering with gold; but does it occur to him that future drafts will be made upon his purse for the use of the Commonwealth, to bring to justice some devotee of the rites of Bacchus, whose appetite he has stimulated, although reposing in the consciousness of having done no wrong? But in these remarks we do not intend that any odium should attach to those engaged in that pursuit. The time was when it was considered perfectly harmless, and in accordance with the strictest rules of moral rectitude. No man, no nation, no most scrupulous, had any misgivings on the subject. The time has come, however, when Christians are called upon to take a higher stand, and to reflect a living Christianity in all the practical bearings of life. Let farmers, and especially those who profess to be regulated by the precepts of the Golden Rule, consider this subject and its moral bearings upon the community. With them it should be a question of serious moment, whether they have made their farms come to the happiness, comfort, and moral elevation of their kindred. To those, we know it would be a consoling reflection that they had alleviated suffering, and wiped the tears of distress from the affectionate brow. But we must close our remarks. It is our object to call attention to the subject rather than to give the bearing upon society. We hope that some one, also more skilled, whose perceptions are more acute in tracing the relations of cause and effect, may be induced to take the pen, and do ample justice to the subject. If, however, no one undertakes the task, we may recur to the subject again.

Upper St. Clair Tp., August 17th, 1857.

THE LITTLE MISSIONARY. "I should like to be a missionary, aunt Mary," said little Ellen, "just like uncle William. Do you think he would take me with him?" "And leave mamma?" said a kind voice behind her. "O, no, mamma! I had quite forgotten that. I never could leave you. But still I do wish I was a missionary. I would like to go with you, and see how the little children about gentle Jesus, mamma, and how he loves them; and I would try to get them to love him, that they might go to heaven." "Well, Ellen, I am willing you should be a missionary. But you can not begin at home? You can set a good example to your brother; for, if you are a dutiful and affectionate, he will try to imitate you; and as he cannot read yet, you can teach him your texts and hymns; and tell him the Bible stories you are so fond of." "Oh, thank you, dear mamma! I can do that. And now you will please to give me a nice little verse to teach Willie?" "Will this do, Nelly? 'Little children, love one another.'"

For the Young.

Politeness in Married Life. "Will you?" asked a pleasant voice. And the husband answered, "Yes, my dear, with pleasure." It was quietly but heartily said; the tone, the manner, the look, were perfectly natural and very affectionate. "We thought, how pleasant that courteous reply! how gratifying must it be to the wife!—Many husbands of ten years' experience are ready enough with courtesies of politeness to the young ladies of their acquaintance, while they speak with abruptness to the wife, and do many rude little things, without considering them worth an apology. The stronger, whom they may have seen but yesterday, is listened to with deference; and although the subject may not be of the pleasantest nature, with a ready smile; while the poor wife, if she relate a domestic grievance, is snubbed, or listened to with ill-concealed impatience. Oh how wrong this is—all wrong. Does she urge some request—'Oh! I don't bother me,' cries her praiseworthy lord, and she has an application for some article from the kitchen. The sermon he presented to the public, fully sustains the reputation which he has earned for his wife's living. They are entitled to be ranked with the best models of this sort of domestic conduct. When we meet those who have passed for grandeur of conception, sublimity of thought, and impetuosity of eloquence, original without being original, liberal and at the same time extravagant, they stimulate and enlarge the understanding while they warm the heart. The following works by the same Author are now ready: THE GREAT TEACHER; Characteristic of our Lord's Ministry. With an Introduction by H. W. PIERCE, D. D., late President of Amherst College. 12mo., cloth—35 cents. He writes like a man who has long been accustomed to 'sit at the feet of Jesus,' and has embraced the Christian religion. I do not wonder at the avidity which is manifested in the study of his works. It is a rare privilege in which it is recommended by so many of the best judges. It is a rare privilege which is recommended by so many of the best judges. It is a rare privilege which is recommended by so many of the best judges.

Agricultural.

Reason as we will, the impelling power in the accomplishment of any design, is reward. A return in some form is what actuates laborers in all conditions of life; and amid the multifarious employments pursued by the human family, the gratification of some peculiar development of mind, or the supply of some want, is the incentive that inspires every one to engage in the task to completion. Were it not for this, mankind would be a terribly idle race. The cultivated fields would be desolate, the vine would rot, and the olive would be a waste of waters; while despair, marring the human face, would reign supreme. We prize above all the 'infringement of our liberties,' when we discover, or think we do, some aggression, but if ever any one should endeavor to wrench from the people the liberty to labor, the period has then arrived to drop all words, and put in play, arguments noted for the proclivity to horizontality by them imparted to the object against which they are brought to bear.

