

The Poet's Dream.

It was the close of day ;
 The level beams on pointed turrets
 glanced
 Through the hinged casement, where,
 from sense entranced,
 The levered poet lay ;
 From morn to eve his soul in frenzied
 dream
 Had versed a warring world—unhallowed
 theme
 He longer loathed assay.

There groped pale-visaged Fear ;
 Misshapen Zeal and sallow Discontent,
 With cankered Hate above their victims
 bent ;
 With Greed and Lust appear
 Heart-wasting Sighs and thousand-figured
 Death—
 Bane of light Love—whose purpose-chill-
 ing breath
 Melts not to wail nor tear.

Now shifts the varying scene ;
 As hanging clouds that, dark'ning all the
 day,
 Melt ere the night, now slowly, steals
 away
 Each grizzly form : serene
 Upon the changing stage his spirit reads—
 Light of the night of Time—new hopes
 and creeds,
 As lifts the curtained screen.

In visioned splendour throng
 The blending Aspirations, gently led
 By tranquil-robed Content ; to over-
 spread
 Life's phantasy of wrong,
 The universal Pities wide extend
 Their comfort-dropping wings ; o'er all
 triumphant blend
 The swelling concords of a hallowed
 song—
 Faith in a brothered race.

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The students of the O.N.C. hope that they will be allowed at least two weeks for private study immediately prior to the final examinations.

Missions.

On taking a broad perspective of the history of the world, it is evident that the present is pre-eminently a missionary age. A prominent element of the existing social and educational ideals is the effort to interest the young, even children, in the history and progress of home and foreign missions. How are children to earn the money which they desire to contribute to this great and noble work? The spirit of effort and self-sacrifice is not cultivated usually where children obtain the necessary contributions directly from relatives and friends. Various expedients, all more or less successful, have been attempted in order to overcome this serious difficulty. Some children cultivate flowers and sell them. Others perform various services for which they receive remuneration. Yet a very large percentage of the children of Ontario are unable to earn the money they give because they are unable for various reasons to adopt any of the usual expedients. James Bros, Waterford, Ont., have for several years past been aiding mission organizations of all denominations in this work among the young. Mission societies are requested to invite the children to collect used postage stamps, particularly those of Canada and the British colonies, with the understanding that these will be sold for cash. Every child is thus able to realize that he can do something for missions. This suggestion may be helpful to some of the readers of the Monthly.

Mr. Rouse, of the Globe Optical Co., had a very interesting case a few days ago. A young lady called and complained of pain in her eyes and double vision at times. It was found on examination that, instead of a pupil, she had two college students in her eye.

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