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Poetry.

For the Presbyterian B Our Loved Oncs are Gone.

O! where are the friends that have watched o'er our childhood,

Or sat by our bedside when tossing with pain ? Or the dear ones who sported with us in the

wild-wood.

Or roved o'er the meadows, or ran in the lane? Alas! the most cherished

Have earliest perished; And now, like the dove, all alone I complain.

O! there are some dear ones who come with blessing,

Their faces, like sunshine, dispersing our ill; So sweet is their spirit, I'm ever confessing

Where angels like these are, 't is Paradise still. Yet all that is fairest, And sweetest and rarest,

No more shall be seen again crossing my sill.

Alas! then, to know a dear spirit just long

enough To learn albits worth, then its death to deplore ;

For all these sad partings our nature's not strong 😳 enough :

Alas! for the friends that shall meet us no

The purest and sweetest

Are passing the fleetest,

And we shall soon follow those going before

We go to a kingdom of light the most glorious, And there is no parting in that happy land ; There Christ, our beloyed, is reigning victorious, His grace and his wisdom no pow'r can withstand. And all of our sadness Shall end there in gladness, While round the white throne all adoring we stand.

O! blessed, thrice blessed and happy reunion ; And God shall this blessedness on us bestow: To spend a forever in sweetest communion With those we so loved in our journey below." How joyful the greeting In that happy meeting-To that happy meeting still onward we go.

Literary Rotices.

LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH CHURCH. Part I.—Abraham to Samuel. By Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, D.D., Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford, and Canon of Christ Church. With Maps and Plans. Svo., pp. 568. New-York: Charles Scribner. For sale by R. S. Davis, Wood Street, Pittsburgh. some. Dr. Stanley's Lectures evince no inconsiderable amount of talent and scholarly investigation.....They abound in literary beauties, and there is much also in them adapted to please a purely religious taste. But their tendency in the main we cannot but regard as pernicious. come into my sitting-room, to-night. The While they seem to be pervaded throughout by a spirit of reverential regard for the sacred Scriptures, it is still evident that, on the subject of I their infallibility, the author holds substantially the same sentiments with the notorious Bishop Colenso. - The concluding sentence of the Introduction is of itself sufficient to condemn the work with all who believe in the plenary inspiration of the Bible. After admitting the existence of "errors," "exaggerations," and " contradictions." and the consequent necessity of "relinquishing one or other of the numerous hypotheses which have been formed respecting the composition, or the inspiration, of the Old Testament," Dr. Stanley remarks: "But as they " [the "errors," &c.,] " would not destroy the value of other history, so they need not destroy the value of this history because it relates to sacred subjects; or prevent us from making the very most of those portions of it which are undepiably historical, or full of the widest and + most permanent lessons, both 'for the example' of life and instruction of manners,' and 'for the establishment of' true religious 'doctrine.' " We advise our readers to look elsewhere for light on the Sacred Oracles.

more useful and harmless living near the | "She read all about Jesus, and the New | be done without disfiguring the field with the shores of the ocean and in the lakes Jerusalem, and when her coughing spells ruts, and destroying the grass crops on the and rivers, where they are often found in came on, and I would stand crying, not ground that is passed over. If the manure and rivers, where they are often found in vast shoals, while the more destructive and undesirable inhabit deep waters far from land.

age to age, not only furnish a register by when I'm very cold or hungry, I say softly which learned men may trace the history to myself, 'They shall hunger no more, of our world to its origin, but likewise the neither shall there be any more pain,' and decomposed flesh and bones impart fertility I think of those words till I almost forget to the soil when heaved above the surface I'm weary or cold. I remember one day by those subterranean agencies which last Winter, the coldest day we had. Granny was sick, we had no fire, nothing to eat. are ever at work forming new islands and stole out barefooted-the snow was frozen coasts.

6. Water animals have subserved imhard, the sharp edges cutting my feet, making them bleed # I went up Broadway, portant purposes in the providence of God -thus a whale swallowed Jonah, and con-asking the few passers-by for something, veyed him to the shore of the Mediterra | but no one took any notice of me. I went nean Sea; a fish supplied our Saviour with in under some steps, wondering all the tribute money. Fish also furnished him time what I had done that I should be so and his disciples with food, and by filling poor. I fell asleep, and oh, the dream I a net with them he confirmed the faith of had! I was n't cold then or hungry. I was his followers; while by feeding thousands in a beautiful country, with sweet music with two small fishes and five loaves, he there were voices, and they sang so beauti-

inced his Divine power. Query-(by a member of the class) fully. While I was wondering, a sweet voice said, Pierre, don't you know moth. evinced his Divine power. Is the death of animals a consequence of er ? I looked and sure enough it was

