Poetry.

From the Pittsburgh Journal

Mr. Bigham :- Dear Sir :- Some months since I found this little fugitive in a Boston paper written, as you will perceive, by our towns-womau, Mrs. Amie Wade. I have since found it copied into a Philadelphia paper, and it seems to me to be worthy an insertion in some one of our own journals. Will you read it, and if worthy a place in your excellent paper, give it one. To me it is poetry, and I should be gratified to see it re-published. Respectfully, Mary.

Invocation,

BY WILD FLOWER. Oh Time, press lightly on my brow, Pray let thy touch be gentle now, Though to thy sceptre I must bow. Oh Time, press lightly on my brow-For every path I tread in life, With happiness and joy is rife. In years to come, to thee I'll bow, But oh, I pray, touch lightly now.

The world to me is full of joy, Life's petty cares do not annoy; Its mental pleasures never cloy," To me pure gold without alloy. I dearly love this beauteous earth, Its flowers, its sunlight, and its mirth; So Time, press lightly on my brow, In years to come, to thee I'll bow.

Now youthful hearts dwell in my home, Light as the blue waves crested foam; The star of love lights up its dome, And from it I would never roam, Not e'en to dwell 'neath orient skies, Till death shall sever home's loved ties; So Time, press lightly on my brow, In years to come, to thee I'll bow.

From infant lips with winning word, With cadence sweet as thrilling bird, By which the heart's deep love is stirred, My name, "dear mother," oft is heard; That name, of all, to us most dear, So full of hope, of love, and cheer; So Time, press lightly on my brow. In year's to come, to thee I'll bow.

Now I would sing sweet songs of mirth, When gathered round home's pleasant hearth Make it the brightest spot on earth, To them, through life, a memory worth Far more than Ophir's sparkling gems, Than regal crowns or diadems; So Time, press lightly on my brow, In years to come to thee I'll bow.

But should the thorns of life appear, And clouds betoken tempests near-Death rob of loved ones now so dear, And friendship cold make earth seem drear, And hope withdraw the diamond light Which makes my path in life so bright; Then Time, to thee I'll gladly bow, And kiss the hand that mars my brow, Allegheny City, May, 1858.

Literary Hotices.

THREE VISITS TO MADAGASCAR, During the years 1853, 1854, 1856. Including a Journey to the Capital; with Notices of the Natural History of the Country, and of the present civilization of the people. By the Rev. Wm. Ellis, F. H. S., author of "Polynesian Researches." Illustrated by wood cuts from Photographs, &c. 8vo., pp. 514. New York: Harper & Brothers, Franklin Square. 1859.

The issues of the Messrs. Harper during the present Winter, have been more than ordinarily important and valuable in their character. It Spring Disease is a remarkable fact that all eminent missionaries, when they become authors, take a high place as writers. As witnesses of this fact, we might cite Williams, Livingstone, Heber, Martyn, Moffat, and others; and now, in this goodly volume we have another illustration, in addition to the one which the world possessed in his charming Polynesian Researches. There is a halo of interest around Madagascar, to which the eyes of Christians have long been directed. The condition of semi-civilization which exists in the island; the progress of Christianity during the reign of the sovereign who preceded the present Queen, and her savage and relentless efforts to eradicate every vestige of the Gospel; the constancy of those martyrs who in such wondrous numbers sealed their testimony to the faith with their blood; the undying state of Christian truth in the island, and the hopes and prospects of the people of God in reference to the future; the relations of the inhabitants to England and France, and the danger that the efforts of the Propaganda might result in an unscrupulous seizure of the island for Papal purposes, similar to the aggressions which in the reign of Louis Philippe were successfully made on Tahiti-all unite in rendering the present and the future of that important island an object of momentous import-

Mr. Ellis' book is without doubt one of the most delightful records of travel which we have ever seen. It is replete with information on natural history, climate, tropical productions, religious customs, language, and all matters which the inhabitants of a Northern clime would desire to know respecting the people of Madagascar, and the land they live in. He records all that he has to say in a manner, the most clear, simple, and unaffected; and yet, in a style that indicates education and refinement. He has made abundant use of the photographic apparatus, and accordingly the illustrations in botany, architecture, and scenery, are of the most perfect character.

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ples and Rules for the Culture of Vegetables, Fruits, Flowers, and Shrubbery. To which are added Brief Notes on Farm Crops, with a table of their average product and Chemical Constituents. By Alexander Watson. Illustrated. 12mo., pp. 531. New York: Harper & Brothers, Franklin Square. 1859. It is no slight commendation of this book to say that it is all that it professes to be, while it possesses a merit seldom found in books which are written by agriculturists or gardeners. We mean, that clearness of description and accuracy of statement which enables the reader to understand the author's meaning, even before reference as much matter as will serve in a first-class establiremains of sin, in his heart, several times

cottage home, and it contains everything in the way of illustration that the most fastidious could

THE GOSPEL MYSTERY OF SANCTIFICATION OPENED IN SUNDRY PRACTICAL DIRECTIONS. To which is added a Sermon on Justification. By Walter Marshall, late preacher of the Gospel. 18mo., pp. 320. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison. 1859.

