

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemson. 17-411
BLACKSMITH WANTED.—To a good workman steady employment will be given. Apply at once. 21 GALEB CHASE.

TO LET—A stone Cottage near the Great Western Railway Station. Apply to John Mackenzie, 21 GALEB CHASE. Guelph, March 28, 1874.
TWO ACTIVE BOYS WANTED.—To work at Carriage Painting. Apply at once to J. B. ARMSTRONG & CO. Guelph, March 28, 1874.

WANTED.—By a respectable middle aged person, a situation as housekeeper. No objection to the country. Apply at his office. 21-411
WANTED.—A girl to act as Nurse and Housemaid. Must be competent and have good references. Apply to Mrs. Watt, near the Great Western Railway Station, Guelph.

DRESSMAKERS WANTED. Four experienced Dressmakers wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End. Apply to Miss Morrison. mt6-411

SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. dwt&t

CORNISH SILVER MINE. A few shares for sale on advantageous terms. mt1-w&adt Box 750, Toronto P.O.

FLOWERS IN POTS. A new and choice lot of Flowers in pots, embracing several varieties, now offered very cheap, 10c. each and upwards. Also, Hanging Baskets and Vase Plants on hand. NOAH SUNLEY, Guelph Nurseries, Guelph, March 28, 1874. dl

PLASTER AND SALT. The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand, seed grain of all kinds. The highest prices paid for potatoes and turnips. GEO. BARKWILL, Gordon street, near the G. T. R. crossing, Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. 3nd&w

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT. Residence for Sale. That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bedrooms, front and back parlors, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two-fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, etc., apply to D. SAVAGE, Guelph, March 27th, 1874. dw

TOWN OF GUELPH. TO BUILDERS. Tenders will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, up to twelve o'clock noon, on MONDAY, APRIL 6th, next, for the

Erection of a New Town Hall and Market House, As well as an Extension of the present building. Plans and Specifications can be seen at the Council Chamber. For further particulars apply to the Chairman Market House Committee. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. Guelph, March 24th, 1874. dd

Tomatoes, Green Peas, Sugar Corn, JOHN A. WOOD'S

NEW ENGLISH WALNUTS. JOHN A. WOOD'S

GOLDEN AND AMBER SYRUP. JOHN A. WOOD'S

REMOVAL. D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER, Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He takes the present opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.

ON Hand a fine assortment of Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages, Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts. Guelph, March 28, 1874. dwim

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of RICHARD CLAYTON, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office in Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of APRIL, 1874, at eleven o'clock a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. Dated at Guelph, Ont., 25th day of March, 1874. W. J. PATTERSON, Toronto Assignee.

NEW Paint Shop. The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fenwick's Furniture Shop, and opposite Chalmers' Church. He is now prepared to do all kinds of Painting, Glassing, Graining and Paper Hanging on short notice. He hopes by strict attention to business, and using none but the best materials to secure a share of public patronage. All orders whether from town or country promptly attended to. W. HUMPHRIES, Guelph, March 21, 1874. dwim

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY E.V.G., MARCH 28, 1874

Town and County News. Bargains.—Don't forget the great sale of ready-made clothing to-night at G. B. FRASER'S.

CHALMERS' CHURCH.—The Rev. Wm. Inglis, of Toronto, will preach in Chalmers' church to-morrow—morning and evening.

KNOX CHURCH.—The Rev. Professor McLaren, of Toronto, will preach in Knox church to-morrow—morning and evening.

The Gospel of the Grace of God, will (D.V.) be preached by James Clark in the Upper Room Brownlow's Buildings on Lord's Day, March 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE.—We direct attention to the advertisement of Mr. D. Savage, announcing that his handsome residence, near the Great Western Station, is for sale. The executors of the late John Mitchell also offer several valuable houses and lots in Guelph for sale.

