

Poetry.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Gen. McClellan's Farewell to the Army of the Potomac. They watched their leader's words with awe; Should they lay down their arms? But in his eye they quickly saw What shone their armor.

Those who can make allowance for British prejudice and ignorance of American Affairs, may read the concluding article with some degree of equanimity; others may well regret that the temper by not noticing it. But let no one, because of the severity of the closing paper, deprive himself of the advantage to be derived from these which precede. For the sake especially of the excellent articles on Christian Individuality and Popular Prophecy Literature, we may well bear with a dozen such fulminations from across the water.

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Miscellaneous.

Farmer Health.

In passing through a lunatic asylum, the visitor is sometimes surprised to learn that the most numerous class of unfortunate inmates are from the farm and yet in England, in 1850, but one-fifth of the population were agriculturists. Now do farmers live the longest. Travellers and natural philosophers average a greater age. The clergyman who devotes his life to study and late hours; who spends three-fourths of his existence in-doors; who does not average two hours' muscular exercise in some of his days; who does not take a little of the pure out-door air; whose undisturbed nights; whose supposed independence of the world; upon whose table is daily placed the fresh butter and the new-laid eggs, with pure rich milk from the spring-house, all cool and sweet; vegetables and melons, not taken from the garden, berries from the bending bushes, and fruits, luscious and perfect and ripe from the orchard within the hour; in short, a class of men whose entire surroundings of quiet and plenty and independence would seem to guarantee a healthy and happy old age, are not long-lived, often as some other classes whose habits and modes of life are not, other things being equal, as favorable to longevity. In the light of these statements, it is proposed to inquire:

First: Why is the farmer more liable to insanity than the city dweller? Why does he not average a longer life? Incessant thinking on any one subject tends to craze the brain; and it does under the intellect of multitudes, as witness the fate of men of "one idea"; of inventors; of inveterate students of property; of men who are constantly in the thinking of the loved and lost; of the victims of remorse or mortified pride; or of those who feed on sharp-pointed memories. Learned physicians of all civilized countries agree that, in cases like these, it is best to divert the mind, by travel, to a general rest, by the pursuit of objects of contemplation. It is known that within a short time the attention of the French government has been officially drawn to the fact that one in ten of the young gentlemen who are educated for the army, in the mathematical department, become deranged; in this, however, the mind is kept busy by the action on one subject. This is the key to the so frequent cases of insanity and suicide among farmers; and their subjects of thought are too few; their life is a ruinous routine; there is a sameness and a tameness about it, a paucity of subjects for contemplation, most dangerous of anything.

It is too much the case with our farming population, that they have no breadth of view; they cannot sustain a conversation beyond a few comments on the weather, the crops, the markets, and the neighborhood news. And it is worthy of note that their mental action is not uniform; it is the complaining and unwholesome kind, as if their occupation and their thoughts were on the same low and depressing level. This is because the mind is not used enough; is not waked up by a lively interest in a sufficient variety of subjects. The proper and all-powerful remedy against the sad effects of a plodding, routine existence, is a higher standard of general intelligence and a livelier attention to what is too often derisively styled "book-farming." The highest form of human intelligence is found in those who exercise their brain and the body in something like equal proportions. If the greater share of the nervous energies is sent out through the muscles, they will be largely, even preternaturally, developed; but then the brain languishes for the want of its due amount of almost rigorous thought-work. The brain and the body in something like equal proportions. If the greater share of the nervous energies is sent out through the muscles, they will be largely, even preternaturally, developed; but then the brain languishes for the want of its due amount of almost rigorous thought-work.

government, was confined in a dungeon ten feet square for six years, with so dim a light that he could not distinguish the features of the solitary companion of his misfortune; after which time he remained nine years longer, entirely alone. He writes of himself: "Only one event broke in upon my nine years' vacancy. One day—it must have been a year or two after my companion left me—my dungeon door was opened, and a voice, I knew not whence uttered, these words: 'By order of His Imperial Majesty, I intimate to you, that one year ago your wife died.' Then the door was shut. I heard no more. They had but flung this great agony upon me, and left me alone with it again." Without a book, without a companion, without any intelligence from the outer world, confined in a dark dungeon, living on the coarsest food, having those inward resources which a superior education gave, he fed upon them, and thus maintained both mental and bodily health; while the uneducated farmer, who has no other intelligence than that which he gets from the outer world, passes nearly three-fourths of his existence in the blessed sunlight, greedily drinking in the luscious out-door air in all its purity, with no restraint of bodily liberty, so abandons himself to the dull routine which comprises almost nothing but to work and sleep, and after a few years, a less time than fifteen years, that vigor of mind and health of body are both on the wane.

But a better time is coming, through the influence of our glorious Public-School system, when it shall no longer be considered an all-sufficient qualification for a farmer to be ignorant of the elements of intelligence, enough to skillfully wield an axe or turn a furrow or drive a team. Men are already beginning to perceive that encouraging remunerative farming is the reward of those who have made themselves familiar with the analysis of soils, who have some knowledge of botany and vegetable chemistry, who have a high order of intelligence, enough to skillfully wield an axe or turn a furrow or drive a team. Men are already beginning to perceive that encouraging remunerative farming is the reward of those who have made themselves familiar with the analysis of soils, who have some knowledge of botany and vegetable chemistry, who have a high order of intelligence, enough to skillfully wield an axe or turn a furrow or drive a team.

There is another item in reference to the farming population of this country, which is not less important than the want of intelligence; it is the grim spectre, DEBT, which is voluntarily set up in the households of three farmers out of four, whether in the cabin of the thrifless squatter or in the mansion of the princely planter. It is generally a very grave mistake, in the hope of making money by the use of his land, to purchase more than can be conveniently paid for on the spot, or more than can be advantageously cultivated with the force at command. This demon of debt, with its "interest" eating out the farmer's substance ceaselessly and remorselessly, day and night; Sunday and winter, in such a manner that he is unable to pay, and in cases a victim sacrifice to the Moloch of gain, a yawning maelstrom, pitiless and impassable; it eats out half the joys of many families, by reason of the self-denials, the always losing "make-shifts," the working hard and conscientious extra labor, by which he is enabled to keep up the payments; and by which he is enabled to keep up the payments; and by which he is enabled to keep up the payments.

What a Christian did for Christ. Seldom have I heard of a more promising field of labor than the western part of the town of C—. The inhabitants were deplorably ignorant. No effort had ever been made to raise them from the depths of sin and misery into which they had fallen, and no one had offered to lead them out of their darkness. They were a people who had no religion, and they were a people who had no religion, and they were a people who had no religion.

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