# Poetry.

Carrier's Address. WRITTEN FOR THE PRESBYTEBIAN BANNER AN

ADVOCATE. The Past has gone-oh, gloomy Past! Who now would call thy moments back, Or bear thy toils, or meet the blast Of trouble's storms, or walk the track We all have walked throughout the year Just closed upon us? Who would fain Through every care, and doubt, and fear, Its changing scenes live o'er again?

The wheel of Time, with ceaseless round, Has circled through another year. With motion swift nor jar, nor sound-The Past is gone, the Present here. And now the faithful CARRIER comes, As through the days of " auld lang syne," And brings you at your hearths and homes, A song of cheer for '59.

As donting age dwells in the Past, And lives its youth and pleasures o'er, For Memory still delights to cast A thought on days that are no more. So now the Muse takes up the song, And sings her loudest praise to Heaven, For crowning favors all year long, For signal joys and mercies given.

How hath the glory of our God In truth and majesty gone forth! How hath his name been spread abroad, From West to East, from South to North! How hath his Word, in every clime, Called back the world from error's ways, Till cities steeped in sin and crime Now mourn for sin or shout their praise.

Oh, year to be remembered long. Of wondrous grace in every land! Thy memory fills the Poet's song, And cheers the Christian's heart and hand. The wars the cruel Sepoys waged, The massacres of age and youth, And savage rage, have been assuaged To advance the reign of God's own truth.

No famine caused the poor to cry; No clouds of God's avenging wrath Have darkened o'er our Nation's sky; But still, before the admiring world, We boast our country proud and free, And hail its stars and stripes unfurled At every mart, o'er every sea.

A new-found star, \* far in the West, Shines mid our galaxy of States; And, clouds o'erpast and storms at rest, Now Kansas little longer waits. Lo, how the tide of empire rolls Un far Pacific's golden shores! Soon, soon Columbia's free-born souls. Shall count their band of States by scores.

With proud advance in Freedom's cause, At peace with all the world, we can Now give our Mormon rebels laws. And coast from Chili to Japan ; Can quell our frontier Indian bands, Then, sailing o'er the world's wide seas, Bring in the wealth of distant lands, Borneo's spice, or China's teas.

The Atlantic wire now lies beneath Old ocean's depth of surging waves; But silent, in its watery sheath, It brings no flash through coral caves, To fill those hopes that sunk to fears When Science worked her master feat, And failed at last-yet other years Shall make the wondrous work complete.

All earth is tranquil round us now, And Peace sits robed in regal state, With clive chaplet on her brow, And rules the close of '58: Oh, may the year that sets its lights Along the Future's misty vale. Bring new achievements, new delights, And render joys that never fail.

\*The bill admitting Oregon may be considered sure though not yet actually passed.

# Aiterary Hotices.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE. December, 1858. New York: Leonard Scott & Co.

The contents of this number are: A Cruise in, If a lad of twelve and upwards is generally Japanese Waters; What will he do with it? Part found in the company of his sisters or "cou-XIX; A Pleasant French Book; The International Copy-Right Congress—a letter from a member to a Literary friend; The Indian Mutiny and the Land Settlement; Cousin John's Property; Sermons; Bright Absurdities; and, Index.

SALVATION BY CHRIST. A Series of Discourses on some of the Most Important Doctrines of the Gospel. By Francis Wayland. 12mo., pp. 886. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. 1859. Some time since, Dr. Wayland published a volume of excellent Sermons, under the title of "University Sermons," and while the work had such a circulation as the high character of the habitually associate with the rowdy classes; auther would naturally secure for it, still, the run with "the "masheen" smoke in the publishers believed that the designation of the book was unfavorable. Many persons would, low groggeries, use profane language, absent without examination, conclude that the subjects discussed were such as mainly suited the members of College classes, and that the themes and their mode of treatment would not interest the general reader. Men often forget that Students, Law- begets like, and effects follow causes as yers, Doctors, and professional men are sinners like their brethren of mankind, and require the sun .- Baltimore Patriot. exhibition of the common remedy. And whether discourses are delivered in a College or in a church, to Students or Senators, they do not deserve the name of Sermons, unless they treat of the common salvation. A desire that no impediment should stand in the way of the wide-spread circulation of such an excellent volume of thoughtful They are awkward, clownish, rough; they matter, led the publishers to express a desire that feel timid, bashful, and self-distrustful the the title of the book should be changed. This has moment they are addressed by a stranger or been done on the edition now offered to the puber in company. There is but one way lie. Two sermons on the "Revolutions in Euclidean to get over this feeling and acquire graceful rope," have been omitted, and six have been and easy manners, that is, to do the best

added, which have not been published hitherto. Dr. Wayland's style is calm, clear, and although it is devoid of rhetorical effort, still it is impressive? The subjects treated are of the highest importance—such as Practical Atheism : The Work of the Messiah; Justification by Faith; A Day in the Life of Jesus of Nazareth; The Benevolence of the Gospel, &c.

