Poetrn.

A HARVEST SONG.

Fast the corn will ripen now in the glowing August sun, And ere many days are past is the reaper's toil begun; Soon the harvest will be o'cr, and the golden grain be won. We have watched it from the seed, as the early blade up-sprung; We beheld the first green ears rising slow the blades among:-Slowly rising, yet how soon will the harvest-home be sung

Stores of joy and blessing lie in the fields of waving corn; Swiftly pass the happy hours from the first bright-harvest morn To the eve of latest spoils by the gleaner homeward borne. Ere the gleaning may begin, happy children sport around; Bright the garlands that they weave, fair the biossoms that are found. Where the spotless bind-weed twines with the corn-flower purple-

From the toil of wintry morn, to the moon-lit harvest-night. With the sowing and the reaping, with the gleaner's burden bright Linked are holy words of hope, touching all with heavenly light. Thankful hearts, joyful words, to the harvest let us bring; Mingling tones of heavenly joy with the harvest home we sing.

CHATEAUBRIAND.

(From the Times.)

The life and adventures of the Viscount de Chateaubriand have filled so large a space in the politics, the literature, and the society of France during the first thirty years of the present century, and his fame has been perpetuated by so much of romantic interest or conventional adulation throughout the period imevent of sufficient interest to divert our attention for a moment from the living occurrences of an age not less agitated than that through which it was his lot to pass. A more varied career has never been followed by man; even the vicissitudes of mighty and rapid revolutions; but, whilst M. de Chateaubriand was actively engaged in many of the principal transactions of his time, and as it were, in the sanctuary of literary fame and the passed in rapid alternations from indigence and obscu- greatest of contemporary reputations were held to be until the reflection of his past greatness alone remained of £1,000 a-year, derived from the sale of his posthuto light up his declining years, it would be hard to mous memoirs, supplied him with the means of subfind another instance of a reputation at once so vast sistence; and having lived through one entire cycle and so hollow, or a public existence so barren of real of the great revolution of his country, he expired alservices to mankind. M. de Chateaubriand was born most at the moment when some of the most terrible in the year 1769, like so many others of the men who scenes of his early youth were renewed in the streets were destined to play a prominent part in the gigantic of Paris. The French people have singled him out labours of the last generation. Amongst the ample list for honour alone of all the writers of the empire, and of his contemporaries, we find the great captains, the the servants of the restoration. It is not for us to statesmen, the poets who were to inaugurate the 19th question the merit of those on whom such rewards are century upon the ruins left by the French revolution. bestowed by their own countrymen; but the veneration They in their various paths discharged that task; but professed for the name of M. Chateaubriand will not whilst they conquered nations, governed mankind, or be shared by the whole of Europe. adorned their age, M. de Chateaubriand remained faithful to his vocation. We may describe it in a single word. He was the Knight-errant of modern Europe, who won and wore his trophies and favours on his own person. A fervid imagination-an animated style which seemed impassioned in comparison chair distinguished only by its canopy from that of with the frigid models of the French empire—a spirit | the other Consul who sate over against him; tall and which was more chivalrous and bold, than discreet and majestic in his demeanour; grave, sedate, and benign resolute-and a sympathy for the improvement of the in countenance, as you have seen in his medals and age united to a veneration for the majestic traditions statues. He was arrayed in a plain gown, and apof the past, gave to M. de Chateaubriand a potent in- peared to converse quite familiarly, without affectatio fluence over the minds of men at some of the most re- of condescenscion, with such Patricians as had their markable moments in history. When the storm of places near him; among whom Sextus and Rubellia the first French Revolution had, for the time, blown pointed out many remarkable personages to my notice; over, the young Boreton emigrant, who had retired as Adrian, afterwards emperor; Pliny, the orator, a from the army of Condé after the siege of Thionville | man of courtly presence, and lively, agreeable aspect to the wilds of Kentucky, subsequently to a garret in and, above all, the historian Tacitus, the worthy son-London, returned to his native land; and after ten in-law of our Agricola, in whose pallid countenance years of the brutality and blasphemy of Jacobin clubs | could easily recognize the depth, but sought in vain and revolutionary journals, France was enchanted to to discover any traces of the sternness of his genius strike a fresh vein of poetry in the pages of Atala, and Of all the then proud names that were whispered into "Genius of Christianity." The merit of these pro- few would awaken any interest in your minds !ductions may be extremely questionable to foreigners | Those, indeed, which I have mentioned, have an interof raising an imperishable monument to his literary the best of them all were to be remembered only for fame, he had at least the art of gratifying, and some- | deeds of greatness and goodness! times leading the taste of the time, although the The proclamation being repeated a second time, a wreaths he profusely wore in the summer of his life door on the right hand of the arena was laid open, and have left us the fewer flowers to strew upon his grave. a single trumpet sounded, as it seemed to me, mourn-Bonaparte was not slow to perceive the use which fully, while the gladiators marched in with slow steps, might be made of a pen so felicitous and so popular. each man-naked, except being girt with a cloth about