Work is the necessity of a healthy man, and one who would remain so. Physical strength is given us for the use of mental power; it is furnished to guide and direct; and we are not 'blind leading the blind,' and meeting with the fate inevitable under such circumstances. Work is to a community what the heart is to the physical system—the engine which not only gives circulation to the sources of life, but prepares them for use; by abstracting whatever is pernicious, and infusing whatever is needed to sustain, invigorate and fully develop. The editor, in the present of thy face, shall thou eat bread? has proved to man, constituted as he is, his greatest earthly blessing. Were it not for his opportunities and capabilities of performance, the block of marble fashioned under the chisel would be his peer. Foral man has, by, or will be, he is indebted to toil. All that acts healthily, is blessed, making, sprang from the giant brain of Labor, guided aright; and though those that have shed bright influences had the same great origin, right motives and right ends directed them.

PRICES IN THE OLDER TIMES.—In 1299 the price of a fat lamb from Christmas to Shrove-tide, was 16d. Three years after followed the price of a fat wether was 1s. and that of an ewe 8d. In 1050, the price of wheat per bushel was 24d. and the cost of an ox 7s. 6d.; in 1150, wheat was 44s. per bushel, and an ox only 4s. 8d. per bushel. In 1250, wheat was 1s. 7d., and an ox 10s. 7d. It should be recollected in reading these figures that money was worth infinitely more in those days than it is at present.

ENERGY.—"The longer I live," says a great writer, "the more certain am I that the great difference between me, the great and the insignificant, is energy—invisible determination—an honest purpose once fixed, and then death or victory. That quality will do any thing that can be done in the world; and no talent, no circumstances, no opportunity, will make a two-legged creature a man without it."

A WORD TO BOYS.—Begin in early life to collect libraries of your own. Begin with a single book; and when you find or hear of any first-rate book, obtain it, if you can. After awhile another, as you are able, and be sure to read it. Take the best care of your books, and in this way, when you are a man, you will have good libraries in your head, as well as on your shelves.

For the Ladies.

A Lesson to a Scolding Mother. A little girl who had witnessed the peevishness of her mother on a certain occasion, when her tortoise gave way, under severe trials, said:

"Mother, does God ever fret or scold?" The query was so abrupt and startling, it arrested the mother's attention almost with a shock. "Why, Lizzie, what makes you ask that question?" "Why, God is good—you know you used to call him the 'Good Man,' when I was little—and I should like to know if he ever scolded?" "No, child, no."

"Well, I am glad he don't, for scolding always makes me feel so bad, even when I'm not in fault. I don't think I could love God much if he scolded me." The mother felt rebuked before her simple child. Never had she heard so forcible a lecture on the evils of scolding. The words of Lizzie sank deep into her heart, and she turned away from the innocent face of her little one to hide the tears that gathered in her eyes. Children are quick observers; and Lizzie seeing the effects of her words, hastened to inquire: "Why do you cry mother? Was it naughtily for me to ask so many questions?" "No, love, it was all right. I was only thinking how bad I was to scold so much, when my little girl could hear and be troubled by it."

"O, no, mamma, you are not bad; you are a good mamma; only I wish there was not so many bad things to make you fret and talk like you did just now. It makes me feel away from you so far, as if I could not come near you, as I can when you smile and are kind; and I, sometimes fear that I shall be put off so far I never can go back again."

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CRIME AND MARRIAGE.—The chaplain of the Surrey County jail communicates to the London Times certain criminal statistics, which show several instructive facts, and one of rather unexpected character. It appears that of two thousand three hundred and fifty-seven prisoners, only three hundred and seventy were married, and these had an average of less than three children each, showing at once the humanizing tendency of the marriage relation, and also that its responsibilities do not, far more than its burdens and difficulties provoke, the original indications of the middle classes. A remarkable evidence is also presented, in opposition to the ordinary opinion that want is a leading cause of crime. The commitments in July and August, when the days are longest, employment most plentiful, weather most favorable, and food cheapest, actually outnumbered those of the severe and distressing months of December and January.

FATHERLY.—A young British officer, who was mutilated and disgraced in battle, requested a comrade to write to his betrothed in England, and release her from the bridal engagement. Her answer was worthy of a true woman:—"Tell him if there is enough of his body left to contain his soul, I shall hold him to his engagement."

EPISCOPACY.—A writer in the New York Churchman is greatly scandalized, because the Rev. Dr. Eastburn, besides considering himself not Bishop of Massachusetts, but also Bishop of the State of Massachusetts, even believes that if a Baptist Bishop were elected to-morrow, he would be as much a Bishop as himself.

PREACHING.—Baker said, "I never got a fanciful text, or an ambitious theme on my knees." "Special, internal, efficient aid," said H. Henderson, "will be granted to profoundly humble prayer." Says Wickliffe, "Great sanctity in heart and life will bring that eternal light from the Spirit, which cannot be dispensed with in the interpretation of Scripture."

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