A LOVE OF A BONNET.—A wag says the new spring fashion in ladies' bonnets is simple and inexpensive. Take last year's hat, sleep in it for a night or two sit in it for half an hour, then get some reliable friend to knock it endways after you have it on—and presto—you have a very love of a bonnet in the newest spring style.

LARCENY.—This (Saturday) forenoon Chief-Constable Kelly arrested Janet Oxford, charged with stealing \$10 from Mr. Wm. Benham on the 2nd of Feb. last. Since the time of the theft she had been living in different parts of the Township. The Chief got some time ago a description of her, and arrested her today as she was sitting in the Wellington Hotel. She will be brought up for examination on Monday or Tuesday.

THE ALLEGHANIAN.—This renowned company appear in the Town Hall to-night. The London, (England) Times says:—"No such performance on the hand bells has been heard in London within our memory. To say that the music produced by these extraordinary bell-ringers is sweet, is to mention its smallest merit. It is not only melodious but pure, tender, sympathetic, and expressive to a degree to which no written description can do adequate justice."

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The revival services in this church, which have been going on for the last seven weeks, will be continued next week. About 150 persons have professed faith in Christ, and a large number are still seeking. The interest in these meetings seems to increase as they proceed, last night the basement of the church being unable to accommodate the number who sought admittance. A prayer meeting is held each day at half-past twelve o'clock, to which all are welcome.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Robert Tyson, who has been in the Mercury Office for the past nine months, last day for Toronto, to take a position on the Globe staff. Mr. Tyson had the editorial management of the Mercury last year during the time the present editor was in Europe, and discharged his important duties with a tact and ability which won for him great praise and the unqualified approval of his employer. We wish Mr. Tyson all success in his new sphere, and hope that he will continue to rise in his profession.

BAPTIST CHURCH, GUELPH.—We are informed that at the close of the morning service in the Baptist Church, in Guelph, to-morrow, the ordinance of Christian baptism will be administered to four persons, recently received into membership, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Davidson. This church is in a vigorous and healthy condition. Over one hundred members have been added during the past seven months, in connection with the regular administration of baptism to-morrow, the pastor will deliver a sermon, the object of which will be to show "What the Baptists believe." The seats in the Baptist Church here are all free.

BUTTER VS. CHEESE.—We notice that many of our exchanges are commenting on the high price of butter, and heads of families in Guelph can fully sympathize with them. The reason of the high price, however, is obvious, it being the direct result of the largely increasing cheese manufacture in every section of the Province. It is a fact well known among dairymen that the milk required to make one pound of butter will make three pounds of cheese. Eleven cents is a fair average price for cheese the year round; so that to be equal to it, butter must realize from 30 to 33 cents. As the demand for cheese is practically unlimited, its manufacture will undoubtedly increase, and as farmers are not slow in finding out what pays best, we venture to predict that the price of decent butter will never again fall to so low a price as we have seen.

THE LATE OUTRAGE.—We learn that all the parties who went out in pursuit of the scoundrel who committed the outrage on Mr. Crawford's child have returned to town, their search being unsuccessful. Chief-Constable Kelly traced him along the line of the Grand Trunk to Breston, Berlin, and other stations to Stratford, and St. Mary's, and it is conjectured that from the latter place he took the train to Sarnia, and crossed over to Port Huron. It is a great pity more energetic means were not sooner used to effect his arrest, for we fear he has now got beyond the reach of justice, and will not be caught. We think that the men who saw him commit the outrage, and who did not follow him up, are greatly to blame. They might, while he was still in sight, have taken means to secure his arrest, or followed him up till assistance was procured. Through their carelessness they let him out of their hands, and gave him a chance for escape which he was not slow to take advantage of.

OH! THE SNOW!