Republican by taste," and his political services seem might not also be the last day of their sharing in that to have been governed by a singular conflict of these fearful exhibition! opposite motives. He affected to warn the Court of Their masters paired them shortly, and in succes-Louis XVIII. against its retrograde tendencies, yet he sion they began to make proof of their fatal skill .plunged it into the shameful and impolitic war of 1823, At first, Scythian was matched against Scythianagainst the opinion even of the King himself; and Greek against Greek-Ethiopian against Ethiopianwhilst he sought to revive the dignity and stability of Spaniard against Spaniard; and I saw the sand dyed the throne of France, he distinguished himself by the beneath their feet with blood streaming from the basest ingratitude towards those who had restored wounds of kindred hands. But these combats, althat throne to existence, and to presume to stigmatize though abundantly bloody and terrible, were regarded those identical treaties as odious which had recalled only as preludes to the serious business of the day, the Comte de Provence from hopeless exile. The which consisted of duels between Europeans on the history of the Congress of Verona, as recorded by his one side, and Africans on the other; wherein it was own pen, suffices to stamp his official career with the the well-nigh intransgressible law of the Amphitheatre, deepest condemnation. Towards this country and to that at least one out of every pair of combatants Mr. Canning, with whom he kept up the pretence of a should die. Instead of shrinking from these more familiar correspondence, he was false and hostile- desperate brutalities, the almost certainty of their though England had nurtured him in penury at one termination seemed only to make the assembly gaze time, and honoured him at another as the representa- on them with more intense curiosity and delight .tive of a Prince whom she had restored to the throne Methinks I feel as if it were but yesterday, whenof his ancestors. Towards Russia he was cringing and sickened with the protracted terrors of a conflict, that subservient, and he inspired the Government of the seemed as if it were never to have an end, although Restoration with the fatal scheme of regaining the both the combatants were already covered all over frontier of the Rhine by the sacrifice of the East .- with hideous gashes, -I at last bowed down my head, Towards Spain he planned and practised a line of po- and clasped my hands upon my eyes. I had scarcely

halls of Grenada over the last Abencerrage.

Trocadero was to efface the painful recollection of No; it was upon the beautiful features of that wo-Waterloo, and the Dauphin to surpass the achieve- man's face that I looked, and truly it seemed to me WATCH MAKER AND MANUFACTURING JEWELLER. ments of Bonaparte. The Dauphin vas as like Bo- as if they presented a spectacle almost as fearful.naparte as M. de Chateaubriand was like a great I saw those lips parted, those dark eyes extended, statesman. However this culpable extravagance re- those smooth cheeks suffused with a stedfast blush coiled upon himself. M. de Villele declared it was that lovely bosom swelled and glowing; and I hated even worse to have Chateaubriand in the Cabinet than Rubellia, for I knew not before how utterly beauty in the opposition, and he was cashiered with singular can be brutalized by the throbbings of a cruel heart. asperity at two hours' notice. The ex-Minister took But I looked round to escape from the sight of her; refuge, however in the columns of the Journal des -and the hundreds of females that I saw fixed with Debats, whence he directed a tremendous fire against equal earnestness on the same horrors, taught me, even the increasing bigotry and intolerance of the party to at the moment, to think with more charity on the pitiwhich the accession of Charles X. gave a decided and less gaze of one. fatal ascendancy. From this time however, M. de Chateaubriand may be said to have descended into the retirements of private life. He still raised his warning voice against the errors of the Government which were leading to the catastrophe of 1830; in the height of that revolution he was borne in triumph one hour by the men of the barricades, and in the next he delivered his last speech in the Chamber of Peers in favour of the rights of the Duke de Fordeaux. At glass door, found themselves in the presence of a that moment his expression to the Duchess de Berri, "Madame, votre fils est mon Roi," and his pamphlet mob inquired who he was? The old man answered

was accomplished, and his relations with the pretender soon dwindled down into a harmless and not unpleasant mixture of loyalty, politeness, and devotion.

The conditions through which he passed in life were very various; and in his character the enthusiasm, if not the true genius of a poet was blended with the aspirations, if not the fixed energy of a statesman. But in all these things the world, and especially his own countrymen, ministered without limit or restraint to its inordinate vanity; he was exempted, by some extraordinary dispensation, from the satirical judgements and oblivion of a society fertile in censure, and prone.

