Poetry.

Auri sacra fames, quid non mortalia pectora cogis?-Virgil. The "thirst for gold" continues unabated. At the latest notice there were 69 vessels up for cargoes, and California direct. The excitement on this subject has several times brought to our mind the touching and pathetic lines of the lamented Dr. Leyden, the bosom friend of Sir Walter Scott, and himself a writer of no ordinary power He visited India with a prospect of pecuniary advantage, and died just as the prospect was about to be realized. The gold which he sought for at the expense of home and health, only mocked the eyes which were dim with the shadow of death. The intense anguist of soul under such circumstances is powerfully expressed in the following lines, the sentiment of which, we cannot doubt, will find a place in the heart of many a sick and dying gold hunter in the mines of California.—The Calendar.

ODE TO AN INDIAN GOLD COIN. WRITTEN AT CHERICAL, MALABAR

Slave of the dark and dirty mine! What vanity has brought thee here? How can I love to see thee shine So bright, whom I have bought so dear The tent ropes flapping lone I hear For twilight converse arm in arm; The jackal's shriek bursts on mine ear, When mirth and music wont to charm.

By Cherical's dark wandering streams, Where cane tufts shadow all the wild, Sweet visions haunt my waking dreams Of Teviot loved while still a child. Of castled rocks stupendous pil'd By Esk or Eden's classic wave Where loves of youth and friendship smil'd, Uncurst by thee, vile yellow slave.

Fade, day dreams sweet, from memory fade! The perish'd bliss of youth's first prime, That once so bright on fancy play'd, Revives no more in after-time; Far from my sacred natal clime, I haste to an untimely grave; The daring thoughts that soar'd sublime Are sunk in ocean's southern wave.

Slave of the mine! thy yellow light Gleams baleful as the tomb-fire drear; A gentle vision comes by night, My lonely widow'd heart to cheer Her eyes are dim with many a tear, That once were guiding stars to mine; Her fond heart throbs with many a fear-I cannot bear to see thee shine.

For thee, for thee, vile yellow slave, I left a heart that lov'd me true! I cross'd the tedlous ocean wave, To roam in climes unknown and new. The cold wind of the stranger blew Chill on my withered heart-the grave, And all for thee vile yellow slave!

Ha! comest thou now so late to mock A wanderer's banish'd heart forlorn, Now that his frame the lightning shock Of sun-rays tipt with death has borne? From love from friendship, country torn, To memory's fond regrets the prey, Go mix thee with thy kindred clay!

VALUE OF A CHILD'S TIME.

It is sometimes said that a child's time is not worth much; some even say they send their children to school to get them out of the way. But parents often find that they learn some things very young. Children "learn to go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies;" that is they learn to deceive, and utter falsehood at a very early period in their childhood. And to their joy, too, they sometimes find, that when very young children have the opportunity afforded them they, lay a broad foundation for such a superstructure as makes men hold up their heads and wonder. The mother of Baron Cuvier, I remember to have heard, would make her son to recite his Latin to her every morning the persecution of the Austrian Government. He a word of it, because she had an impression that, on law in the academy of Geneva, the honoured colleague the whole, spring was the time to cast in seed. His schoolmates and his teacher wondered how it was, from their respective professorships in the same that the little Baron always, had so good a lesson; academy by the present radical Government of that and France has still-wondered how Cuvier came to be Republic; so that of these men, so long engaged in

SELF-EXAMINATION BEFORE THE HOLY down his life. COMMUNION. (From the third part of Laneton Parsonage.)

the nature of the Holy Sacrament to which they were analogous to that which has resulted from the late to be admitted; but words too often are a hindrance civil war. At that time, however, M. Rossi's scheme rather than an assistance to our feelings; and prepa- was defeated; and, wearied with the minute and ration for a first communion is something widely untractable elements of Swiss politics, he was induced different from the weekly repetition of the explanation by M. Guizot to remove to Paris. A chair of conof the subject given in the Church Catechism.

alone, a few days after Ruth had sent her letter to ral important offices, and was eventually called to the Florence. She was trying to examine her own heart; Chamber of Peers. Although he never held a ministrying to discover her faults; trying to realize her terial office in France, he lived in the closest intimacy true condition upon earth, and the state of her prepa- with the Government and enjoyed the unreserved ration for heaven. A little book of self-examination confidence of the King. This circumstance caused lay open before her. It contained but few questions; him to be selected for the important post of French and those, it would have seemed, soon answered. Ambassador at Rome; and, after an absence of thirty But each question suggested to Madeline's true and years, he returned to his native country as the pleniconscientions mind subject for reflection and deep potentiary of a Sovereign. In that capacity he proregret. The life, which to others appeared unspotted, bably contributed in a remarkable degree to place Pio was, when viewed in the presence of God, stained with Nono on the Papal throne. innumerable sins.