A SERMON Preached on the Occasion of the Death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Buford. By S. T. Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rock Island, Illinois. 1858. A good sermon, in which the truth of the theme, "To die is gain," is felicitiously, faithfully, tenderly, and hopefully presented.

# For the Ladies.

For the Lady-Readers of the "Banner." A LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

DEAR SIR :- I am about to make a bold proposal to your lady readers, which, I trust, when explained, will find pardon for its unusual character. Among your readers I have many friends, to whom I am personally known, and with all, I trust I may, after such continuous epistolary intercourse, claim acquaintance and brotherhood. The church in London, of which I have

been the pastor for more than eleven years.

has been the scene of many gracious manifestations, since its erection. Its first pastor was John Macdonald, who gave up home and every thing for the missionary cause in India, and who, after ten year's labor, died at Calcutta, greatly lamented, in 1847. The second minister was the Rev. Peter Lorimer, now Professor of Hebrew in our Theologica College, and author of "The Life of Patrick Hamilton." The third was the Rev. Josias Wilson, an eminent and most successful Evangelist, first at Drogheda, in Ireland, then at Belfast, and thence removing to River Terrace, London, where, after two and whalf-years of remarkable epiritual triumphs, he died in the prime of his days, sorely mourned. Twice, in the providence of God, was I called to succeed him; first at Belfast, and next in London. God has honored us with many tokens of his power and love, and during the year now closing we have had a quickening in our midst, which I feel pleasure in testifying has been greatly promoted, (instrumentally,) by the full information received, through your columns, of the work of God in America, by the solemnizing influence which it had on the pastor's mind.

But why this explanation? It is, that I may mention, further, that the success of Mr. Wilson's ministry made it necessary to enlarge the church, at a great expense; and to state, also, that on my coming, I found a debt on the building of nearly £2,000, (\$10,000.) Since then, we have paid off, without foreign assistance, either in London or elsewhere, the sum of £1,300, or \$7,500. We are now making a final effort to remove the balance of the building debt; and this, in connexion with a proposed SALE or WORK, OR BAZAAR, in preparation for which the ladies of the congregation are diligently engaged. They have interested, by circulars and private letters, their female friends, all over the Kingdom. The followng is a copy of their Circular:

It is proposed to hold a SALE OF WORK, in the of 1859, with the view of obtaining funds for the liquidation of the remaining building debt ou River Terrace Presbyterian church, Is-

The ladies of the congregation earnestly invite the kind co-operation of Christian friends. They have themselves always been willing to aid any kindred object for which their help was asked, and have done so for many years.

Any ladies who may be kind enough to send Contributions of Work are assured that their valued gifts will not be sacrificed by a forced sale, inasmuch as the ladies of River Terrace, annually prepare boxes of work for Mission Schools in Bombay, Jamaica, and Ireland. Any work, therefore, left from this sale, will be devoted to one or other of these objects.

Articles, both useful and ornamental, or dona-

tions in money, will be most gratefully received, up to the 15th March: 1859.

It will be perceived, from the forgoing, that our ladies are an active band, and have been so for years, on behalf of Home and Foreign objects, in some of which American Christians are deeply interested. It will also be seen that any surplus contributions will be devoted to the same objects.

On behalf of these ladies, then, I make the bold proposal, and present the respectful request to your lady-readers, so to use their skillful and nimble fingers, during the Winter, as to enable us to have a table at the sale covered with contributions from America, which shall be called "THE AMERICAN TABLE." And—although he will not be aware of the matter till he sees his name in print yet I refer, with all confidence, to my frience, George H. Stewart, Esq., of Philidelphia, born in the same parish with myself, baptized by the same venerable minister, once a student of Brown, of Haddington,) and whom all Evangelical Christians know and love. I shall undertake for him and his lady, that they will receive and forward any and all contributions of work sent to them on or before the first of March, 1859. YOUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT. London, Nov. 18th, 1858.