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THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE. (From "Valerius.")

Trajan himself was already present-his ivory to resume her old faith in the pleasing retire of the my ear, could I recollect or repeat them now, how and to posterity; but, if their author had not the gift est that will never die. Would that the greatest and

Nothing was better fitted than such compositions to his loins—bearing on his left arm a small buckler, assist in the restoration of letters, of religious obser- and having a short, straight sword suspended by a vances, and of society; but, like most of the orna- cord around his neck. They marched, as I have said ments of the Consular and Imperial regime, these slowly and steadily; so that the whole assembly had productions were of tinsel rather than of solid gold; full leisure to contemplate the forms of the men; and men continued to praise them rather from their while those skilled in such business were fixing in their original effect than from any fresh and perennial charm own minds, on such as they thought most likely to be which they possess. M. de Chateaubriand, however victorious, and laying wagers concerning their chances was of too independent a spirit to submit to the con- of success, with as much unconcern as if they had ditions of Bonaparte's service, especially when it was been contemplating irrational animals, or rather, in- PROFESSOR OF THE PIANO FORTE, degraded and stained with blood. Upon the murder deed, I should say, so many pieces of ingeniou of the Duke d'Enghien he instantly resigned his post mechanism. The diversity of complexion and feature of Minister Plenipotentiary to the Valais, and served Na- exhibited among these devoted athletes, afforded at poleon no more; for, though the young poet and the em- once a majestic idea of the extent of the empire, and bryo statesman night be regarded as a soldier of fortune, a terrible one of the purposes to which that wide he was at least no mercenary retainer. After this sway had often been made subservient. The beauticheck in his public career, he started on his pilgrimage ful Greek, with a countenance of noble serenity, and to the Holy Sepulchre, and described in glowing co- limbs after which the sculptors of his country might lours the part he had assumed, his itinerary from Paris have modelled their symbols of graceful power, walked to Jerusalem, including his return through Egypt, side by side with the yellow-bearded savage, whose Barbary, and Spain, where he paused to mourn in the gigantic muscles had been nerved in the freezing waves of the Elbe or Ister, or whose thick strong hair In 1814 M. de Chateabriand's political life really was congealed and shagged on his brow with the began, and he took a prominent part in the affairs of breath of Scythian or Scandinavian winters. Many his country and of Europe for the next ten years .- fierce Moors and Arabs, and curled Ethiopians were The vanity and pretensions which were harmless or there, with the beams of the southern sun burnt in merely ludicrous in a wandering Knight of Letters every various shade of swarthiness upon their skins. became dangerous and intolerable in a Minister charged Nor did our own remote island want her representawith the difficult task of consolidating an old dynasty tives in the deadly procession, for I saw among the on a new basis; and accordingly this is the period of armed multitudes-not surely without some feelings M. de Chateaubriand's life, most obnoxious to the se- of more peculiar interest-two or three gaunt barbaverity of criticism. His debut in the cause of the rians, whose breast and shoulders bore uncouth marks restored monarchy was, however, perfectly within his of blue and purple, so vivid in the tints, that I thought competency, and brilliantly successful. The pamphlet many months could not have elapsed since they must entitled Bonaparte and the Bourbons did, as Louis have been wandering in wild freedom along the native XVIII. expressed it, the work of an army; 100,000 ridges of some Silurian or Caledonian forest. As they copies of it were sold with prodigious rapidity; and moved around the arena, some of these men were whilst the allied forces occupied the capital of France saluted by the whole multitude with noisy acclamaand brought back the descendants of St. Louis, it was tions, in token, I suppose, of the approbation wheresome compensation that the greatest master of the with the feats of some former festival had deserved to some compensation that the greatest master of the French language, intensely national in his predilections and his defects, should have pleaded the cause of the Bourbons in the popular ear. M. de Chateaubriand's theatre, mixed with the contending cheers and huzzas the propular ear. M. de Chateaubriand's the propular ear. M. Bourbons in the popular ear. M. de Chateaubriand's theatre, mixed with the contending cheers and huzzas devotion to the monarchy of the elder branch was from others of the spectators. But by far the greater chiefly of the romantic cast. He once styled himself part were suffered to pass on in silence; -this being "a Royalist by reason, a Legitimist by duty, and a in all likelihood the first-who could tell whether it

licy more violent and overbearing than that of Louis done so when Rubellia laid her hand upon my elbow, XIV. himself, and the invasion of the Peninsula in whispering, "Look, look, now look," in a voice of low

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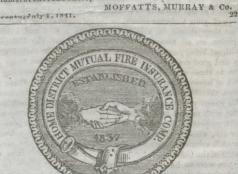
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