How I snow! nothing but snow! We've had it so long, I wish it would go, Well there! I declare it's snowing again, Well, it's no use to worry one's self, or complain. It comes in the day, it comes in the night, The poets declare it's a beautiful sight, But I'd tell them once and for all every plain, I'd rather by half have an old-fashioned rain. For the rain doesn't stop, like the snow, dry as a bone, It comes, and it goes right off to the sea; It cleanses the street, and makes things so nice, But it's no use to grumble, for we can't have a choice. I wonder how many days it has been, Since we all saw the sidewalk, so nice and so clean; Why, it's been such a while I almost forget, But not long enough, it seems just yet. "Snow! snow! beautiful snow," Why, if that isn't Jennie singing below; Well, perhaps the child's right and I'm all wrong, It comes for some good, so I'll finish my song. But I'll just add a verse, because it's so short, And my mind has been seized with a beautiful thought. The rule of all, he knows what is best, Let our faith in His wisdom immovably rest.

Local and Other Items. THE ONTARIO PEAT CO.—This Company intend resuming the manufacture of peat in the Welland Peat Beds during the coming season under the most favourable circumstances, having effected an arrangement with some American patentees whereby they secure the right to use a new and improved process for the compression of peat.

A HOAX.—Quite an excitement was created by a correspondence in the Port Hope Times, signed by a lady, stating that a meeting of the ladies of Port Hope in favor of prohibition would be held opposite the Club, at four o'clock on Friday afternoon. At the time named about five hundred people had gathered to witness the performance, but no ladies made their appearance. Presently a card was posted on the Club board with the word "Sold," when the crowd quietly dispersed.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.—We learn from the St. Catharines Journal that on the 22nd inst., another of the veterans of 1812, in the person of Mr. Frederick Lampman, of the Township of Stamford, was gathered to his fathers. Deceased took part in the battle of the Beaver dams, which resulted in the surrender of the whole American force. He also fought at the battle of Lund's Lane, which was the severest fight of the whole campaign. Mr. Lampman was taken prisoner during the battle and was sent to Greenbush in the State of New York, where he was confined in prison for over twelve months. He was a resident of Stamford Township for many years and died at the ripe age of 83.

HORSE AND CARRIAGE STOLEN.—On the 3rd of last Mr. Wm. Williams, of Dundas, hired a horse and cutter to a man named Christopher Signam, who proposed using it in the pursuit of his business as a pedlar for four or five weeks. Since he got the conveyance nothing has been heard of him, and returning it. Signam is about six feet high, light complexion, light mustache, and no whiskers—stoops in walking, and had on two dark pants and brown overcoat. The horse he took away is seven years old and brown in color—black mane and tail, and a hind fetlock and star on forehead. The cutter is painted wine color.—Banner.

THE WATERWORKS SHOOTING CASE.—At the Hamilton Assizes on Friday, Eliza Gibbs, who was charged with shooting with intent, at Waterdown, in January last, was acquitted. The complainant was a young man named Patrick Carson, with whom she had been on intimate terms at one time, but hearing of his keeping company with another person at Waterdown, defendant went out to that place. On being refused explanations several times when meeting him in the street, she drew a pistol, when he tried to get away from her. In the scuffle that ensued the pistol was discharged, the shot entering Carson's thigh.

SAD OCCURRENCE.—Mr. James Reid, senior, was instantly killed at his saw mill in the township of Ephraim, on Saturday evening last. At the time of the accident he was working at a small shingle saw which was driven by a belt from a water wheel running at the rate of a tumbling shaft, and fifty revolutions per minute, a short distance behind him and about three feet above the floor. Mr. Reid, stepping back somewhat further than usual, his clothing was caught by a projecting bolt on the shaft, and he was instantly whirled round, the wheel catching at every revolution. His assistant perceived by the slackened speed of the machinery that something was the matter and immediately shut off the water, stopping the wheel. He found Mr. Reid lifeless. His feet and the lower part of his legs were scattered to atoms and his body in all directions so that death must have been almost instantaneous. Mr. Reid was a brother of Mr. Thomas Reid, of Egremont, and carried on business in Mount Forest for a number of years.