Many of our readers will be delighted to learn that this book of English origin at a time_when Scriptural richness was more common in sermons and theological treatises than in our own days, has been republished in a style so neat, and at an expense so small. Objections have been urged against some of the author's views; and when taken out of their proper connexions, there may be room for doubting some of his positions. But taken as a whole, the treatise is one of great pith, point, and power, that will improve both the head and the heart of the reader, and that will greatly aid the preacher in setting forth the nature and duty of sanctification.

A MEMOIR OF CAPTAIN W. T. BATE, R N. By Rev. John Bailie, nuthor of "Life of St. Augustine," &c. 16mo., pp. 278. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison. 1859.

The author of the "Life of St. Augustine," has placed the friends of Christian literature under additional obligations by this new work. Its subject was a Captain in the British Navy, of most undoubted bravery, kind and generous in his disposition, admired and loved by all who knew him, and crowning all by an unblemished and consistent Christian character. He lost his life at the taking of Canton, in the 37th year of his age. This memoir is worthy of a place alongside of those of Hedley Vicars, and Havelock, which is saying much in its commen-

LAYS OF THE KIRK AND COVENANT, By Mrs. A. Stuart, Monteath. 18mo., pp. 245. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh:

The Kirk and the Covenant! What memories do they awaken of Scotland's piety, heroic endurance, and sainted blood! The author of this volume has entered heartily into some of the nost hallowed and stirring incidents connected with the religious history of Scotland, and has: commemorated them in poetry that cannot fail to find readers. The notes, and historical and biographical sketches, made it additionally interesting and instructive. Among the subjects are: Patrick Hamilton, Scotland's first Martyr; The Child of James Mellville; The Signing of the Covenant; Peden at the Grave of Cameron: the Martyrs of Wigton, &c.

THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM. By Rev. Dudley A. Tyng. 18mo., pp. 190. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison. 1859.

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Biographical.

Sketch of the Life of John Watson Hughes.

John Watson Hughes was born November 18th, 1836, at Mogodore, O. He was the son of Rev. John D. and Lydia Hughes. His mother, who was a daughter of Abram and Martha Dehaven, of Springfield O., and a woman of high Christian character, died when he was only twelve days old. In helpless childhood, he was kindly cared for-first, by his mother's, and afterwards by his father's kindred. From infancy, he was the subject of earnest prayer by a large circle of Christian friends. When he was father's second wife one who loved and cared for him with as much tenderness as a mother could have done. He cordially reciprocated her affection, and even up to manhood often spoke of ber to his friends with grateful emotions and warm-hearted

regard. In the various stages of his education, he was habitually prompt and careful to be ready with his recitations. From the village school to the Theological Seminary, he enjoyed the affectionate regard of his instructors and fellow students. At the age of thirteen he had acquired a good common school education, and had made, under the supervision of his father, some progress in the Latin language. He then entered Vermillion Institute, at Haysville, Ohio. Here he remained three years, taking a high stand in his classes. In the Fall of 1853, he entered the Sophomore Class in Washington College, Pa., where he graduated in June, 1856, sharing the highest honor of his class. His mind was quick and ardent, and his fine taste, extensive information, and, more than all, his warm hearted cheerful ness, won the admiration and friendship of a

wide circle in the College and town of Washington. "During his whole College course," writes the pastor of the church at Washington, " besides being an excellent student, n every way, he was occasionally the subect of pungent religious feeling, as the is made to the places and illustrations. In this Professor and myself had the best reason respect, this volume is a model of composition. to know. The first outbreak of the re-It possesses another excellence, of no mean order. vival which pervaded the Church and It is a happy medium between the almost useless | College in the Spring of 1856, found his | in the Spring; grows very late in the Fall; pamphlets which contain little that is unknown heart ready to receive the gracious influences to most cultivators of gardens, on the one hand, which came down so copiously, in answer to well; bears close grazing, and, indeed, and the monstrous, overgrown, fifteen dollar work | the prayers of God's people. After a severe of London, on the other hand. Mr. Watson has conflict, he was led to cast himself at the made an excellent, useful, and suggestive book; feet of Christ, where the light of peace first a book that may be used in different latitudes of broke into his agonized soul. Subsequent the country with advantage. He has introduced self-examinations, and the discoveries of the

