Poetrn.

OH! WHAT A WORLD THIS MIGHT BE.

BY CHARLES SWAIN. Oh! what a world this might be, If hearts were always kind; If, Friendship, none would slight thee, And Fortune proved less blind With Love's own voice to guide us-Unchanging e'er and fond-Oh! what a world this might be More blest than that of yore Come, learn, and 'twill requite ye,

To love each other more. Oh! what a world of beauty If man but did his duty, Then angel guests would brighten The threshold with their wings, The old forgotten springs. Oh! what a world of beauty A loving heart might plan-If man but did his duty,

MEGACLES, OR THE CANDIDATE FOR FAME. (From "The King's Messengers," an Allegory, by the Rev. W. Adams, M.A.)

admiration of his fellow-citizens instead of their pity along my wearisome and difficult way. and contempt. But while in every other respect, his

still from the dwellings of the King's Messengers. It was remarkable for the beauty and costliness of its each varied with the taste and resources of the indiviunder two great classes. Some were frail and unsubstantial, and intended to please the eye for one short summer, and then make way for others not less perishable than themselves; while some were built of firm and durable materials, in the hope that they might stand for centuries as memorials of their architects.-The one class were for the most part called villas of Pleasure; the other, towers of Fame.

It was to the erection of one of these latter that Megacles devoted his vast wealth. The whole energy of his mind was given to this single object, and its gradual accomplishment was watched by his fellowthe tower formed quite an epoch in the history of archal form amidst the shepherds of a more recent citizens with the most eager interest. The raising of Metœcia. Wonderful stories were told of the depth age. of its foundations and the thickness of its walls .-Each of the vast stones seemed to have its own legend annexed to it, while the quarry from which they came and the names of the workmen, and every detail connected with the building, were carefully preserved in the present story.

prise his history. He did not keep aloof from his All eyes were fixed upon Odillon Barrot, as he rose subservient to this one object. If he visited the that the young Count of Paris, then and there present crowded streets, it was in order to select workmen of be proclaimed King in the room of his grandfather skill and strength. If he went into the market-place, Every sound was hushed. Men held their breath. it was to change his gold and jewels for blocks of It was as if the heart of an empire had ceased to beat. marble and granite. His perseverance was rewarded, The question was about to be put, when a single voice and his work prospered. Day after day the tower from the gallery broke the silence-"It is too late!" increased in size and beauty. It was to no purpose that the wind and storm beat against it; the firm burst from mortallips. It smote the ear of the Duchess foundations defied their power. The wreck of the as the death-knell of her house. Great confusion ensurrounding buildings was made to assist its growth. sued, and she was glad to escape with her son through Some of these had been left as fragments, in conse- one of the back doors of the chamber. It was too late. queuce of the sudden exile of their architects. Some Had the motion in favour of the heir apparent been were mouldering away with the laps of time; and made a day, or even a few hours earlier, it might have some were purposely undermined by the workmen of prevailed. But the time was gone by. It was too late! Megacles. He selected from the ruins of each such the throne was irrecoverably lost. This is but a single stones as seemed suited for the accomplishment of his example among a thousand of the fatal consequences design; until at length his tower rose so far above of delay. Many a throne has in like manner been every other in the city, that it appeared to stand by lost. itself in solitary grandeur.

became visible from every part of the city, his eye was or expectant monarch. The value of a thousand for his neglect of the King's Messengers. His look an immortal soul. For the soul there is a day of was raised above them while he watched his tower. grace, and there is a day of final retribution. While Even if they ventured to speak to him, their voices mercy pleads and waits, the sinner may repent and be long filled with the din and tumult of building, that it too late. On this point the Bible abounds with examhad been rendered deaf to any gentler sound.

tower. It never seemed to have attained the perfect the apostle, "lest any fail of the grace of God; lest tion that he designed. He remembered also how the there be any fornicator or profane person, as Esau, who, city of Metœcia was liable to the shock of earth- for one morsel of meat, sold his birthright. For ye quakes, so that at any moment the vast fabric might know, that afterward, when he would have inherited be shaken from its foundation, and reduced to a heap the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for of ruius. Neither was this all. Even at those times in which he was able to view with unmingled satisfaction the tower itself, there was still a cloud upon his distribution to the tower itself, there was still a cloud upon his first instance. vision of glory. It had arisen, in the first instance, the great salvation." To the same purpose is that wayfarer's reply. "I was thinking," he said, "how long!" this vast tower was calculated to last." "How long!" with their own devices." They might have hearkened, exclaimed Megacles, with indignant pride; "centuries they might have been saved, but now it was too late. toms of decay." "And I was also thinking," he nothing remained to them but "a certain fearful looking for of wrath and fiery indignation." its possessor will remain within its walls!"