BURNING OF THE ASHANTER CAPITAL.—The official despatches of Sir Garnet Wolsey to the British War Office show the perfect worthlessness of any treaty with such a treacherous monarch as the King of Ashantee. In a despatch to Lord Kimberly, Sir Garnet states his reasons for burning down Oomsmissie, the Ashantee capital. The whole scheme of Ashantee politics is so based on treachery that the King does not either understand any other form of negotiation or believe it possible that others can have honest intentions. Under these circumstances, it became clear that a treaty would be as valueless to us as it was difficult to obtain. Nothing remained but to leave such a mark of our power to punish as should deter from future aggression a nation whom treaties do not bind. I had done all I could to avoid the necessity, but it was forced upon me. I gave orders for the destruction of the palace and the burning of the city. I had at one time also contemplated the destruction of the Bantome, where the sacred ashes of former Kings are entombed, but this would have involved a delay of some hours. Very heavy rain had fallen. I feared the streams might have risen in my rear sufficiently to seriously delay my march. I considered it better, therefore, not to risk further the health of the troops, the wet weather having already threatened seriously to affect it.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The University Race. Cambridge Crew the Winners. 12,000 Miners Struck. Fighting in Spain. Dr. Stott Stabbed. Removal of Machine shops.

London, March 27.—There is every prospect of a good day to-morrow for the University race on the Thames. The rowing of the Oxford crew has greatly improved since its first appearance on the river for practice. In betting now odds are six to four in favor of the Cambridge crew.

London, March 28, 12:30 p.m.—The University boat race was won by the Cambridge crew by two lengths. The coal miners of Staffordshire to the number of twelve thousand have struck work.

Watson, President of the Erie Railway, sails to-day for New York. Madrid, March 27.—The fighting between Bilbao, between the Republicans and Carlists, which was renewed early yesterday morning, continued all day and closed at night with a decided advantage for the national forces.

Marshall Serrano telegraphs to the Minister of War that his troops have advanced and driven back the Carlist lines, capturing at the point of the bayonet several bridges and a number of positions which were occupied by the insurgents. On Wednesday several of the Carlist batteries had been silenced.

The battle of Thursday before Bilbao lasted thirteen hours. The latest despatches from Marshall Serrano are very hopeful. Sixteen heavy guns were in good position for an attack on Pedro Abanto on Friday.

New York, March 28.—Richard Deppey, a scion of the old family of that name, fell dead in a Harlem hotel last night, aged 53.

While Dr. Stott was walking through Rivington street last night, James Boylen, whom he had been instrumental in having sent to the penitentiary, suddenly sprang from a hiding place and stabbed him in the back. Stott fell unconscious and Boylen fled.

The Erie Managers talk of removing the machine shops from Sasquehanna to Jersey city as a preventative against further troubles at the former place. They believe that the recent strikes along the line have been instigated by the parties engaged in the attempt to bear the Erie strike. Notwithstanding the striking freight hands have voted to return to work, but it is doubtful whether they will be taken back at their positions have been filled.

Elora Fat Cattle and Grain Show. The following is the prize list of this show held at Elora on Tuesday:—

CATTLE.—Best herd, 3 entries.—1st, James Leslie, \$4; 2nd, James Ross, \$3. Or 4 years old and upwards, 1 entry.—1st, Wm. Telfer, \$5. Cow 4 years old and upwards, 1 entry.—James McQueen, \$3. Steer under 4 years old, 4 entries.—1st, John Hunter, \$3; 2nd, S. Burnett, \$2. Heifer under 4 years old, 3 entries.—1st, S. Burnett, \$3; 2nd, James Ross, \$2. Sweepsakes, 4 entries.—1st, Wm. Short, \$4. Pigs.—Red chaff, spring wheat, 5 entries.—1st, Geo. Short, \$3; 2nd, Hugh Roberts, \$2. Spring wheat, any other kind, 6 entries.—1st, G. Short, \$3; 2nd, Isaac Anderson, \$2. Barley, 2 entries.—1st, Geo. Short, \$3; 2nd, Wm. Short, \$2. Potatoes, 4 entries.—1st, Wm. Short, \$3; 2nd, Wm. Short, \$2. White oats, 11 entries.—1st, Thomas McQueen, \$3; 2nd, George Short, \$2. Black oats, 1 entry.—Thomas Pritchard.

