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WHAT IS LIFE ?

BY JANE TAYLOR. Life is a path that leads
From time and earth away;
At first, through flowery meads,
With prospects green, and gay

With prospects green, and gay Then climbing many a rugged height Over stange hills, it goes from sight. Life is a little flower,
Put forth in early spring,
Within the sheltering bower
In beauty blossoming.
Ere long some blight across it flies,
Or, in the winter storm, it dies.

Life is a sparkling stream,
Through pleasant pastures led;
But when the summer's beam Falls hotly on its bed, Perchance, before it gains the sea,

It dries away quite suddenly Life is a slender thread, Like filmy gossmer,
That floating overheard,
The slightest breath may stir.
The waving bough—the autumn wind—
But moves—and who the thread shall find?

Life is a race to run,
And heaven the distant prize;
By few the crown is won:
For few are truly wise.
The things of this short life they choose;
The endless life of heaven—refuse!

AGRICULTURE.

WORK TO BE DONE. We proceed to offer a few practical suggestions to our Agricultural readers in ad-

fate one. At the time we are writing the coluvation liberal. It is useless to at the sewere frests which we have experienced of the culture of this crop. It is an exfor some time past, with the frozen drifts of snew in the more backward and elevated their spearance to sprinkle a little stimulating manuar even the bill snew hill snew here. snew is the more backward and elevated estudients, have prevented the all important operations of the plough. The sudden freshet experienced in the beginning of this month throughout this Province has not only done immense damage to bridges, roads and other public and private works:

but in many cases it must have been greatly stage to injurious to farmers, who will have their energies taxed to their utmost when the season for active operations fully arrives.

made their appearance to sprinkle a little stimulating manure over the hill, such as gypeum, ashes, &c., with a view to push forward the young plants at this early stage beyond the depredations of insects, and thereby also, ensuring an earlier harvest; which is an object in our climate of the very greatest importance.

As to Turnes, Mangel Wurzel, Carrets, Lec., all that we can now say is, that so in these matters we recommend a thorough and liberal cultivation on a small scale, as much safer and uncer profitched, than an im-

ture, and that the main operations of the farm, such as ploughing and sowing will admirably adapted for the cultivation of growing crops planted in rows, but some thing approaching the large and heavy INTERESTING FROM CALIFORNIA. implement known in the old country as grubbers or Cultivators, requiring the draft Arrival of the Steamship Cherokee. - Reof three or four horses. Such an imple ment would thoroughly pulverize even the heaviest clays, to the depth of ten or twelve inches, and still deeper if desired, and several acres could be gone over in a single day. Thus a deep land bed might very quick passage. She brings one month be readily obtained, which is an important later news from all parts of the Pac fic. object in this climate for all kinds of craps, and one that we might say is essential to the success of root culture. Heavy soils

seeds or manure are sown or not. that most kinds of vegetables should be very active appearance. sown in good season. Although the poand practical hints to the cultivator of this \$25; distance, 130 miles. important vegetable. In all countries, and Lumber of all kinds was arriving in large found beneficial; the late crops having ed in consequence. suffered the most from the ravages of Good lumber could be procured at ous to recommend to our readers to enter made still lower. upon an extensive cultivation of this very uncertain plant; yet by the prudential ob servance of a few simple conditions upon a comparative small scale, a tolerable degree of success may be, in most instances, realized. Select healthy tubers, plant early in a soil that is dry and well cultivated, and moderately rich in organic substances.— Strong animal manures should not be ap-plied, at least but very sparingly; lime or wood ashes, would be far preferable. The ground for Barley requires to be of

good natural fertility, or well manured, and should receive the best cultivation. Drilling the seed, or ribbing, will be found, advantageous with this as with most other kinds of grain. From two and a half to three bushels of seed to the acre, provided it be clean and good, will be sufficient, and should be sown as early as possible, but not exposed to the risk of frosts.

Such varities of Indian Corn as are suited dition to those contained in the last number.

The season, contrary to general expectation a few weeks siace, promises to be a copy should be dry, warm and rich; and (April 18) scarcely any of the characteristics of Spring are visible; vegetation has abounding in organic matter might if thoroughly drained, be profitably brought

it be to farmers, of any considerable extent to possess that invaluable and economical implement, the Cultivator. By this we do not mean that little conveniunt implement meantly termed a horse-bue, which is so

yet been sent to the U.S.