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Cross in renewed consecration, and were would not fail to have it. Two bushels of thereby greatly blessed in deepening the work of the Spirit already begun. He became, thenceforth, a fine example of Christof growing in unsightly bunches; still if came, thenceforth, a fine example of Christian devotedness. To great warmth of clover seed be sown with it, and the conaffection and uprightness of character, grace dition of the ground and season favorable, added the charm of a Christ-like loveliness. His conduct was marked by a quick sighted conscientiousness, and his aims for the future vere moulded into the image of the spirit

On the 6th of April, 1856, he was received into the church of Washington, Pa., along with sixty-nine others, as the first fruits of the revival. From this time he had a desire to serve his Master, in the ninistry. His youth, his brief experience in the Christian life, and a deep sense of his unfitness for the work, gave him much anxiety as to the propriety of entering at ear of his soul, in the wrestling of his closet. Those only, who were in his confidence, know the struggles of heart, which resulted n his coming at once from College to the with the Great Physician; his countenance now Seminary. Duty once made plain, he upon me." swerved not from his purpose. He had a swerved not from his purpose. He had a deep feeling of his own incompetency for in Pulaski, Lawrence County, Pa., Mrs. Sarah McClain, the write of Mr. Joseph McClain, in the 79th year of her age. the work. Of this he often spoke to his intimate friends; yet, with unfaltering trust n the strength of his Redeemer, he hope-

fully, joyfully pressed forward. In September, 1856, he was taken under he care of the Wooster Presbytery, and, bout the same time, entered the Western Theological Seminary. In November, 1858, he was transferred to the Presbytery of oarts of trial for licensure, had been chiefly erformed and cordially approved, and it vas expected that he would receive licensure at the next meeting of his Presbyterymind grasped the objects of his investigations with an ease that often puzzled his more plodding companions. His generous. open-hearted manliness, gained the esteem f all who knew him; but he was especially endeared to those who enjoyed his confilence and best knew his heart. The teachship, and earnest piety, gave high promise of usefulness in the Church; but death came in an unexpected hour; the hopes of Church mourns for him, taken when just equipped for the great battle. He died on the first of March, 1859, after only two hours' sickness. Ten more weeks would have completed his course of preparation for the ministry; that course which he had followed for long years, through difficulties

and trials, whose bitterness few have tasted. For some days before his death, it was noticed that he seldom offered a prayer, in public, without pleading with the Lord of | Comb. She had been for upwards of twenty-five years a conthe harvest to send more laborers into the sistent member of the Presbyterian church of Glade Run. whitened field. The last prayer he was ever heard to utter, contained an exprest petition This, she often said, was a great deprivation to her, but she for his beloved Washington College, that it bore it meekly. Her last illness was short. On Thursday might send forth more men for the service morning she stood beside the death-bed of her father, and of Christ. And now he, just about to en- on the next Thursday her remains were laid near his in the of Uhrist. And now he, just about to enter the ranks of the ministry, has fallen, relatives mourn their loss. Thus we are warned that the and still the cry comes from our own broad land, from all the wide world, with its teeming millions, for men, more men, "to stand in the breaches of Zion." Not to that College alone, for which especially the prayers of Hughes went up, does this cry come; not even to all our Colleges and Academies alone does it come, but young men who are strong, and in whom abideth the word of God, whether in legislative halls, at the bar, in the teacher's chair, behind the merchant's

desk, or following the plow, must answer it. For some months, our beloved brother of Foreign Missions. After much prayer and frequent consultation with the Professors of the Seminary and his friends, he had determined to offer himself for the work. His strong attachment to his numberless friends, his love for all that makes home and society attractive to the Christian, and the peculiar obligations which he felt himself under to his parents, made this decision peculiarly trying in his case. But louder than all the claims of friendship, and home, and country; louder even than the cry for laborers in our own land, was "the call of seven hundred millions of heathen;" and he stood up, when hope sparkled in his bright eye and the vigor of youth nerved his limbs, and said, "Here am I, send me." "His purpose, instead of its execution, was the last utterances of his lips. Many surviving friends will accepted, that he might sooner pass to his reward." But who will lift the fallen standard? One herald of the cross has fallen, and still those "seven hundred milwill go? How will the young men, who profess to follow Jesus, in our Seminaries, our Colleges, our Academies, throughout all our favored land, answer it now? How will they render account for their answers in eternatus?

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Let all necessary pruning be done at once. Apples, pears, peaches, quinces, grapes, gooseberries, and currants, should be pruned, if not already done.

Cutting Grafts.

This is about the period to cut grafts to await the time for setting. The cherry, especially, should be cut without delay. have found no better way to preserve them in all their vigor, than by sticking them firmly into the ground a few inches, or burying them entirely, at the foot of the trees from which they were taken, when the ground will admit of it. In this way the When names of the fruit will be secured. the ground is frozen too firmly to admit of this mode, the grafts can be buried in moist sand in the cellar .- Germantown Tele-

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bushel of good seed.