Poetry to Order. Tenneyson has written a poetical address of welcome to the bride of the Duke of Edinburgh. We read it the other day, and thought it sad stuff. Here is what an old country correspondent says about it:—

"I understand that he (Tenneyson) was at first extremely reluctant to do anything of the kind, but it was suggested that, as there had been a poem about a British prince, it might be misunderstood if there were not also a poem about a Duke. The Queen, too, had set her heart upon it; and though, of course, she said nothing to the poet laureate himself, there were others who did not neglect to convey her wishes. And so Tenneyson yielded in an unlucky hour of weakness. His 'Welcomes' has created much disappointment among his admirers. Anything more weak and dumpy-pumpy was never written in a school-boy's pocket-book; and even the mechanical construction of the verses is clumsy and defective. The rhythm is deplorable, and is as lame and halting as the sense. The refrain, 'Marrie Alexandra, sounds like a grotesque echo of the nursery lines, similiary ending 'My Mother,' and copied in innumerable valentines. If the verses had been simply signed T., everybody would have cried Tupper. Now it is known that Tenneyson can be Tupper when he likes. To day many are laughing and some are sad about this extraordinary doggerel."

HOW DISEASE IS CAUSED.—A man in a country village allows a drain from his pig-sty to run close to his house till it becomes a bog of putrid filth and the noxious gases from it taint continually the air he breathes. It ran there, perhaps, in his father's time before him. Therefore why should he be at the expense or trouble of making a fresh drain, or removing his pigs? At last he is prostrated with fever, and has a narrow escape of his life. The woman who nurses him takes the infection, and leaves a young girl by motherless. The fever, very likely, spreads to half-a-dozen other houses, out of a man here, a woman there, and several children all round—besides those who take the disease, and recover. Who is in fault?

YOUTHFUL SORROWS.

The feeble step, the wrinkled brow, The tresses white as driven snow, The smitten cheek whose bloom is flown, The eye whose youthful lustre is gone, The form just ready for the grave, All these thy youthful pity crave; For them the ready tear o'erflows, And yet I say weep not for those.

Their day of toil is almost o'er, They'll tread life's burning sands no more; No more will Love with dawning ray, Shine but to lead their feet astray. No more will Hope with brilliant light, Beam but to live in darker night; Youth's joys and griefs alike are fled, And all its hungry passions dead.

Which rattle in the human breast, And now with all those cares suppress, Earth can no longer tempt the eye, They long for better things on high; And walk with patient hope the day When they shall pass from earth away.

But rather shed your tears for those, Who, young in years, are old in woes; Faces which are tinged with youthful bloom, With heart that's buried in the tomb, Whose eyes are bright with fire of youth, Whose souls are soaring to heavenly truth; Who slave and toil and still live on, After all hope from life is gone.

Strive nobly on through weal and woe; Ah, these may justly claim from thee The ready tear of sympathy.

Local and Other Items.

CHARLESTON, S. C., is about to establish direct steam communication with Liverpool.

The Ottawa Times suggests a testimonial from the Canadian Volunteers to General Wolsey. A good idea.

A fresh piece of music is out, "New Premier" (top), with a lithograph picture of the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie.

Air brakes are being put upon the engines and passenger cars of the Detroit Division of the Grand Trunk Railway.

A meeting was held in New York on Wednesday to arrange for a mass meeting in favor of burning bodies instead of burying them.

A FURTHER decrease in the total yield of gold from the Nova Scotia mines is reported as the result of the year's operation in 1873.

A series of religious meetings commenced in St. Paul's Church, Mount Pleasant, on Monday evening last and concluded on Friday evening.