One by one, the faults of which she was conscious formed principally on English constitutional models, from former self-examination were enumerated and M. Rossi combined all the rarest qualities of the confessed, with a fervent prayer for forgiveness and Italian mind. His vast and unclouded judgment help; and then, the particular point upon which she illuminated whatever he contemplated, and his singuhad fixed for that day's inquiry was dwelt upon more larly descriptive eloquence ornamented whatever he minutely. It was vanity-a fault which Madeline touched. His voice and the gravity of his presence saw in herself, although those who knew her best had in them something of the grandeur of the stateswould have hesitated to acknowledge that she had it. men and scholars of the best ages of Italy, and nothing She was vain of her personal appearance, and she be- was more utterly at variance with that chattering degan her self-imposed task by examining in what clamation and those disordered conceptions which details this defect showed itself. Too much time, form the staple of what is now termed Italian patriotshe knew, was spent in dressing; that was one sign: ism. Between him and his political antagonists in she was too particular in choosing her dresses; too his native country there was this difference—that he anxious to hear remarks made upon herself and Ruth, had inherited the lofty faculties worthy of an earlier which indirectly paid them compliments; she always period in the annals of that degenerate race, whilst observed carefully what other persons wore, and how they have even in our day retained only the traditional it was put on; she was not pleased when others were infamy of its dastardly crimes. called pretty; that approached to envy: but the The assassination of M. Rossi casts the deepest groundwork was vanity. These things were indeed shade over the very name of Italy. The wretch who in themselves slight, but they were indications of a struck the blow and disappeared untouched in the temper of mind to be guarded against, and Madeline ranks of the yielding crowd was in all probability but had learned to look, not at her outward conduct only, the mercenary agent of a more criminal faction; but at her heart. When the offence was thus but this commencement shows what is to be expected thoroughly perceived and acknowledged, the next step if central Italy become the seat of M. Mazzini's of importance was to see it in its true light-in its model republic. Already throughout the Legations, real deformity; to view it as it must be viewed by in some parts of Tuscany, and in Rome itself, life and God. Madeline was vain of her appearance, and fond property are completely insecure. The state of the of admiration in general; yet in a few years (so she peninsula is verging towards what it was during the had been taught always to carry on her thoughts to republican invasion of 1706, when every route the end of life) her body must be laid in the grave, an swarmed with banditti and every city with assassins. object of dread to those who most loved her, with The Pope, whose name was but a few months ago Where would then be room for vanity?

at the foot of the throne of God, and angels cover their to carry into execution the scheme of an Italian Fefaces with their wings in awful adoration of His majes- derative Republic, by subverting in the first instance ty. Madefine tried but for a few moments to imagine those States which are too weak to defend themselves what that world must be. She read it in the Bible, against the disaffected portion of their own subjects, and strove to bring before the eye of her mind some excited as they are, by foreign emissaries. faint perception of its awfulness, She imagined herself standing among the hosts of heaven; she, the ignorant and weak, and vain-how would they feel towards her? How would they bear her presence? More than all, how would her merciful Saviour regard of our Book of Common Prayer, and their adaptness her? The holy and undefiled, how could He look to all the circumstances and seasons of this changeful upon the guilty? Vanity in heaven! Even to con- and diversified life, are strikingly illustrated in the nect the ideas seemed a profanation. No, it must be closing paragraph for a letter which we find in an exstriven against—crushed, uprooted. Were it to cost change paper, written on board the U. S. ship Saratoga, the labour of a life, and the watchfulness of every describing the tremendous storm that vessel encounhour, still it must be conquered. Amongst the many tered while doubling Cape Horn.sacrifices of pleasant sins to be made at the altar of "Sunday, 11th October, after breakfast, all hands

ger upon the probable temptations which would be (Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea,) you will, know, awaiting her, especially with regard to this one fault. admire it, see how very suitable it was for us. I have It was not often that she left her room without casting read it before, but never before heard it uttered with one look in her glass, as much from habit perhaps, as such truth and sincerity as on that occasion. I think from vanity. Now she turned away, not because it it must have affected all, for all must have felt it was would be wrong to look, but because it was the first written for us." little opportunity which presented itself of proving her own sincerity; and the trifling act, scarcely to be termed self-denial, was the seal of her resolution and the earnest of future victories.