DIED.—February 6th, 1859, after a lingering and painful illness, which she bore with much Christien patience, Mrs. DRUSKLA, wife of Mejor John Power, of Westmoreland Co., Pa., in the 65th year of her age.

She had been for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church, and adorned her profession. Shortly before her departure, after giving many evidences of her meetness once on the study of theology. He yielded, however, to the advice of his friends, and to she was asked if she could put her whole trust in the the "still, small voice," which came to the Saviour, and as if to give emphasis to her words, she replied three times, "O yes, yes, sweet Saviour, sweet Saviour, sweet Saviour." When her physician last approached her bedside, he found her praying; and opening her eyes, she looked up to him and said, "I shall soon be

Mrs. McClain made a profession of religion in early life, connecting herself with the church of Chartiers, under the pastoral care, at the time of her union with it, of the Rev Dr. McMillan. She removed to Mercer County about forty nine years ago, and for some years past, has resided in Pu laski. She was an exemplary Christian, and faithful and devoted, both as a wife and mother. Her last sickness was protracted and trying, her complaint being such as to cause her a greatdeal of suffering, but she bore it all with exemplary resignation to the Divine will, and passed away, at last, Western Reserve. His examinations and with a bright and blessed hope of a glorious immortality And though sorrowing for her removal from us, where her Christian conversation and pious example were so powerfu for good, we rejoice to believe that she has gone to be " for D. W. ever with the Lord."

It could not be said of him that he was hard student; for his quick, searching year of his age.

J. B. Guyer, Dayton, Pa., Mr. George McCone, in the 76th year of his age. Mr. McComb was born near Jacksonville, Indiana Co. Pa., in October, 1783. He united with the Presbyterian hurch of Bethel in 1811, which was then under the care of Rev. Henderson. In 1815 he became a member of Glade Run Presbyterian church, from whose roll he was, as we believe, dismissed by the Great Head of the Church, to join the communion of the saints in the Church above. Mr. Mc Jomb was the father of a large family, of which, three sons and five daughters mourhed his loss one of the latter, however, followed him. In less than a week, heward the bourse whence ers and scholars of his Sunday School will lowed him, in less than a week, beyond the bourne whence not soon forget him. His talents, scholar- no traveler returns. His wife, with whom he lived nearly fifty years, two daughters, several grand children, and brother, preceded him within less than three years. Mr. McComb was, for a number of years, a Ruling Elder in Glade Run church. He was one of two, in its communion usefulness in the ministry, which his friends at his death, who were influential in securing the stated had long cherished, were crushed, and the means of grace. Everything relating to the congregation in permitted, at his place in the sanctuary, although for years he had been unable to hear but little of what was said by the loudest speakers. His illness was short. His disease resembled congestion of the brain. On Saturday he appeared in usual health; on the Friday following, his remains were

> and respected him while he lived. There are no others. Died—February 23d, Mrs. Manganer Pools, wife of John Poole, of Dayton, Pa., aged nearly 38 years. Mrs. Poole was the eldest daughter of Mr. George Mc-

committed to the earth, to await the resurrection call.

DIED—On the 20th of December, 1858, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr, in Indiana County, of inflammation of the lungs, Mr. MARCUS KERR, in the 20th year of his age. He was a young man of correct habits and promising abilities; but life's labors were suddenly closed. And there is now reason to hope that the teacher's toils in the schoolroom have been exchanged for the joys of a happy immor-

Also—On the 17th inst., at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr, of pulmonary consumption, Mr. Braden Kerr, in the 27th year of his age.

A young man of good mind and jamiable disposition. During his protracted illness he was much engaged with had been carnestly examining the question the business of his salvation, and by the mercy of God, obtained a good hope, through faith, in the blessed Redeemer And after prayers and counsels in behalf of brothers and sisters, his prayer to God "to take his spirit," was answered. And well may the hope be cherished that his home is now with the redeemed. The widowed mother is thus, in three short months, bereaved of two sons, both approaching the age of full manhood, and warranting the hope that they might be to her a stay and comfort when age and infirmity should come. But the Lord hath said, "Tet thy widows trust in me." And having revealed him self as "the widow's God,"her covenant God will undoubtedly be her "refuge and strength, and a very present help in

trouble." Dien-On Friday evening, 18th inst., A. Hamilton, Esq., aged nearly 89 years. The evening of his long life he spent with his younger son, Rev. Alfred Hamilton, pastor of Fagg's Manor, in Chester County, Pa. His gray hairs were a crown of glory to him, "being found in the way of righteousness." His end was peace—"I am full of joy and glory," being among (Portsmouth (Ohio) papers please copy.)

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