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Literary Sparkles.

Here are three delightful anecdotes, all of them strictly true, that cast a somewhat lurid light upon the literary culture of East, West, and South respectively. The scene of the first is laid in Providence, Rhode Island, where a young lady was asked the other day by her uncle to make some purchases for him, of which he gave her a written list. The first item was "Scott's Emulsion," and after glancing at it the intelligent young woman made straight for a certain large book shop, where she was received by an equally intelligent salesman.

"I want a copy of Scott's Emulsion," said she casually.

"Scott's what?" said the clerk.

"Scott's Emulsion," replied the maiden.

"Oh, yes," was the answer. "Well, you see, we don't sell Scott's works except in complete sets."

The scene of the second occurrence is in a thriving city of the West, where a Southern litterateur of distinction had just delivered a long and critical lecture on Matthew Arnold to a fashionable audience. A friend of the lecturer, while passing out of the hall, overheard the following conversation between two ladies:

"That was a pretty good lecture, on the whole; but who was this Matthew Arnold, anyway?"

"Oh, I don't know. I haven't time to keep up with all these new Southern writers!"

The last incident occurred in a university town in one of the Southern States. A reading club had been organized, each member of which was required to prepare a paper on some designated literary masterpiece. One member, an Episcopal clergyman, was asked to take for his subject Sir Thomas Malory's *Morte d'Arthur* immediately after the meeting he sought the study of a literary friend.

"What is this *Morte d'Arthur* that they've given me?" he queried anxiously. "Of course I've always known that Malory edits *The Churchman*, but I never heard before that he'd written a book!"

Ideas of Life.

He lives long that lives well.—Fuller.
Life is as serious a thing as death.—Bailey.
Man's life is an appendix to his heart.—South.

Life is good, but not life in itself.—Owen Meredith.

Live well; how long or short, commit to heaven.—Milton.

Christian life consists in faith and charity.—Luther.

Life is a crucible. We are thrown into it and tried.—Chapin.

A handful of good life, is worth a bushel of learning.—Herbert.

Obituary.

William Giles, an old and respected elder of the Rothsay congregation, died at his residence on the 28th day of March. He was born in the North of England, came to Canada in the year 1815, and settled near Chesterfield, where he became a member of the Presbyterian church. He subsequently moved to the township of Maryboro, and was elected elder of the Rothsay congregation. He was a man beloved and looked up to by all classes and one who exerted a great influence for good on both old and young in the congregation by his Christian example and liberality in giving. He has been a true friend of the congregation in many ways. He lent the money to purchase the present manse, without interest, giving the congregation their own time to pay it back. He next deeded a valuable piece of land to the church as a globe for the minister's use. He laid the corner stone of the new church that has been lately built in Rothsay, and was the largest subscriber. And shortly before he died he deeded a hundred acres of land in such a way that the yearly rent will go towards the missions of the Presbyterian church. His funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Rothsay and many tears were shed beside his coffin. Mr. H. Edmison, the pastor, preached an appropriate sermon for the occasion, taking for his text, Rev. xiv. 13.—H. Edmison.

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