

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN.

SELECT POETRY.

MY DOVES.

BY MISS BARRETT.

My little doves have left a nest
Upon an Indian tree,
Whose leaves fantastic take their rest
Or motion from the sea;
Forever there the sea winds go,
With sunlit faces, to and fro.

The tropic flowers looked up to it,
The tropic stars looked down;
And there my little doves did sit,
With feathers softly brown;
And glittering eyes, that showed their right
To general nature's deep delight.

And God them taught, at every close
Of water far, and wind,
And litted leaf, to interpose
Their chanting voices kind;
Interpreting that love must be
The meaning of the earth and sea.

Fit ministers! of living loves
Their both the calmest sound,—
Their living voice the likeliest moves
To lifeless noises round,—
In such sweet monotone as clings
To music of insensate things!

My little doves were taken away
From that glad nest of theirs;
Across an ocean foaming aye,
And tempest-clouded airs,
My little doves! who lately knew
The sky and wave by warmth and blue!

And now, within the city prison
In mist and chillness pent,
With sudden upward look they listen
For sounds of past content,—
Nor lapse of water, swell of breeze,
Or nut-fruit falling from the trees!

The stir without, the glow of passion,—
The triumph of the mart,—
The gold and silver's dreary clashing
With mans metallic heart,—
The wheeled pomp, the pauper tread,—
These only sounds are heard instead.

Yet still, as on my human hand
Their fearless heads they lean,
And almost seem to understand
What human musings mean,—
With such a plaintive gaze their eyes
Are fastened upwardly to mine!

Their chant is soft as on the nest
Beneath the sunny sky;
For love, that stirred it in their breast,
Remains undyingly,
And, 'neath the city's shade, can keep
The well of music clear and deep.

And love, that keeps the music, fills
With pastoral memories!
All echoes from out the hills,
All droppings from the skies,
All flowings from the wave and wind,
Remembered in their chant I find.

So teach ye me the wisest part,
My little doves! to move
Along the city ways, with heart
Assured by holy love,
And vocal with such songs as own
A fountain to the world unknown.

To me fair memories belong
Of scenes that erst did bless;
For no regret,—but present song,
And lasting thankfulness,—
And very soon to break away,
Like types, in purer things than they.

I will have hopes that cannot fade,
For flowers the valley yields,—
I will have humble thoughts, instead
Of silent, dewy fields!
My spirit and my God shall be
My seaward hill, my boundless sea.

(From Willmer & Smith's European Times,
September 4th.)

BANQUET IN DUBLIN TO MR. C. T. BRIGHT.

The Banquet given on Wednesday, the 1st,
by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, to Mr. C. T.

Bright, engineer-in-chief to the Atlantic Telegraph Company, was a great success. The assemblage embraced the highest names in the metropolis—civil, military, and official. Cardinal Wiseman was present in full cardinalite costume. The usual loyal toasts were given and received with all honours.

The Lord Mayor, in proposing the toast of the evening, "the health of Mr. Bright," dwelt with much eloquence on the achievements of science, and paid a marked and merited compliment to the genius and perseverance which, in the face of discouragement from the scientific world, had succeeded in bringing about the accomplishment of the great undertaking of the laying of the Atlantic telegraph. His Lordship's speech was most eloquent, and highly complimentary to the distinguished guest, Mr. C. T. Bright.

Mr. Bright rose amidst loud cheers to respond. He thanked the assemblage for their hearty welcome, and said he was deeply sensible of the honour of having his name associated with the great world of the Atlantic Telegraph. The first message sent by the wire from America to England showed strongly the importance of the work. It was that conveying the information respecting the collision between the Europa and Arabia, and setting at rest all anxiety as to the subject. Had that information not been conveyed, upwards of £50,000 would have been paid for insurance on the Europa owing to delay in her arrival at her destination. He next commented upon the value of this means of communication for the prevention of misunderstanding between the Governments of the Great Powers, and then referred to the services of the gentlemen who had been associated with him in laying the cable, with whom he shared the honours done him that night.—(Mr. Bright was warmly cheered throughout his eloquent speech.)