# For the Young.

Company.

There is no truer proverb than that "a man is known by the company he keeps. If a lad of twelve and upwards is generally sins," and associating and affiliating with the gentler sex—accompanying them to lec-tures and places of rational amusement and instruction, mixing in the social and domes-tic circle—found at all times participating in the agreeable hearth, entertainments, but above all habitually in the house of worship on the Lord's day, it is proof positive that such an one will grow up to be respected by every body-will be a useful and valuable citizen in society, and ten to one, become a consistent Christian in all walk and conversation. On the other hand, let this youth streets-shun female society-tipple at the himself from the sanctuary, and how long. will it be before his name will be in the police annals and appear in the daily journals among the arrested and convicted. Like certainly as the rising and setting of the

### Manners.

Young folks should be mannerly. But how to be is the question. Many a good boy and girl feel that they cannot behave to suit themselves in the presence of company.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

his arms evidently going to a similar place. He began to converse with the boy, and finally proposed that he should go with him of course, times when one of the oceans is up to Harlem: (this is a great pleasure reat the man in surprise and said: "Sir, did you never read the Command-

"Commandments! what are they?" said the gentleman. "Well, sir, there is one which says, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it

nents?"

"Well, what of that, my boy, will it not be keeping it holy to go up to Harlem?".
"No, sir, and I shall not go with you." Here the gentleman took out a quarter of dollar from his pocket, and to try him further, said, "See here, my lad, won't you go with me, if I will give you this?" "No sir, not if it were twenty five dollars. But"-looking archly up into his face "I should like that money, sir."
"What would you do wish it?"

There is to be a missionary collection : pr school to day, and I want it for that." The gentleman to test him still further, again proposed that he go to Harlem, when would be his, and then he could use it on the collection day.

go to Harlem. God will not bless money got by Sabbath breaking. I would rather ou would keep it."

By this time the gentleman thought it best o unveil himself. He made inquiries relative to the boy, and learned that he was a son of intemperate parents; in his early life ne had been utterly neglected. But he was found out by some of the benevolent Societies of the city, kindly cared for, brought into school, thence to Sabbath School, and position before the looking glass, as was his by his teacher led to Christ.

He conby his teacher led to Christ.

Whom to Marry. respectful, from principle as well as nature, there is nothing good and gentle that may not be expected from her, in whatever condition she may be placed. Were I to advise counsel would be, "look out for one dietin- fore a looking-glass, when he was totally the destruct her parents."

## Scientific.

Cosmical.

According to some of our modern geologists, our planet was once a melted mass of rock, and melted because of the heat generated by the chemical union and action of the particles of which it is composed. As the surface of this melted mass cooled, a crust was formed, and this constituted the granite rock. By the cooling and consequent contraction of this crust a pressure was exerted on the melted interior, causing the upheaval of mountains and the bursting forth of volcanoes. The crust of the globe being comparatively thin, the cooling and contraction going on, great changes would take place; cometimes the bed of the ocean would be elevated and form the dry land, and the dry or in the body of the work. land would sink and form the beds of the oceans. There is believed to be indisputable evidence that this has taken place, and it mercury in a thermometer, if buried in the of descent after the first fifty feet. At the depth of fifty miles all known substances will the interior of the earth. These volcanoes his annotations only to the fifty eighth of quid masses. Many of these openings giarised." through the crust have been very large. There is a volcano on Owyhee, one of the Sandwich Islands, the crater of which is about three miles wide. The Jacquard Apparatus in Woolen Man-

ufacturers. The wonderful variety of patterns which are, at the present day, seen in woolen and other productions, are effected by the Jacquard apparatus, in which the pattern de-pends upon the disposition of holes pierced in separate bits of pasteboard. In common weaving, the weft threads pass alternately under and over the entire warp, threads, which are lifted up to allow the west in the shuttle to traverse from one side to the other. The Jacquard apparatus determines, by the number and arrangement of the holes in the cards, which of the separate warp threads shall be so lifted; for at every throw of the shuttle, the blank part of each card moves a series of levers which raise certain warp threads; while other levers, passing into the holes in the card, do not affect the other warp threads. In this way patterns of the greatest complexity are woven in cotton, and worsted and silk, so that even a minute work. of art, such as a portrait or a landscape, may be produced from the loom. Every pattern, requires a separat set of cards. Those who would comprehend the extent of ingenuity involved in the principle of this invention, and the beautiful results of which it is capable, should witness its operation in a Jacquard loom.