> AN ARABIAN TALE. (Translated from a French MS.)

The Arab tribe of Neggdiè formerly possessed a thoroughbred black mare named Houban-heggin. She was extremely beautiful, and much coveted by the chief of another tribe called Daher. Having vainly offered to exchange for her his camels and all his riches, he conceived the idea of disguising himself as a beggar, and accordingly hastened to stain his skin with the juice of some herb, to cover himself with rags, and to tie up his throat and legs, in order to counterfeit a lame and distorted mendicant, and thus to await Nabee, the animal's master, on the road by which he was expected to return. On his drawing near, the feigned beggar addressed him in a feeble voice. "Have pity on a poor stranger, who has not tasted food for three days. I am dying; help me, and God will reward you."

The Bedouin offered to take him on his horse to his the strength to rise."

Full of compassion, Nabee dismounted, and with great difficulty placed the beggar on his mare. No.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF COUNT ROSSI. (From the Church and State Gazette.)

Born at Carrara in 1787, he became an advocate and professor of laws in the university of Bologna as early as 1809. In 1815 he acted as civil commissioner during the occupation of the legations by Murat, and was in consequence proscribed. He escaped to Geneva, where the rights of a citizen were conferred upon him in time to rescue him from so great a man; the secret was he was schooled upon scientific or literary pursuits in the peaceful obscurity of a Swiss canton, all have suffered for the cause of constitutional freedom, and the greatest has now laid

In Switzerland, M. Rossi was the principal author of the scheme for the reform of the "Federal Pact," SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY AND BANKRUPTCY which was intended to effect by pacific means a Long before, indeed, they could have told in words change in favour of the federal authority somewhat stitutional law was at once placed at his disposal, and So Madeline felt as she was spending some time upon his naturalization in France, he rose to fill seve-

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the worm spread under her, and the worm covering her. adored in the absurd frenzy of the people, is now a prisoner in his own palace and compelled by threats of She thought once more—there was a world, sinless the extremest violence to submit to the dictation of a and glorious, where saints east their crowns of glory ruffian mob. The object of the democrats is evidently

THE PRAYER BOOK.

The excellency and appropriateness of the prayers

her Saviour, vanity must unhesitatingly be numbered. were called aft, when Captain S. addressed the crew Toronto, Aug. 31, 1848.

The consciousness of perfect sincerity, blended with in a few words, thanking them for the manner in which the depth of Madeline's repentance and humility, and they performed their duties on the previous Sunday with the confidence of a child asking help from a father, evening and night, but assuring them, at the same and the simple, reverent love of a sister trusting to an time, it was owing to no human exertions that the elder brother, she knelt in prayer, and felt that prayer ship was saved, and then asked us to join him in a was happiness. Then, as she rose to return to her short prayer of thanksgiving; and most appropriate usual employments, she dwelt for a few moments lon- was it for the occasion. Look at your Praye Book,

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A youth from the city now approached the dd man, and entered into discourse with him. When the youth heard the number of his years from his own lips, he wondered at his vigorous and ruddy countenance. Whereupon he asked the old man whence it came that he enjoyed such strength and cheerfulness in the late autumn of life.

Geron answered: "My son, these, like every other good thing, are gifts which come to us from above, the merit of which we cannot claim to ourselves, and still we can do something here below, to enable us to obtain them.' Having uttered these words, the old man arose,

and led the stranger into his orchard, and showed him own home; but the counterfeit replied, "I have not the tall and noble trees, covered with delicious fruit, the sight of which gladdened the heart. Then the old man spoke. "Dost thou wonder also that I now enjoy the fruit of these trees? See

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