Mr. Bright then proposed the health of Mr. Cyrus Field acknowledging in warmest terms the services of this gentleman in the project.

His Eminence the Cardinal descended in glowing terms on the new achievement of science brought to a successful issue under the able superintendance of Mr. Bright. He warmly eulogised that gentleman's modest appreciation of his services to the world of commerce and to international communications in general, and after paying a compliment to the Lord Mayor for his good taste in thus inaugurating in the British dominions the first appreciations of the great work just accomplished, he proposed the health of his lordship.

The Lord Mayor returned thanks. The health of Cardinal Wiseman was next proposed and his Eminence was again most happy in his reply.

In the subsequent toasts, the railway interests of Ireland in connection with the Atlantic telegraph, were eloquently responded to by Sir Edward M'Donnell, and Mr. Ennis, M. P.

The subject of the steam packet communication between the west of Ireland and America was practically spoken of by Mr. J. Lever. "The Press" and several other toasts having been responded to, the assembly separated.

The demonstration, on the whole, was highly successful, worthy of the characteristic hospitality of the Irish Mayoralty, and of the great event upon which that hospitality was now exercised.

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned officer and soldier, who have been recommended to her Majesty for the decoration, on account of acts of bravery performed by them in India, as recorded against their respective names viz:—

Lieutenant (now Captain) Frederick Robertson Aikman, 4th Bengal Native Infantry. Date of act of bravery, 1st of March, 1858.—This officer, commanding the 3rd Sikh Cavalry on the advanced picket with 100 of his men, having obtained information, just as the force marched on the morning of the 1st of March last, of the proximity, three miles of the high road a body of 500 rebel infantry, 200 horse, and two guns, under Maosahib Ali Chukhdar, attacked and utterly routed them, cutting up more than 100 men, capturing two guns, and driving the survivors into and over the Goomtee. This feat was performed under every disadvantage of broken ground, partially under the flanking fire of an adjoining fort. Lieutenant Aikman received a severe sabre cut in the face in a personal encounter with several of the enemy.

Gunner William Connolly, Bengal Horse Artillery. Date of act of bravery July 7, 1857.—This soldier is recommended for the Victoria Cross for his gallantry in action with the enemy at Jhelum, on the 7th of July, 1857. Lieutenant Cocks, Bengal Horse Artillery, reports, that "About daybreak on that day I advanced my half troop at a gallop, and engaged the enemy within easy musket range. The sponge-man of one of my guns having been shot during the advance, Gunner Connolly assumed the duties of 2nd sponge-man, and he had barely assisted in two discharges of his gun, when a musket ball, through the left thigh, felled him to the ground. Nothing daunted by

pain and loss of blood, he was endeavouring to resume his post, when I ordered a movement in retirement, and though severely wounded, he mounted his horse in the gun-team, and rode to the next position, which the guns took up and manfully declined going to the rear when the necessity of his so doing was represented to him. About 11 o'clock a.m., when the guns were still in action, the same gunner, while sponging, was again knocked down by a musket ball striking him on the hip, thereby causing great faintness and partial unconsciousness, for the pain appeared excessive, and the blood flowed fast. On seeing this I gave direct for his removal out of action; but this brave man, hearing me, staggered to his feet, and said, 'No, Sir, I'll not go there while I can work here,' and shortly afterwards he again resumed his post as sponge-man. Late in the afternoon of the same day my three guns were engaged at 100 yards from the walls of a village with the defenders—viz, the 14th Native Infantry—mutineers, amid a storm of bullets, which did great execution, Gunner Connolly, though suffering severely from his two previous wounds, was wielding his sponge with an energy and courage which attracted the admiration of his comrades, and while cheerfully encouraging a wounded man to hasten in bringing up the ammunition, a musket ball tore through the muscles of his right leg; but with the most undaunted bravery he struggled on; and not till he had loaded six times did this man give way, when through loss of blood, he fell in my arms, and I placed him on a waggon, which shortly afterwards bore him in a state of unconsciousness from the fight."