The preparation of the land for Potatoes

Before this sheet reaches our readers we home to experience a more genial tempera-breadth. One acre in root crops well managed, will yield a larger produce than treble that extent, under the treatment tha

is commonly practiced.

As the season is now far advanced, those comfortable and improving condition .- Canadian Agricultural.

inactivity, which hitherto too much charac-terized them; and they firmly and unitedly declare, that, if we cannot destroy slavery, we shall circumscribe it;—we shall never volution in Ecuador.—Arrival of the Steamship Tennessee at Panama.— Chares in ruins.—Extraordinary quick pussage of the Cherokee, &c. consent to its extension into any territories under the protection of free laws.— Great honor to those noble patriots!— Europe, the world is watching them; theirs The steamship Cherokee, Captain Winis no unimportant struggle; upon their dedle, has just arrived from Chagres after a

rery quick passage. She brings one month ater news from all parts of the Pac fic.

The advices from San Francisco are to the Marsh.

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It was quite healthy at San. Francisco and other root crops must be proceeded and Sacramento City, and as the mud was any survivors. with without delay, as it is of importance fast drying up, things were assuming a

The Steamers on the Rivers were doing tatoe is yet far from being restored to its a very profitable business, the Senator's 6 dead. D. A. Eddy is safe, and has teleformer healthy condition, and the cause of passage and freight list, to and from Sacra- graphed from Sandusky. The Wayne ex vestigation, have sugested several valuable worth about \$30 per ton. Price of passage

with all varieties, early planting has been quantities, and prices had materially declin-

disease. We should consider it hazard. \$85 per M. and forced sales have been

UNITED STATES. Congress is now five months in session nd a settlement of the great question that is now convulsing the country seems as far from settlement as ever. Slavery is des tined to give the republic a severe shock—a shock that will rend it in twain. Some time back we expressed an opinion that either slavery must be erased from the statute book of the nation, or the nation itself be divided. Events that have since transpired, and are daily transpiring, strengthen that opinion. It was supposed at one time that the great contending par-ties would exhaust themselves, and so come to some amicable arrangement, but the very contrary is the case. The strife still wages fiercely and obstinately in the capitol. Neither party will yield one jot of its position. Slavery or dissolution is the watchword of the south. Freedom and union that of the north. The latter is contending for a great, a sublime principle, based upon motives the purest and best.—
The former for a solfi-h and debased—one, arising out of motives of personal interest. The North is contending for national glory and national virtue. The South for national degradation and national immorality. Be-tween parties holding such opposite views, and contending for such opposite principles there can scarcely be any peace. Proposi-tions for a compromise have been proposed ad infinitum, but without producing any good result. No compromise will be listened to by the South that will debar it from sending slaves to California.
gold country is looked upon by the solernors as a rich field for slave labor. W The untold wealth would accumiate for them had they the protection and sanction of law had they the protection and sanction of law in introducing hordes of slaves to work the mines. What a wide and extended field for the operation of slave institutions. But slavery is frowned upon by the Californians. They have declared that it shall not exist amongst them. They found the country free, and its soil, rich in the treasures of earth, unpolited by the tread of the slave, and as they found so they intend to prepiteous wail of bleeding, suffering humani-ty, at the terrible system, contains too much truthfulness and reproach, for any men of patriotic feelings, not to incite them to re-newed ardor in having their country reliev-ed from it. The freemen of the North have nobly come forward to the rescue; they have shook off whatever of lethargy and

AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

which more than one half of the whole construence of the was burned to the ground, and a large occasional application of artificial manures for special purposes,—as when a crop is in immediate want of one or two ingredients essential to its growth will even in Canadas, frequently pay expenses and hear a profit. In the selection and application of these hind of manures, however, both experience and some degree even of scientific knowledge are necessary. When a top-dressing sire no wheat, and clover is sown, as given to wheat, and clover is exempted by the application of the manures for the was under deep and lasting injury from their proportion to the polleders bears but a result proportion to the proportion to

Monday, 9 A. M. One of the vessels which went out took ite disease continues wrapt in obscerity; mento City, amounting at times to \$15,000 ploded on her way from Sandusky to this still extended observation and scientific in and occupying but two days. Coal was port. She was owned by Chas. Howard, & Co., of Detroit, and was running in opposition to the regular Sandusky line.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT IN NEW