sentence of exile might be pronounced, and that the know you not." No pleadings now could open the strength of his tower would not delay its enforcement door. It was too late. for a single hour. The warning of the old man now We often hear it said, that while life lasts it is new feelings of disquietude and alarm. Where were it is true. If he would truly repent, and believe on care? Had any portion of them been laid up in the would be saved. But will he? How small, have Royal Palace? Alas! he shrank from the reply. we reason to fear, is the number of such. The day He had not, indeed, buried them in the earth, like of grace may close even before the wicked man dies; Philargyr. On the contrary, he had often lavished it certainly does where the unpardonable sin is com-

through the mind of Megacles, he half formed the The rich voluptuary who had a little before spurned resolution of pulling down, stone by stone, the tower Lazarus from his presence, would have given all his Toronto, Sept. 28th, 1848.

which he had raised, and giving the materials to the banquets, and his purple, and fine linen, for "a drop King's Messengers. But the dread of ridicule and of water to cool his tongue," but it was to late. The pride of heart prevailed. He felt that he should incur the mockery of his brother merchants, if, after temple with his thirty pieces of silver crying, " I pears of incessant labour, his own hand were to destroy the sole produce of his toil. He once more fixed his gaze steadfastly on the lofty building, and resolved to suppress every doubt and alarm. His efforts were at length successful. Not only did his former trigonometric and the suppression of the lofty building and resolved to suppress every doubt and alarm. His efforts were at length successful. Not only did his former trigonometric and the suppression of the lofty building and resolved to suppress every doubt and alarm. His efforts were at length successful. Not only did his former trigonometric despair and other blasphemers would, some, or all of the suppression of the label of t years of incessant labour, his own hand were to des- have betrayed the innocent blood," but i was too late. umphant feeling return, but a yet more fatal delusion seized him. He fancied the story of the King's Christian's hope, but it was too late. They have "trea-Messengers, and the Royal Palace, and the Glorious sured up wrath against the day of wrath, and the revela-City, to be a mere invention; and maintained that tion of the righteous judgment of God." How many notwithstanding the law of exile, the only sure and such, according to the most authentic tesimony, have lasting resting-place was to be found in the tower of gone shuddering and shrieking out of the world to

Alas! even while he was giving vent to these boastful words, his own sentence of exile had gone the missionaries that in five years he would break off forth, and the bearer of the Royal Mandate was at from his debaucheries, and attend to their nstructions,

THE BORDERS OF CANAAN. (From Fish's Memorial of the Holy Land.)

Our Desert route was now at an end-we were within the borders of Canaan!

How sweet and balmy was the air, and how charming the prospect which then lay before us-the land flowing with milk and honey-the mountains of Judah, in graceful outline upon the east and north-eastern horizon. I cannot say that any strong emotion pos- ling. If thou dost not repent, a voice from the other While the eldest of the four brothers thus laboured sessed my mind, on being told that I was no longer a incessantly for the spirit of the mine, the second was wanderer in "the great and terrible wilderness," but following a very different path. He was unfettered by in the land of Canaan, and in sight of the mountains any chain of gold, and his bearing was high and noble; of Judah; but certainly my heart swelled with a sense his step firm and free. He looked down on his very of unutterable gratitude to my heavenly Father, who riches with disdain, and they won him the envy and had led me thus far in safety, amidst many perils-

About another hour's brisk travelling brought us to conduct afforded a marked contrast to that of Philargyr, a smooth grassy spot, where the slopes of many hills there was one important point in which he resembled met, and in which were gathered large flocks of sheep him. He neglected altogether the old man's warning. and goats mingled together, after the manner of patri-There was a district in Metœcia, far removed from archal times. Our tents had been sent on, and were the stir and traffic of the crowded streets, and farther pitched ready to receive us. How delightfully inviting and so smiling as that on which we had entered.