Mrs. Jas. A. Anderson aged 84 committed suicide at Drummondville on Tuesday by letting herself down in a well, while under a fit of insanity.

The Niagara Falls Gazette says that negotiations for the sale of the Railway Suspension Bridge to the Great Western Railway Co., have so far progressed that the proposition awaits only the concurrence of the English Stockholders.

MISS WHELFLEY, the efficient leader of the choir of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Mount Forest, has been presented with a friendly address and a handsome purse in acknowledgment of her services.

A clergyman being invited to open the Manitoba Legislature with prayer, offered the following ambiguous petition:—"May corruption and sin of every form be as far from every member of this legislature as Thou art."

The Bishop of Winchester recently publicly stated his regret that while England stood pre-eminence as a commercial country it occupied a similar position in the most degrading vice of mankind, drunkenness, and advocated the removal of the temptation as a cure for the evil.

Fifteen wine and spirit merchants of London last year paid duties on 2,157,108 gallons of foreign wines and 1,547,546 gallons of foreign spirits. These figures have no connection with the two thousand firms who paid duties on wines and spirits on quantities of not less than 10,000 gallons each.

GETTING BETTER.—The London Advertiser is glad to learn that the Rev. G. Collamore is rapidly recovering from the injuries sustained in jumping from the platform of the blazing car on the evening of the 23rd of February. In the course of a couple of weeks it is expected he will be able to resume his pastoral duties.

BOHEM'S statue of John Bunyan, author of the "Pilgrim's Progress," is finished. It is to be erected in Bedford, and is a gift of the Duke of Bedford, that town. The statue is ten feet high, and is to stand upon a pedestal raised seven feet. The pedestal is ornamented with four bas-reliefs of subjects from the "Pilgrim's Progress."

MAJESTICAL.—Catharine Macaulay, John Cummings, Walter Burke and Jas. Burke, of the Township of Minto, appeared before two Mount Forest Magistrates to answer to a charge of assault and abusive language preferred by Catharine Nihil, alias of Minto. The charge against the three first-named defendants was dismissed. James Burke was fined \$1 with \$2.13 costs.

A modest young husband in New York sent the following message over the wires "Be not afraid in this city the other day: 'See ninth chapter of Isaiah, which reads: 'The dusty old Bible was handled down in an instant, and above chapter and verse were hunted out and found to explain all. The verse reads: 'Lo, unto us a child is born—unto us a son is given.'—Portland Press.

HURON AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.—A large and influential meeting of the ratepayers of Sarnia was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening to hear explanations from Mr. Fowler respecting the construction of the Huron and Quebec Railway to this place, when speeches were made and a resolution passed in favor of granting liberal aid to the project.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—William H. Ketchison was arrested at Belleville on Thursday night on suspicion of being an accomplice in the burglary at Woodbridge. He bears a very bad character, and was in the employ of Mr. Abell until within three days of the fire, when he left without giving notice. He was examined before A. Diamond, J. P., and remanded for a week.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.—The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, met recently to consider the basis of the proposed union between the Presbyterian Churches in Canada. The basis and the accompanying resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The resolutions regarding the disposal of the temporalities fund were also adopted. At a meeting of the Woodland, Egremont, congregation on the previous Friday afternoon, the basis and all the resolutions were carried unanimously.

Dominion Parliament.

House of Commons. Ottawa, March 27.

The House of Commons assembled after His Excellency had read the Royal Speech, when

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie introduced the usual Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office, which was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved that the Speech of His Excellency be taken into consideration on Monday next. Carried.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved the customary resolution in reference to the printing of the Votes and Proceedings, Standing Committees, Bribery and Corruption, and the Independence of Parliament, which were carried.