New York, April 29, 6, P. M. The building adjoining T .- P. Bernum's Museum, Broadway, and formerly occupied by the Chemical Bank, fell in this morning, burying several persons beneath the ruins. One man has since been taken out dead .-A portion of the bonded warehouse also fell in this morning, and burried 10 or 12 firemen, who were engaged in removing the ubbish from the ruins. It is not yet known

how many have been killed. RETRENCHMENT. - In our last week's Custom-Houses at Quebec and Montreal. We are glad to state that similar reductions are being made in the same department at Kingston: one item of which is the reduction of the Collector's salary from £1000 to Clear-grits. This is not a mere bagatelle.
Wonder if the Tories have got sick of Retrenchment yet?—Free Press.

attack the commissioners who are appointed to carry out its provisions. As the making and maintaining of laws which protect private rights, while those who maintain maintaining of them were appointed by his have none, (other things not being equal) own patrons, and only continued under the present Administration we do not feel called on to defend their actions. They are guid
ty.

we might to stay the inroads of crime upon our population? It is to be feared that we act which would loosen the bonds of societies and our population? It is to be feared that we act which would loosen the bonds of societies. ed by the instructions of Mr. Daly, and we ed by the instructions of Mr. Daly, and we imagine the remnant of the defunct Cabinet will scarcely have the effrontery to repudiate their own instructions—although we have the remnant of the defunct Cabinet the franchise must be greatly extended.—

All persons whose names shall appear on bine the practical with the theoretical, and

the event of their relinquishing their offices, viz: the Attorney General, the Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Deeds, and the Tressurer. After a bot discussion in the Assembly the supplies were refused, and the Legislature was thereupon progred on the 26th of March. We perceive by late papers from Prince Edward's Island, settled is never seriously entertained by off from the hurricane deck 30 passengers the Treasurer. After a hot discussion in that on the 9th inst. a proclamation was issued by the Lieutenant-Governor, stating that "it is expedient, for special reasons, that a meeting of the General Assembly should be held on that day (the 25th April) for the despatch of business," and summoning them accordingly. There was, therefore, no resort to a dissolution, and it is presumed that Sir Donald Campbell expects to come to an amicable arrangement with the Assembly, at the approaching session .- Colonist.

THE WANTS OF CANADA

In our last, we think, we shewed satis

factorily, that, in the present state of the representation public opinion is not fairly represented. Our object now is to shew. issue we had the satisfaction of giving some practical proofs of the desire to meet the demands of the people on this question, in the reductions that have taken place in the still be unheard through the medium of the that there may be no misunderstanding about our views, we begin by saying, that we give a decided negative to the principle to the Examiner, whose evidence of universal suffrage. We cannot go to the length of advocating an unlimited are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage and we will state that all salaries over £150 are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage we will state that all salaries over £150 are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage we will state that all salaries over £150 are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage we will state that all salaries over £150 are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage we will state that all salaries over £150 are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage we will state that all salaries over £150 are to be reviewed. The universal suffrage we will state that the length of suffrage we will state that the subject is no less entitled to the earnest attention of a civilized people, from its influence on the public morality. ing the sure way of fixing themselves in the effections of the people by acceding to their reasonable demands, and bid defiance to all combinations of Tories, Leaguers or Clear-grits. This is not a mere harder. this depends the permanency of the Amerition of crime, is maintained; it will at once Wonder if the Tories have got sick of the dependent of the dependent permanency of the The Gazette, the other day, resuscitated the question of the Rebellion Losses Act, in the faint hope, we suppose, that he could induce his faction to agitate for its repeal. We imagine his friends have suffered quite enough already from listening to his advice to induce them to refrain further following to induce them to refrain further following of the past year testify to the truth one time to be found in our prisons, are not instead of the second forms and working of republic, their functions will be permament: whether or not this be the case, time will tell. With public morals will be obvious to every one. But if it is still further considered that each of these county gaols has, at all times, numerous immates—that the Penitentiary alone has about four on this be the case, time will tell. With public morals will be obvious to every one. But if it is still further considered that is his wake. The total disruption of the events of the past year testify to the truth one time to be found in our prisons, are not Great Conservative party—as the Tories of the assertion, that there is a sad lack of formerly delighted to style themselves:— more worth. From one accurate with the whole criminal population of the Proformerly delighted to style themselves;—
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held in every part of the country: the withintellectual improvement, we are far beintellectual improvement improvement in the stream of intellectual improvement improvement in the stream of intellectual improvement in the stream drawal of the Seat of Government from hind. Secondly we hold, in the present Montreal; and the maniacal Annexation state of things, that since moral worth and Montreal; and the maniacal Annexation state of things, that since moral worth and cry, have, been some of the fruits of the intelligence cannot be made the standard of have fairly commenced. In such a season is now far advanced, those as the present, when the ordinery horsepower on most farms, is very inadequate to immediate and pressing wants,—every thing relative to the preparation of the soil and sowing the seed, having to be done in so short a time, what an advantage would it be to farmers, of any considerable extent it be to farmers, of any considerable extent in the season is now far advanced, those serve it. In this intention the freemen of our readers who are anxious to secure aliberal store of food, both in hay and roots for carrying their stock through the next is one farmers, is very inadequate to immediate and pressing wants,—every thing relative to the preparation of the soil completing the necessary preparations.—Meadows kept in good condition by liberal seeding and manuring, and suitable soils velected for root crops subjected to a system of efficient management, will generally to make the North determine to uphold them. The tourned sufficiently with having the North determine to uphold them. The fourther trusting in such blind advisers.