sin? Ans .--- Man's death is a direct consequence of sin-its "wages." "Sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." The death of inferior animals, so far as it re-sults from the oppression and cruelty of smiled very sweetly, and said, Dear lamb fallen man, and so far as it springs from of my flock, on the lone mountains, in the rival, have grown freely. those vitiated propensities which irrational desert places, I struggled for thee; in Gethan semane I sweat for thee; on Calvary I thought of thee; on the cross I died for creatures themselves possess since man's apostacy, must also be viewed as a consequence of sin. Had-Adam remained holy, thee. The pearly gates are opened to thee, we cannot think that any animals would the sufferings are ended, thou hast come ever have wilfully destroyed their own victorious through the dark valley. If a lives or the lives of others. Nor that overcometh shall inherit all things. that they would not have died, had man obeyed God's covenant. Indeed, the promise of life secured to the human race He had two good teachers, his mother and by the terms of that covenant, seems to in- his Jesus. I said good by to him reluctimate that the lower order of creatures, having fulfilled the purpose of their crea-

tion and gently passed the various stages if thought worthy to enter through the from youth to old age, might cease to live, gate into the city, into the blissful rest of the same great Sovereign who spoke them into being having a perfect right to terminate their existence and command them back to dust. If this opinion (and it is only an opinion,) be correct, we might see a reason why carniverous animals were created-that the bodies of creatures in the waters and on land which had become lifeless, might be consumed, and thus the air, earth and water kept pure and whole-

From the Boston Recorder The Little French Boy. BY JULIA PERCEY. 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' My dear children.'I wish you would all

5. The fossil remains of water animals gone now; it's very lonely, sometimes, but fermentation before being used.—N. E. imbedded in the bottom of the seas from then I try to think how happy she is, and Farmer.

Curculio-A New Remedy. A. P. Richardson, Norfolk County, Mas

sachusetts, thinks that his success in preventing the attacks of the curculio is such as to warrant him in suggesting his plan to others. As soon as the trees blossom, their

trunks are surrounded by cotton saturated with kerosene oil. This is placed a foot or two from the ground, and the oil is renewed once or twice a week, as long as the curculio continues to appear.

German Mode of Preserving or Transmitting Cuttings of Plants to a Distance.

Cylindrically shaped strong glass bottles with wide mouths are used, into which the cuttings are thrown just as they are taken from the plant; from a teaspoonful to a tamother, all bright and beautiful, and no cough. I fell on her neck and wept for joy. Then, some, one, said, Come up higher.' Mother said, It is Jesus.' Then T blespoonful of water is put into the bottle, Cuttings kept in this way for a month have ing a journey from Edinburgh to Vienna and being immediately potted on their ar

Grumbling Karmers.

Farmers are too apt to regard some of their blessings as nevils. Some years ago we had an extraordinary drouth sat the close of Summer. They complained much. are we inclined to believe that they would ever have experienced pain and suffering. "The sting of death is sin." given me, and we sang together around the The Bible, however, does not say distinctly through and we sang together around the through and the severe drouth the previous Summer induced an early cessation of I was much affected by his simple story so much love of God, so much trust in him. growth and ripening and hardening of wood. As it was, many trees were less injured than in some milder Winters. The tantly, probably never to meet on earth following Spring was cool, damp, and again, but to meet sometime above. And if thought worthy to enter through the cloudy. Farmers also complained of this cold Spring. Had it been as warm and fair as usual, the sun's rays on the fruit trees, after passing through so terrific a Winter, must have destroyed many, inot-

withstanding the preparation of the previ ous Summer. As it happened, all survived. But cultivators complained of the drouth, and of the cold Spring, the two things that saved them their valuable orchards. No doubt many other orderings of Providence excite complaints and hard feelings, while in fact they are equally beneficial, although the benefit may not be so obvious to our stupid senses."

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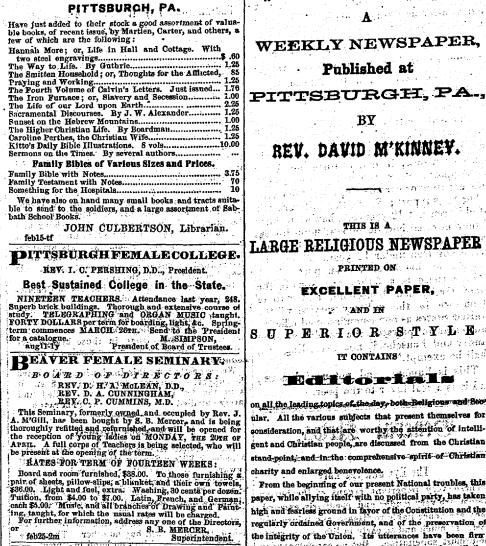
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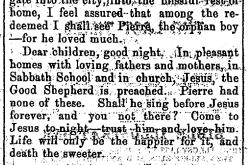
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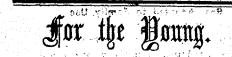
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BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE, for March, contains a number of excellent articles. We mention, especially, Lord MacKenzie's Roman Law; The Peripatetic Politician -- in Florence; The Frank in Scotland; and King-lake's Invision of the Grimes.

PART LX. of CHAMBERS' ENCYCLOPEDIA is for sale by R. S. Davis. It contains much valuable information.



Why are the Creatures which Inhabit the Waters Called Good ?---(Gen. i: 20--23.)

