THE POET'S CALLING.—The true poet, to seize on the full advantages and to reap the full reward of his glorious vocation, must work in the better spirit of his time. It is not enough that he can gracefully dally with the flowers and the breezes by the wayside; that he can feel and make felt the glories of nature, and weave into his lays the beams of sun, and moon and stars. These the genuine poet must and will recognize in all their beauty, and appropriate them as costly material in building the house of his fame. He will fashion them into a rainbow that shall span the weeping vale of earth, and make it radiant with the hues of heaven, even when darkest with storms. But this is not enough. Man is the grand work of nature, or rather of God; and it is in man, and his destines and struggles, that the poet must find his noblest theme. The true vocation of the poet unquestionably is to animate the human race in their progress from barbarism towards virtue and greatness. He is appointed by Providence to arouse to generous exertion, and to console in distress. There is nothing so full of the elements of poetry as the fortunes, and aspirations, and achievements of the vast human family. Its endeavors to escape from the sensual into the intellectual life; its errors, its failures, its sorrows, and its crimes, all are prolific of poetic and dramatic matter of the most intense interest. To guide and encourage humanity in its arduous but ever onward career; to assist it to tread down despotism and oppressions. sion; to give effect to the tears and groans of the suffering; to trumpet abroad wrong in all its shapes; to whisper into the fainting soul the glorious hopes of a still higher existence—these are and have ever been the godlike tasks of the true poet, and therefore has

he been styled a prophet and a priest.—
HALF OF THE PROFIT.—A nobleman, resident at a chateau near Pisa, was about to celebrate his marriage-feast. All the elements were propitious except the ocean, which had been so boisterous as to deny the very necessary appendage of fish. On the very necessary appendage of fish. On the very morning of the feast, however, a poor fisherman made his appearance with a large turbot. Joy pervaded the castle, and the fisherman was ushered with his prize into the sales where the publisher in the the saloon, where the nobleman, in the presence of his visitors, requested him to put what price he thought proper on the fish, and it should be instantly paid him.

One hundred lashes, said the fisherman, on my bare back is the price of my fish, and I will not bate one strand of whipcord on the bargain.' The nobleman and his guests were not a little astonished; but our chapman was resolute, and remonstrance was in vain. At length the nobleman exclaimed, 'Well, well, the fellow is a humorist and the second sec claimed, 'Well, well, the renow is a numorist, and the fish we must have; but lay on lightly, and let the price be paid in our presence.' After fifty lashes had been administered, 'Hold, hold!' exclaimed the fisherman, 'I have a partner in this business and it is fetting that he should receive ness, and it is fitting that he should receive his share.' 'What! are there two such madcaps in the world?' exclaimed the nobleman; 'name him, and he shall be sent for instantly.' 'You need not go very far for him, said the fisherman; 'you will find him at your gate, in the shape of your own porter, who would not let me in until I promised that he should have the half of whatever I received for my turbot.' 'Oh, oh!' he shall receive his stipulated moiety with the strictest justice. This ceremony being finished he discharged the porter, and amply rewarded the fisherman.—Monthly Visitor.

THE STAFF OF ELDERWOOD.—A hunter wandered with his son over a field, and a deep stream flowed between them. boy then wished to cross over to his father, but he could not, for the stream was very wide. He straightway cut a branch from the bushes, placed one end of it in the water, supported himself boldly upon it, and leaped with all his strength. But, behold! it was the branch of an elder-tree; and, as the boy hovered over the stream, the staff broke in twain, and he fell headlong into the water, and the waves foamed and dashed over him. A herdsman at a distance saw this. and ran thither, and uttered a loud cry. But the boy blew the water from his lips and swam laughing to the shore. herdsman spoke to the hunter, and said:—
'You seem to have instructed your son in many things, but one thing you have forgotmany things, but one thing you have longor-ten. Wherefore have you not taught him to search beneath the surface, before he opens his heart to confidence? Had he viewed the soft pith of the elder-wood, he would not have trusted to the despitful bark.' would not have trusted to the deceitful bark.'
(Friend,' replied the huntsman, 'I have sharpened his eye and exercised his strength. I can leave him, therefore, to experience. Time may teach him to distrust, but even in temptation he will remain upright, for his eye is clear and his powers are strengthened by use.'-Krummacher.

Commercial.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.

Ashes continued scarce and quiet at $8\frac{3}{8}$ c a 81c for pots and 9c for pearls.

Bees-wax was inactive at former prices. BREADSTUFFS.—Flour was more inquired for by shippers as well as the regular home trade, and prices tended upward, especially for the low grades, which were in most request. Sales were made of 17,000 bbls State and Western. 700 bbls Canadian, and 1,200 bbls Southern, within our revised Superior State. \$5 70 a 5 80 Extra State, old and new . . 5 90 a 6 10 Superfine Western..... 5 65 Common to choice ex. wes. 5 90

MONTREAL, Nov. 20.

Flour continues firm; No. 1 may be quoted at \$4 50 as a basis of calculation; occasional sales at prices both above and below, at present. Other articles cannot be reliably quoted, and may remain so for the next ten days—perhaps longer. The shipping season being over, in consequence this report will for some time be confined to such changes only as affect the Western Canadian dealers and their interests.

Liverpool breadstuffs market has generally been dull. Flour has a downward tendency. Wheat very dull and declined 1d to 2d per cent.; red western 9s a 9s 10d; red Southern 10s a 10s 3d; white western 10s 3d a 11s; white Southern 11s a 12s 6d. Corn very dull; mixed 26s 6d.

Provisions market is very dull. Beef quiet and steady. Pork dull. Bacon Lard quiet and steady. Tallow flat.

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Great Western for week ended November 14th, 1862...... \$69,443 11 Corresponding week last year... 51,407 03 Increase 18,036 08 Buffalo and Lake Huron do. \$9,172 24 Corresponding week last year.... 8,917 21 Increase. \$255 03

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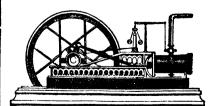
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