At a short distance from the encampment were two occupation of the more wealthy merchants. Their wells; and at the principal one, a number of shepherds appearance was very irregular, for the size and form of employed in drawing water, with long ropes having dual who raised it. But all might be comprehended were singing their dreamy song as they toiled at their occupation; and the thirsty flocks drew near, by turns, and drank freely of the water, poured out into rude troughs, formed of large blocks of stone, which had doubtless been in use for many a century.

"What wells are these?" "Bir-es-Seda," said our Arabs. The Arabic name carried with it a familiar sound. The days of Abraham were at once associated with it.

These are, no doubt, the ancient wells of Beersheba. -And where is Abraham? - We might almost have been induced to forget that ages had rolled by since here, as a shepherd, he sat by the well and tended his flocks; and might have looked for his patri-

"IT IS TOO LATE." BY REV. DR. HUMPHREY.

On the day that Louis Philippe abdicated the the annals of the city. But all this I must pass over throne of France in favour of his grandson, the Duchees very briefly, for the King's Messengers had no share of Orleans, mother of the infant Prince, entered the in the work; and from this cause the whole narrative | Chamber of Deputies, leading him by the hand, that of the tower, which appeared so eventful to Megacles as the heir apparent, he might be proclaimed King of and his brother merchants, has but little interest in the French by the representatives of that great nation, in the room of the repudiated monarch. It was an The whole soul of Megacles was absorbed in the awful moment, big not only with the destinies of the erection of the building; -and these few words com- reigning family, but of thirty-five millions of people. arse with them slowly from his seat, ascended the tribune, and moved

Never did a more thrilling and potent exclamation

But our purpose is not to dilate upon examples like these. Those ominous words in the French Chamber, cles absorbed in its growth. It seemed to exercise a It is too late! apply to losses continually incurred which are infinitely greater than those of any dethroned saved: but by and by, perhaps the next hour, it will be learning, on whom the ends of the world are come. Yet, notwithstanding his success, Megacles was not One of the most striking of these is in the twelfth happy. He was perpetually changing or adding to his chapter of Hebrews. "Looking diligently," warns from the simple question of a poor wayfaring man. awful communication in the first chapter of Proverbs. Megacles had observed him gaze earnestly at the We have room for only a part of it. "Because I have building, and then turn aside, as though to conceal his tears. He could not help inquiring what train of but I will not answer; they shall seek me early but thoughts it had called forth, to lead to such an expres- shall not find me. They would none of my counsel, sion of sorrow. There was a strange sadness in the they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they on centuries will elapse, and there shall be no symp- They had heard and slighted the last call of mercy, and

So again; in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew The wayfarer had disappeared before Megacles we read, "And at midnight there was a cry made, Becould reply; but the unwelcome words kept recurring hold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. to his mind in spite of every effort to suppress them. And they that were ready went in with him to the mar-It was true that only half the period usually allotted riage, and the door was shut. Afterwards came also to the merchants for their sojourn in Metoccia had as the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. yet passed; but he knew that, at any moment, his But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I

came back to his remembrance, and brought with it never too late for a sinner to repent, and in one sense the immense riches that had been intrusted to his the Lord Jesus Christ, in the last mortal hour, he them with an unsparing hand. But, while he had mitted, and who can tell how long before? Be it a seldom failed to examine those who came for them on few years, or but a few days, it is then to late. And if their health, their strength, and their skill in building, the Saviout were to speak by an audible voice from he had forgotten the one only important question, - heaven in a thousand dying chambers, who can tell in he had never asked, whether they were Messengers of how many of them he would say, These all might have been saved, but it is too late. When I called they re-There was a time when, as these thoughts passed fused, and now there is no more place for repentance.'

them, have given kingdoms in their last lours for the

meet their final doom? The King of the Sandwich Islands, who promised died in less than two; and what hope coull they have of him. He had fixed his time, but before it half expired he was in eternity. It was too lae. And so it will be with all eminent hearers of the gospel who put off their preparation to " a more conteinent season," and not live to see it. They will hewail their stupid procrastination when it is too late. The young Duke of Bordeaux lost only a temporary crown. They

will loose that "crown of glory which fadethnot away." Reader, reader, whosoever thou art, yet in thy sins, there is no time to be lost. The arroys of death are flying thick. The young as well as the old are falworld, It is too late, too late, too LATE! will ere long seal thine everlasting doom. - N. Y. Evangelat

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