1. On account of their wonderful adaptation to the element in which they livethese creatures deriving health and vigor, and some of them continuing to exist nearly a thousand years, where the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and even man, would all perish in a very few min-utes if immersed beneath the surface.

2. Because they multiply with amazing rapidity, a single one containing from ten thousand to ten million eggs, so that wher-ever large or small bodies of waters are found, moving creatures are seen in great abundance; even one drop contains numberless anamalculæ, so minute that it is calculated a trillion would not form a mass as large as a grain of sand, yet each possessing all the lorgane of the whale, one hundred feet long, or of the leviathan, of still greater magnitude.

8. Because they are most useful-not only keeping the vast masses of water in healthful agitation by their constant motions, and extracting all impurities for their food, but because these creatures in their turn furnish man with oil for lights and lubricants; with flesh for food; with bones and thells, which are extensively used in the arts of life; with precious pearls, concealed in their substance; and (what is of inestimable value,) with philosophical principles which have led to many, of the most wonderful and useful discoveries : e. g., vessels are shaped and propelled after the manner of certain creatures

Cultivate Flax. roaring and flaring merrily; and At no time since the introduction of cotthough "Jack Fost" is busy with the windows, and busy with the hands and feet of ton cultivation in this country, and the use the poor little children, he has no place of cotton in the arts, did it reach to its preshere. Now I am going to talk to you as ont high price in the market. The same though you were with me, Lulu and Carrie quality which sold for twelve cents per on my lap, Johnnie and Frankie sharing a pound in 1860, is now selling for ninety. cricket at my fect, and many Marys and Gracies, Freddies and Georges, sitting around the fire.

I shall not be very long, not near as long. as the ministers are Sundays, I will not use " big " words, either, so Mary and Freddie must listen, and I will tell them of a poor little French boy, before I kiss them all good night.

Miles and miles from here, over water and over land, is the beautiful country crops. If each of the farmers in the Northcalled Palestine; the air is much milder and warmer than in our own dear New-England, it rains very seldom there during the Spring or Summer, the cold of Winter is not severe, and the ground is never frozen. I think, the little boys and girls there never heard of a sleigh-ride, and would open their eyes very wide if they should happen to alight in Boston on some very snowy day.

Through the green valleys and over the hills the shepherds lead their sheep ; sometimes the little lambs they carry in their have found it superior to cotton as a mix-arms. Over these plans and valleys, long ture with wool, and hereafter they will use ago, there went a young shepherd, by the it by preference for this purpose, if they name of David; he tended his father's can obtain sufficient quantities at reasonsheep, and we may believe that he was able prices; and besides its employment in very kind and gentle to them, as we ought such fabrics, there are many other puralways to be to the creatures that our dear poses for which it is equally as applicable and useful. Father in heaven has made.

David loved God very much, and God loved him. As David used to tend his in New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, flock by night, he would look up and see and Pennsylvania. Every farmer was acthe little stars shining over him; he would customed to raise a sufficient quantity to think of the good God, who is far beyond make coarse family shirting and sheeting. the stars, who had watched over him and It was spun on hand-wheels, and woven on loved him always. The little French boy loved and trusted

tion still exist, and beyond this we have God, too. Shall I tell you about him? Strolling along the streets of New-York now in the Western States the most extenone day, gazing into the shop windows and sive domain and the best soil and climate noting the passers-by, I was surprised to in the world for raising it in unlimited hear a boyish voice at my side, chanting in quantities. We are confident that our Western States may raise flax and become a low tone-

"The Lord is my shepherd." I looked down. A little ragged boy, in raising cotton; and now is the time to perhaps thirteen years old, stood gazing make preparations for engaging in such efattentively at an engraving in a shop win- forts.

Pater, "Feed my lambs." Struck by his May is perhaps the best time to prepare childish curiosity and the singular fitness the land; in the Western States the latter of his words; I spoke to him. He an- end of April is the best. The soil should

he was five years old. Soon after their previous year with potatoes, answers admi-arrival, his father died from a fever con-tracted on the voyage. The mother toiled of seed to be used, Mr. George Anderson, night and day for herself and fatherless of Lansingburgh, N. Y., who is very well boy, supporting themselves comfortably by informed on the culture and manufacture of making shirts, but, constant overworking flax in Europe and America, states that and exposure brought on a severe cough "from a bushel to a bushel and a quarter, and varied assortiment of from which she never recovered ; she lingered a few months, and then her wayworn New-York. In Illinois about three quar-spirit sought, blissful quietude and rest in ters of, a bushel of seed to the acre have and seeds and seeds and seeds and seeds a large stock of gered a few months, and then her wayworn New-York. In Illinois about three quar-

"Who has taken care of you, since mother died ?" I asked. "Granny Carpenter; she's very goodshe gave me money to buy oranges with.

I 've sold out now." And I noticed for the first time, that he had a tin try slung over his arm. "Granny's sick now," he continued.

"I think she 's going to die."

tenance. was his name.

et just before she died," he answered, the than one hundred and eighty dollars. tears trickling down his checks. "But, Pierre," I said, "granny's home for the cultivation of flax been presented to may be in heaven; perhaps she longs to go our farmers.—Scientific American.

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