### Physiological Discovery.

M. Flourens, the distinguished French physiologist, and Perpetual Secretary of the Paris Academy of Sciences; has published a work, in which he announces the discovery that the normal period of the life of man is

mean height of the two oceans is exactly the same; although, owing to the difference half tide, is now proved to be precisely the

# Miscellaneons.

The Force of Habit.

The importance of forming right habits, is not easily appreciated. They do very much in guiding the life. A correspondent furnishes to us the following illustration: Welcome Mitchell, who died in Smithfield, Bradford County, Pa., March 16, 1856, aged 76, was a deaf mute, and at the age of 70, he became entirely blind. From communications with him; so much so, that all efforts to make known to him the death of his sister, which took place in the house where be lived, seemed ineffectual, although this sister had had the constant "No, sir," said the boy, bringing down care of him for years. He had some habits his foot with great earnestness, "I shall not peculiar to himself. Nearly every day he went into a particular chamber in the house. took off his hat, walked and turned about corn-house, with the exception that, in the corn-house, he did not take off his hat. Whenever he adjusted his collar or his handkerchief about his neck, he took his inued these practices as long as he was able to walk, which was till within two months of his death. He also shaved himself afterblind, there were no means of knowing. Was it the mere force of habit, or did he suppose the looking-glass had something to

### A Singular Case of Plagiarism. The Nashville Advocate is responsible for

do with the operation of shaving?

the following: Rev. J. J. Wheat, of Woodville, Miss., brings to light, in the New Orleans Advocate, a remarkable plagiarism, which, as far as we are advised, has for so long escaped the critics and general reader. It is that Benson's Commentary up to the fifty-eighth of Isaiah is taken almost entirely, and without oredit, from Poole's Annotations. Mr. Wheat has compared the two, extensively, and publishes, in double columns, specimens of proof to the point. Sometimes Benson adds a line or two of his own. sometimes condenses a long note, and sometimes curtails, and now and then makes a quotation from another author. He makes no acknowledgment to Poole, either in his preface Poole was born in 1624, died in 1679 He was a Presbyterian.

"I do not charge that Benson has copied can only be accounted for on the theory that Poole on the whole of the Old Testament, the earth is a molten mass of rock, with a for I have not had time, as stated elsewhere, very thin crust cooled on the outside. The to make a comparison so extensive; but I charge that into whatever book or chanter earth, will rise one degree for every fifty feet I have looked, I have found the stolen goods of Poole. It is proper to remark. that Genesis, so far as I can judge from the melt. Volcanic eruptions, also, present very slight examination I have made, has no strong evidences of the melted condition of transactor laciarism. Poole lived to corre traces of plagiarism. Poole lived to carry are produced by the cooling and contraction Isaiah. The remaining portion was finished of the crust of the earth on the interior li- by others. Much of this Benson has pla-

The Advocate states that Poole was a Presbyterian. And when it is recollected that Benson was a Methodist, the plagiarism odists exactly. To satisfy Presbyterians, it of their charter.

must be called Poole's!—Due West Telescope, November 6, 1858.

Lead Mines.

The Lead fields of Missouri, begin thirty niles South of St. Louis, and extend along the Iron Mountain Railroad to Pilot Knob. The Farmer Miner and Mechanic, says: The sandy Lead vein, known as the sandy mines, comes first; is thirty miles South of the city—is a vertical North and South vein -has been worked one and a half miles in length, and yielded upwards of eleven millions pounds of ore, and is left going down the whole distance in the water. The mammoth Lead mine is next. This is an irregular quartering horizontal vein, which yielded several millions of pounds of ore. Next is the noted Valles and Perry's mines. These are distant fifty miles from the city and six miles from the railroad, and have yielded one million pounds of ore annually for the last twenty years. There have also been extensive mines about Potosi, Webster, Richmond, Old Mines and Flat River, that have yielded large amounts of ore. and have been worked to great profit when ore was less than half the price it brings at present; and in many of these mines veins are going down into the water. It is to the interest of our country that the Lead mines of Missouri be developed, and that we produce not only the Lead necessary for our own consumption, but have some to export; and this can be done as soon as a good sysone hundred years. The grounds on which tem of mining is established and the requihe comes to this new philosophic conclusion site number of miners set to work. The he comes to this new philosophic conclusion may be briefly stated. It is, we believe, a fact in natural history, that the length of each animal's life is in exact proportion to the period it is in growing. Buffon was aware of this truth, and his observations fed saware of this truth, and his observations fed solves.

