

Old Letters.

(By a Regular Correspondent.)

Although this is not exactly a letter that I have before me, but it is far more important as a souvenir than many of the letters I have published. It is the manuscript of a very humorous poem by the late Denis Florence McCarthy.

"But where are all our poets? have they leave To stay away like myrmidons from Troy?"

As might be expected, these inquiries brought out some amusing replies. Williams sent in as the answer of his friend "Slievegullion" a parody of that writer's well known and beautiful poem "Dear Land;"

"Other night as I sat (twas the last week of June) In my airy abode tete-a-tete with the moon,

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And to wear that long face that's described by Hippocrates. Looking nearer I found that the tissue that tied

"Oh! thou fickle, audacious, inconstant, imprudent, Blood-shedding, verse-writing, medicinal student!

And Comets (like leaders) deserted their tails: And the 'Archer' exclaimed, as he saw you, 'Ho, ho, Madame Jessy, like me, goes about with her beau.'

Then when you struck wildly your love-burning lyre, 'Aquiarius' cried 'Water,' and 'Mars' shouted 'Fire!'

'Shamrock can shirk it, For the earth and yourself are forever on 'circuit;'

For 'twas there you were bound as I saw you move your eye. With a daring indifference straight up from Mercury;

Having finished this terrible 'lecture,' the dame Guided out of the window the way that she came,

About Centenarians.

While a number of scientific cranks are attempting to prove that human life can be prolonged indefinitely, and one humbug seeks to impress the world with the belief that he has found what he calls a "serum" that will cause men to live until they feel as great a desire for death as we, at present, feel a dread of it, it would seem that in reality people live far beyond the allotted span and that, in the majority of cases, if life's duration is curtailed it is on account of the abuse of God's gifts by man.

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NOTES. STATE RELIGIONS seem that all the world all times, since the advent of Christianity has been going on between the Church and the State.

Notes continued: We read recently a communication from the Scandinavian Union, wherein the State controversy, and we were very pleased with the fact that two countries as far apart as Germany and Norway are concerned in the Lutheran religion is one of the State, in which there is freedom of religion is that of the State is not the same monopoly.

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