Mr. Spackler laid before the House the report of the Librarian on the state of the Library of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved the adjournment of the House. The House adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Wanting Rest. "How I long to be at rest," wrote an aged Christian lady to a Scottish relative. "I'm weary, faint, and worn; life's a dreary burden; all my early friends have left me; I'm standing almost on the threshold of eternity; and, if it were not for the fear I might at last prove a cast-away, my prayer would be, O Father, bid me rest!"

The letter was duly received, and read to Dr. Guthrie, who was on a visit to the family at the time. The next morning he gave them the following lines, which he said the letter had suggested in his mind during the night. They were sent to America to the old lady, and highly prized by her during her life. The prayer was soon afterwards answered, and her weary body is resting, "life's duty done," in the Presbyterian church-yard of Wisconsin, Md.; and Dr. Guthrie with the tears of a nation following him, hath entered the golden portals, and though strangers on earth, they have now met in their eternal home, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest!"

LINES BY DR. GUTHRIE. I'm kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and sore, Waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door; Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come To the glory of His presence, to the gladness of His home.

A weary path I've travelled, 'mid darkness stormy and strife; Bearing many a burden, struggling for my life; But now the morn is breaking, my toil will soon be o'er; I'm kneeling at the threshold, my hand is on the door.

Memphis I hear the voices of the blessed as they stand; Linger in the sunshine of that far-off, sinless land; Oh! would that I were with them, amidst the shining throng; Mingling in their worship, joining in their song!

The friends that started with me have entered long ago; One by one they left me, struggling with the foe; The pilgrimage was shorter, their triumph sooner won; How lovingly they'll hail me when all my toil is done!

With them the blessed angels that know no grief nor sin; I see them by the portals, prepared to let me in; O Lord, I wait thy pleasure—Thy time and will are best; But I'm weary, worn, and weary, O Father, bid me rest! —Presbyterian.

The Aldine for April opens with a collection of most beautiful illustrations, some of which are finest yet seen in the American Art Journal, while all reflect great credit upon the enterprising publishers. American scenery, as heretofore, forms a striking feature of this number of the Aldine. J. D. Woodward contributes a tender and beautiful full-page spring-time view, which is printed in tints, and has all the fineness of a steel engraving; the block coming from the hands of C. Maurand, the eminent engraver. Five great and remarkable pictures of Lake George and its glorious scenery embellish this number, in which the well-known artist, Thomas Moran, and the engravers have vied with each other to put upon paper faithful pictures of the most exquisite scenery in the New World. The moonlight, rainbow, and auricular effects in these pictures, are particularly pleasing. A picture gives a full page picture of "Knic kerbocker Rals," which faithfully represents rural life in New Amsterdam, in the middle of the seventeenth century, when New York was but a village. The most spirited picture which has been seen on paper for a long time is a full page battle scene, drawn by Julian O. Davidson, representing a conflict at sea between an American and English ship of war, during the Revolution. Four other large and beautiful pictures represent scenes in the Old World. A striking picture to add to this long list is a scene from "Lod Astry" by T. Beech, which gives the portraits of Rose Eyttinger and Mr. Thorn. A fine portrait of Theodore Thomas, the eminent musician, is given. A little woodland view, "Watching for the Flowers," completes the list of illustrations. The literary contents of the April Aldine are of a high order, varied and interesting. Subscription price \$5, including chronos "The East" and "The West." James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, New York City.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE for the weeks ending March 14 and 21 has the following noteworthy contents:—Henry Thoreau, the Poet-Naturalist; The French Press, part III; Mendelssohn, by Ferdinand Hiller, part II; A Christian in India; The Acoustic Transparency and Opacity of the Atmosphere; A Gold Coast Tragedy; Recollections of Visits to Asshiel and Abbottford; Winkleman; Three days in Sark, by Wm. Forth; The Philosopher's Baby; Gladstone's Ministry; Mr. Gladstone as a Force; The Two Splanaky, a page of Russian Official Life; and parts two and three of the Story of Va'entine and his Brother; besides poetry and miscellany. The subscription price, \$8, is low. Littell & Gay, Boston, Publishers.