a Society for preserving useful animals. the same; although, owing to the difference Larks, the paper states, eat up the seed of in the rise of tide of both places, there are, tares, thistles, and several other noxious plants. The seed grains that those birds higher or lower than the other; but their eat are those left upon the surface, and it sort a few miles out of the city.) He looked mean level, that is to say, their height at does more good than harm. Larks also destroy innumerable larva of the cedonia, that produces the wheat fly. Many other birds. are enumerated as of the greatest advantage to the farmers in France. Rats and mice are very destructive to grain, yet these ver min would be destroyed by the various noc turnal birds, and save millions of bushels of grain. The Secretary stated that New Jersey had a law to prevent the destruction of many kinds of birds, and gave a list of those protected, under a penalty of five dollars for killing one.

Prof. Nash-I believe we should make friends, with all birds. I will not except even crows. We have made war upon birds until we have fewer than any of the Euro, pean countries. Even the robin has been attacked as a noxious bird because it eats a that time, it was found impossible to hold few cherries, and yet the robin lives upon

THE NUISANCE OF DOGS. Wm. Lawton-The crow is a very timid bird, and is easily kept out of mischief by scarcerows, or by feeding them with sowed We have another nuisance much corn. greater than all the birds. I allude to dogs, the most worthless of all animals, and the most noxious too, to our best interests in a particular way, then put on his hat aud left the chamber. What his ideas were in doing it, no one could tell. Almost daily, return; and I don't see how a Christian he made visits as singular as this, to the man can intrude a great uncooth dog into a neighbor's house. I have no objection to a sheppard having a dog if it is useful to him, or a pet bear or a tiger; but of what use are the fordinary curs? I estimate that it costs the State of New York three millions of dollars to maintain the dogs, besides the life that is lost from the bites of rabid ones.

Prof. Nash-I must approve all that is When a young woman behaves to her he lost his sight, as he had done before: less, mischievous dogs. I have just heard of the loss of \$200 worth of sheep in Amhim; he would then take his position be- herst, Mass.; but I must say there is one fore the looking glass, and put out his hand greater nuisence than dogs—it is the men and touch the glass, so as to be sure that he with guns, who infest the whole country, dition she may be placed. Were I to advise stood before it, and then proceed to use the destroying all the birds. I doubt whether razor. What his ideas were in standing be-

T. W. Field-I don't know of any use for dogs except to make sausages, and as for crows, they are in the same category. I have had a dozen fowls destroyed of a night by dogs. They are the greatest nuisances in the country. I have seen the dogs hunt in packs upon Long Island, and in New Jersey. The poorest class of community are the class that own most dogs, of which they have no possible use.

The discussion was further continued with great animation, and an almost unanimous opinion that dogs are a great nuisance gen erally, and that the people of this country are generally mistaken in their views about birds, and that they should be protected and encouraged to dwell side by side with man

### · Forms of Bequests.

When bequests are made to the Institutions of the Church, let the following forms be carefully observed. Legacies are often lost to the cause which the testator designs to aid, by, a defect in the will, When real estate or ther property is to be given, let it be particularly de

Board of Domestic Missions, To the Trustees of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and to their successors and assigns, I give and bequeath the sum of (or, I devise a certain messuage, and tract of land, &c.,) to be held by the said Grustees, and their successors for ever, to and for the uses, and under the direction of the said Board of Domestic Missions of the said General Assembly, according to the provisions of their charter.

Board of Education. I give and device to the Trustees of the Board of Educa-tion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the sum of to be applied by said Board to the Education of pious and indigent young men for the Gospel ministry.

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Board of Publication. will appear altogether unaccountable.

This case shows that much that is called religious principle is prejudice. Poole's Commentary called Benson's, suits the Methofs and the sum of land, to, to be held by the said Trustees, and their successors for ever, to and for the uses and under the direction of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, according to the provisions of the sale Board of Publication, and the sale according to the provisions of the sale according to the

Church Extension Committee The Church Extension Committee.

The Church Extension Committee of the General Assembly is not incorporated, but the following form of bequest, it is supposed, would be valid.

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