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A requiem is in our ears.
Old Winter dies in fields and meres;
March's mood hath turned to tears,—
April's come again i

Tears that yield to laughing hours, Rainbows glint through falling showers; Presage sweet of Juno's bright bowers,-. April's sun and rain.

Robins pipe to sleeping buds,
Woolng them to doff their hoods—
Closely worn through winter's floods—
Now that April's here.

Tardy call to flow'ret one!
Arbutus shy betimes hath blown,
Clinging to the snow-clad stone,—
April's messenger!

Linnets' notes are in the wold,
Tender plaints come from the fold,
Ploughshares turn the gleaming mould,—
Truly, April's come i

Pine trees blend their murmurous tune, Sca-waves thunder on the dune,
Sca-waves thunder on the dune,
Old Earth sings her Easter rune,

April's welcome home!

—Charles Morse, in the Young Canadian.

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM THE CAPITAL.

Let me hav; audience for a word or two.

—As you Like it. Act. V. Scene 2.

In glancing over the editorial note in your last issue upon the subject of dancing I notice you quote the well-known phrase from L'Allegro,—"trip the light fantastic toe," and then inquire if Milton approved of dancing? Certainly we find nothing that would indicate such disapprobation in the poet's earlier works—such as the poem just referred to and Comus, nor do I remember meeting with anything in his maturer writings that could be construed into a specific condemnation of that particular form of amusement. It is true that in Il Penseroso he bids depart those "vain deluding joys" enumerated in L'Allegro, but every reader knows that these two poems are but the antiphonal divisions of one complete presentation of the continually interchanging moods of mirth and melancholy in the minds of men; and, on the one hand, one has just as much reason to say that the poet overtly encourages indulgence in merry making and revelry, as to contend, on the other hand, that he especially condemns them. Indeed it is a mistake very commonly entertained to believe that Milton viewed the panorama of life through the inverted telescope of the Puritans. His mind was two colossal in its proportions to be hedged in by the termini angueti of their fanatical creed. One meets with passage after passage in his works which, if they read them, must have caused those uncouth sectaries to hold up their hands in pious horror. He aposthrophizes the Muses and many other entities in the pagan pantheon in his lyric pieces. He inserts a splendid panegyric on the moral worth of heathen Athens in the middle of *Paradise Regained*. He finds it possible to praise Shakespeare, whom the Puritans would consign to the nethermost pit together with all play-writers and play-goers. He reveals himself as an Arian in *Paradisc Lost*; and one can imagine hardly anything more opposed to Puritan tenets than the views he expresses in his *Treatise* on Christian Doctrine in respect of marriage and the observation of the Sabbath. Last, but not by any means least in the eyes of the English Calvinists, he was devotedly attached to music, being a player of no small ability upon the organ—which they did not scruple to call a direct invention of the Prince of Darkness. These facts would seem to show that the great scion of English liberty was no such narrow bigot as to condemn the time-honored amusement of dancing when practised within the decorous precincts of refined society * * * * * of refined society. Let me quote Macaulay's statement of Milton's relations with the Puritans

in support of the views I have here advanced: "He was not a Puritan. He was not a free-thinker. He was not a Royalist. In his character the noblest qualities of every party were combined in harmonious union. Like the Puritans he kept his mind continually fixed on an Almighty Judge and an eternal reward. And hence he acquired their contempt of external circumstances, their fortitude, their tranquillity, their inflexible resolution. not the coolest sceptic or the most profane scoffer was more perfectly free from the contagion of their frantic delusions, their savage manners, their ludicrous jargon, their scorn of science, and their aversion to pleasure. There was none who had a stronger sense or evalue of literature, a finer relish for every elegant amusement, or a more chivalrous delicacy of honor

and love."

A delegation from the Bench of the Montreal District, consisting of Chief Justice Sir Francis Johnson and Justices Jette and Wurtele, inter-Chief Justice Sir Francis Johnson and Justices Jette and Wurtele, interviewed the Minister of Justice a short time ago on the subject of increasing the salaries of the Superior Court Judges in that district. Whether the Government will act on their suggestions or not will not be known until the Speech from the Throne is in the hands of the publ; but it is to be desired that some measure looking to the increase of judicial salaries throughout the Dominion will be passed during the approaching session. The ridiculously small remuneration paid to our judges is a represent to a country so far in the van of national progress as Canada is to-day, and is a frequent subject of wondering criticism at the hands of English and American writers. No such parsimonious policy with respect to the judiciary has been followed in the other great self-governing colonies of Great Britain. In Victoria the salary of the Chief Justice is \$17,500, and Great Britain. In Victoria the salary of the Chief Justice is \$17,500, and