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Poetry.

The Place to Die. I could bear to die in my father's hall...

When the spirit borne on its angel wings From earth to heavenly bowers...

Then passing away from the cares of earth, On the gentle breath of prayer...

But to die from home—in a distant land To yield up life's pure fountain—

With none to weep for my lowly bed, And deck it with holy flowers...

Would fill the soul with a flood of woe, Dim hope with a cloud of sorrow...

Miscellany.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF WASHINGTON.

[For the facts contained in the following sketch of Mary Washington, the public are indebted to George W. P. Custis, Esq., grandson of the wife of George Washington.

The monument marking the repose of the mother of Washington, bears the above simple, yet affecting inscription. No eulogy could be higher—none could more effectively appeal to the heart of every American.

Mary Washington was a descendant from the very respectable family of Ball, who settled as English colonists on the banks of the Potomac.

The house of Mrs. Washington, of which she was always mistress, was a pattern of order. There the levity and indulgences common to youth, were tempered by a well regulated restraint.

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THE MISSIONARY OF PRISONS.

It is little more than two years since the attention of D. L. Dix, was arrested by the condition of prisoners, particularly of those who were insane. Years of unremitting industry as a teacher, and a legacy from a deceased relative, had given her a comfortable and happy mode of life.

And bravely is she performing her heavenly mission! Travelling alone in cold and storm; expending her income, her energies, and her health; witnessing scenes of degradation and filth, exceedingly revolting to the fastidious delicacy of her character.

In her latter days, the mother often spoke of her own good boy—of the merits of his early life—of his love and dutifulness to herself; but of the deliverer of his country—the chief magistrate of the great republic—she never spoke.

Mrs. Washington was always pious, but in latter life her devotion was performed in private. She was in the habit of repairing every day to a secluded spot, formed by rocks and trees, near the dwelling, where, abstracted from the world and worldly things, she communed with her Creator in humiliation and prayer.

On one occasion this missionary of mercy was earnestly cautioned not to approach a raving maniac. He yelled frightfully, day and night, rent his garment, plucked out his hair, and was so violent that it was supposed he would murder any one that ventured within his reach.

On another occasion she had been leading some twenty or thirty maniacs into worship, and seeing them all quiet as lambs gathered into the shepherd's fold, she prepared to go forth to other duties.

AN AWKWARD MISTAKE.—A correspondent of the Herald of Religious Liberty tells a short story about an inscription on the facade of a church recently built, which was intended to be as follows: "My house shall be called the house of prayer."

TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR EDUCATION; see that your principles and your practice are equal to your attainments. The head of Melville was highly educated; but his heart was sadly neglected.

BE ATTENTIVE TO YOUR MANNERS. Those are the best manners which raise you in the opinion of others without sinking you in your own. A poor woman once fell down and injured herself so that she could not walk.

AN UGLY CUSTOMER.—An "expanding cannon ball" has been invented by Mr. Beals, of Boston. It is so constructed that immediately on leaving the cannon, four strong and savage-looking knive-blades extend some six or eight inches in every direction from the ball.

A COMICAL AFFAIR.

As the American schooner Rialto lay at anchor near Port Royal on the Canada shore, she was boarded by a Custom-house officer, and several deputies, armed to the teeth.

A FUNNY MOTIVE.—A paper in New Hampshire, and a strong advocate of the ten hour bill as a maximum of a day's work in factories, passed by the Legislature gives the following reason for favoring the law:

The O'CONNELL OSEQUES IN NEW YORK, on Wednesday, were participated in by a company of some 15,000 persons, including numerous associations with their banners.

A DROLL FELLOW was asked by an old woman to read the newspaper, and taking it up began as follows: "Last night, yesterday morning, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, just before breakfast, a hungry boy about forty years old, bought a penny custard and threw it thro' a brick stove wall made of iron, and jumping over it, broke his ankle right above his left knee, fell into a dry mill pond, and was drowned."

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS. Our anticipations of the utter failure of any attempt to negotiate with the Mexicans in their present temper and circumstances have been more than realized.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL TO THE MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS. Conditions (or points), on which the Commissioner of the United States ought to be negotiated with, and which should serve as a basis to those of Mexico, proposed to the most excellent President by the Minister of Foreign Relations, and approved by his Excellency in a Council of Ministers.

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