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Whether the Gazette approves or not, he effect approves or not, he end of the standard of the stan policy of the Gazette and other kindred jour- qualification, and since from the want of and a loud call comes home to us as a peo nals; and they form sufficient grounds to induce any reasonable man to refrain from own property acting despotically towards which rolls over the land. How fearful is Its vainted axiom—"all men are further trusting in such blind advisers." those who possess it, property to a greater the thought that by the neglect or indifferent trusting in such blind advisers. Whether the Gazette approves or not, he may rest assured the Rebellion Losses Act

> ate their own instructions—although we assessment rolls being taxed as house show briefly, in passing, the condition of our prison system in Canada, and the amendnose the consumnation of their own act.
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> This is the position which we take, and This is the position which we take, and The Gazette quotes the Pilot as having until it be obtained we shall not be silent. "confessed that all rebels are to be admitted to payment under the Act:" as this asmay be seen from a few facts. In towns
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> constitute the proper means and end of ed to payment under the Act :" as this as may be seen from a few facts. In towns sertion merely rests on the authority of the and cities tenants holding property of a cer-

We are, however, clearly of opinion, that

and care is a beneficial practice, whether pected, will bring larger amounts than have posed to have floated, and thought to be already been provided for, and there were from the exercise of the franchi-e? Have seen from shore this forenoon. Two small but three others for whose claims it was those men not a direct and personal internces sary to make permanent provision, in the well being of Canada, and shall the event of their relinquishing their offices,

unsatisfactory, that the loca of their owing settled is never seriously entertained by any thinking man. On the other hand some questions which have been settled in accordance with the popular will, meet with the most absurd and unprincipled opposition—an opposition which the enemies position—an opposition which the enemies of popular rights would not dare to offer, if the franchise were in a state fit for giving a FAIR EXPRESSION OF THE WANTS AND WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA. - Brantford Herald.

PRISON DISCIPLINE.

FROM A LECTURE BY GEO. BROWN, ESO. Delivered before the Mechanics' Institute of Toronto, 19th April, 1850. Perhaps there is no department of civil

economy which presents so many topics of grave philosophic inquiry, as that which treats of the prevention and punishment of creased and equalized, public opinion would

The wise adjustment of the penal code; the
still be unheard through the medium of the
franchise as at present exercised. In order crime, and the reformation of the criminal, tiary system for hardened criminals; do all. pie, from its influence on the public morality—on the safely of life and property—and on the public exchequer. If we reflect that each county has a gaol, gaolers, constables, magistrates, judges and criminal courts; and that in Upper Canada alone there are twenty counties—in all of which this costly machinery, presumed to be for the limitation of cyme, is maintained; it will at our continuous of cyme, is maintained; it will at our continuous of cyme, is maintained; it will at our continuous and the reform of the criminal, may sink

During the last 75 years a revolution in

Gazette, it is perhaps needless to contradict it. We shall content ourselves with
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