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There comes a time when we grow old, Like a sunset down the sea; Slope gradual, and the night will fall, Like a purple robe on dewy grass.

There comes a time when joyous hearts, Which leap as leaps the laughing main, Are dead to all save memory, As prisoners in his dungeon chain.

There comes a time when manhood's prime Is shrouded in the mist of years, And beauty, fading like a dream, Hath passed away in silent tears.

There comes a time when laughing Spring And golden Summer cease to be, And we put on the Autumn robe, Tread the last declivity.

Beyond the sunset we behold, Another dawn with fairer light, While watchers whisper through the night, There is a time when we grow old.

Such are some of the results of discipline and habit, among old and good troops. They yet cease to wonder at and admire what they have seen the soldiers witness at midnight, and on the road in fifteen minutes. I have seen them cheerfully leaving their snug quarters at dark, in the midst of a thunder-storm and torrents of rain.

India. I consider that a greatly superior education is given at Ballast and the other Queen's Colleges, to that at any of the great and richly endowed Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Foremost men at these last there are, and have been, but the mass of students are allowed to obtain degrees not exactly *speciatim gratia*, but with very slight attainments; so that the mass of the English clergy, while certainly refined in their tastes and habits, and where pious, noble specimens of true Christian gentleness, are yet not learned; and above all, their theology is jejune and puny in the extreme.

Continued Private Inquiry, as I proceed from town to town in Ulster, confirms what I said last week as to the reality, depth, power, and permanence of that blessed Revival work which, in 1859, was wrought by Dr. King, His Conversion was received with enthusiasm. Austria, however, hesitates or refuses to take a step in advance, so long as she is not guaranteed against France and against Russia.

Post Office Savings Banks, established a few years ago by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in which, under Government security, and with a low interest, the laboring class can deposit their savings, have proved a wonderful success.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's final speech at Liverpool was copied into the *Times* without comment. The *Globe* spoke of it as a Parthenon arrow shot at the nation he was leaving, and intended to gratify his friends at home.

Rev. J. P. McGarvey, who has been in the city of London, has just returned to his native land, and he had been in contact with the Rev. Dr. King, the Rev. Dr. Beecher, and other prominent ministers of the Gospel.

Presbyterian Union is making progress both at home and abroad. The Welsh Unitarian movement has been established, and is rapidly extending. It is blessed with faithful clergy and ministers, and Episcopalianism and Presbyterianism are rapidly extending.

speedy consummation of the proposed union. The union movement also manifests its progress at Manchester, in early meetings of a social character resolved on, of the Sabbath School teachers of the English Presbyterian churches, and those of the United Presbyterian churches on the other.

Political Affairs are somewhat stagnant at this moment, both in France and England. There are occasional speeches made at agricultural meetings bordering on, but scarcely touching on, politics.

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