The sub-Perfect of St. Quentin has authorised the police to keep a crinometer at the door of the public ballrooms. Every lady who from her appearance strikes the eye of the officer on duty as likely to occupy more than a reasonable portion of room is compelled to submit to measurement, and to pay according to a graduated scale for every inch in excess of the regulation standard.

MYSTERIES OF THE RUSSIAN COURT.—An extraordinary statement is made in the St. Petersburg journals;—In demolishing a wall in the apartments of the Hereditary Grand Duke, in what is called the "Great Palace," in that city the skeleton of a woman was found still covered with fragments of clothing, which fell to dust on being exposed to the air. There is not the slightest tradition, they add, to show who the woman was, or why she was closed up in the wall.

To the Independent Electors of the District of Harbor Grace.

GENTLEMEN,—

Called upon by an influential portion of the community whose good opinion I gratefully appreciate, and to whose judgement I feel bound to defer; I cannot hesitate to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages, to represent this important District, in place of the Gentleman who has lately accepted the office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General of Newfoundland.

The first principle of Responsible Government, I apprehend to be—Government by the People—when their representatives become placemen it is evident they must waver between their duty to their constituents, and their own personal interests, which may be more readily advanced by a blind subserviency to party or sycophancy to the ruling power, than by a faithful maintenance of the rights and privileges of those whose confidence they forfeit, thus bringing the Liberal or responsible principle, which they pretend to advocate, into general disrepute.

It shall be my earnest endeavour, if returned as your Representative, to oppose and discountenance by all means, such a foul perversion of the spirit of the Constitution, and to this end I promise not to accept of office myself and to discourage to best of my ability, the continuance of a practice which has brought so much odium upon the liberal cause.

A Native of the Country, it is scarcely needful for me to express my ardent desire to participate in the Legislation, which, morally, socially, and politically, should elevate my Countrymen, and contribute generally to the comfort, happiness, and prosperity of the people; and as a Sealer and a Mariner, I cannot act otherwise than sustain the particular interests of those with whom I have long been associated, the Sealers and Fisherman of my native land.

Agriculture and its great auxiliary, Good Roads, should certainly engage the earnest attention of the Legislature, and I shall neither be dilatory nor parsimonious in supporting the necessary appropriations for those most essential objects.

No Country can rise in the scale of civilisation or even long remain free, unless a comprehensive and liberal system of Education be generally adopted. Education therefore, shall be deemed one of the primary objects of my earnest attention.

The erection of Light Houses along our northern line of coast is a subject of vital importance to my fellow Mariners, and one in which the Inhabitants of this Bay are deeply interested. My best exertions shall be made to induce the Government to contribute liberally for this laudable, humane, and life preserving object.

Outport interests generally shall be faithfully advanced by me, but the requirements of the district I aspire to represent shall, if successful, be the particular objects of my strenuous and uncompromising advocacy.

Reduction of taxation can only take place after the reduction of extravagant public expenditure. It shall be my constant endeavour to return, to prevail upon the Government so to effect the latter that the former may be reasonably expected.

I shall avail myself of an early opportunity to express my sentiments freely upon French claims and Labrador taxation.

I have the honour to remain,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient faithful servant,
WILLIAM HAYES,
Harbor Grace 28th July, 1858.

Notices.

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Greenspond, every alternate Thursday, commencing on Thursday the 2nd September, at half-past nine o'clock, A.M.

Bay Bulls and Ferryland, every Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Trepassey, every alternate Wednesday, at ten o'clock A.M. commencing on Wednesday 29th instant.

St. Mary's Placentia Little Placentia, Harbo Buffet, Merasheen, Isle of Valen, Odein, St. Kyra's Burin, Harbor Briton, and Burgeo, every alternate Tuesday at 8 o'clock, P.M. commencing on Tuesday 28th instant. Letters prepaid by postage stamps and newspapers may be dropped into receiving boxes until 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

W. L. SOLOMON,
Post Master General,
Post Office department,
St. John's Nfld., 25th Aug., 1858.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

MAILS will, until further notice, be made up at this office at 10 o'clock, a.m., for Harbor Grace, Carbonear, and Brigus, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

W. L. SOLOMON
General Post Office,
St. John's, 18th May, 1858.

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General Post Office
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