

## HYMN.

BY JOHN PIERPONT.

Dash to the floor that howl!  
Dare not its sweets to sip!  
There's peril to the soul,  
If once it touch the lip.  
Why will ye drown  
The God within?  
Avoid the sin!  
Ay, dash it down!

Once, to the sainted John,  
A poisoned cup was brought;  
The bearer had withdrawn:  
The saint, by angels taught,  
Saw, o'er its brim,  
An asp's head rise,  
Whose burning eyes  
Were fixed on him.

So, truth, by whose bright blaze  
Is many a secret sin  
Revealed,—in these our days,  
Hath taught us that within  
That narrow span,  
The wine cup's grasp,  
There lives an asp,  
There dies a man.

Then, let no fire be brought,  
In goblet, glass, or bowl,  
Within 'the dome of thought,  
The palace of the soul,'  
Lest, in that fire  
Of burning drink,  
That palace sink,  
That soul expire.

Should God, in wrath, ordain  
A universal dearth,  
What need he do, but rain  
On all this green glad earth,  
From cloudy urns,  
The curse that fills  
Our vats and stilles,  
That blights and burns?

Save us from such a shower,  
God of the eastern bow!  
That pledge, of love and power,  
What bends, what paints it so?  
That bow in air  
'Tis light that bends,  
Heaven's light that blends  
With water there.

Let light on water shine—  
The light of love and truth!  
Then shall that drink divine  
Be quaffed by Age and Youth;  
And, as that bow  
Doth heavenward bend,  
Shall heavenward tend  
The way they go.

A SHORT SERMON.—“A word spoken in season, how good it is,” and never perhaps was this proverb more fully verified than by the opportunity improved, as all opportunities should be, by the late Rev. Rowland Hill. He was once walking in Cheap-side, on a Sabbath afternoon, when he overheard a conversation between two young men of gay appearance who were close behind him. “Where shall we go to this evening?” asked one of them. “Wherever we can have a bit of fun,” replied the other. “Then let us go to Old Rowley's chapel,” said his companion, “there will be some fun there.” It was accordingly agreed upon, and while the worthy divine was reading the lesson in the evening, his eye discerned in the gallery near him, the very two personages whom he had beheld in the street but a few hours before making the above remark. His text was taken from Psalm ix. 17. “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God.” For a moment the minister paused, and then looking them both full in the face, and pointing to them with all the dignity of his calling, repeated to them the awful denunciation of scripture, adding at the same time, “There's fun for ye, my boys!”

A joker in New York having met a short gentleman whose first name was Wm. turned and walked back by his side. In a little while the gentleman turned to his uninvited companion and asked him if he had any business with him. “None at all,” said the other, “but as the law does not allow us to pass small Bills, I have turned about.—Bos. Her.

QUAKER COURTSHIP.—Hum! Yea and verily, Penelope, the spirit urgeth and moveth me wonderously to beseech thee to cleave unto me, and become flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone. Hum! Truly, Obadiah, thou hast said wisely, and inasmuch as it is written, that it is not good for man to be alone, lo and behold I will sojourn with thee. Hum!

HARMONY.—He who cultivates peace with others, does them a kindness, but he does himself a greater, by the returns to his own breast. If you brighten a knife, it will smooth the stone on which you brighten it. This is the case with nations; they who

promote peace find happy returns. War is the reverse. The life of man is a serious thing; it is his all, and ought not to be wantonly trifled away. War is one of the greatest plagues of man; and I am sorry it is a plague much courted. A bleeding man, and a bleeding nation, take long to recover.

WOODEN CAKES.—The following advertisement is from *The Philadelphian*:—“Ladies who are about to make large parties, for the sake of keeping up appearance, and supporting the family dignity, are informed that they can be furnished, at the shortest notice, with wooden cakes beautifully frosted on the most reasonable terms. Also, during the high prices of butter and lard, the subscriber will keep constantly on hand a few bushels of mahogany dough nuts.”

THE HEIGHT OF IMPUDENCE.—Some time ago a fellow was charged in the Glasgow Police Court, with stealing a herring barrel from a person in Stockwell-street. After the charge had been proved, the principal accuser thus addressed the magistrate:—“Deed, Sir Bailie, the man at the bar is a great rogue; the stealing o' the barrel is naething to some o' his tricks. He stole my sign-board last week, and what does your honour think he did wi' it?” Magistrate: “That would be hard for me to say.” Witness: “Weel, sir, I'll tell ye. He brought it into my ain shop, wi' my ain name on't, and offered to sell me't as he said he thought it would be o' mair use to me than onybody else.”

THE WIG.—Rather an amusing incident happened in open court, after the judges had come to the determination of wearing wigs, in addition to the costume which, in everything but the wig, was the ordinary judicial dress. The wigs were ordered from England, and in the due course arrived, all carefully packed in boxes. Unluckily, the cockroaches had found their way into the wig-box of Sir Thomas Strange, and fed, much to their satisfaction, upon each side of it. Unfortunately, after the judges had seated themselves, each with his new wig, the holes gnawed by the ferocious insects began to make way for Sir Thomas's ears which in a few minutes were visible through them. The laughter that ran through the court having attracted his attention to the circumstance that afforded so much amusement, in a moment off went the wig indignantly over the heads of the prothonotary and his clerks, upon the area of the court. The example of the chief justice was instantly followed by the other judges, and one by one, like a leash of partridges, the three wigs flew across and lighted on the floor. This ludicrous circumstance so completely unhinged Sir Thomas, that he adjourned the court till the following day, for it was found impossible to hush the merriment it occasioned.—*Anglo India.*

CLIMAX.—I stood in the deserted halls of my fathers—I gazed round on the bare walls and down the hollow-sounding corridors—I cried aloud—“The friends of my early youth—where are they? where?” and Echo answered—“Really I don't know.”

EXTRAORDINARY INSTANCES OF LONGEVITY.—Apollonius, of Tyara, attained the age of 130, Llywarch Hen 150, Thomas Parr 152, Henry Jenkins 169, the Countess of Desmond 145, Thomas Dainma 154, Peter Parton 185, Margaret Patten 137, John Rovin and his wife 172 and 164, H. Mongate 185, Solomon Nibel 143, Judith Crawford 150, Robert Lynch 160, Catherine Lopez 134, Margaret Darley 130, Rebecca Pury 140, Frances Peat 130, Juan Moroygota 138, Joseph Bam 146, and Catherine Hiatt 150.

PILLOW COMFORTS.—The friendly suggestions of the pillow have done more good to mankind than all the enactments of the British legislature. His heart cannot be cold whose feet are warm in bed. Who that has a true relish for sleep, can draw a thick counterpane over the tip of his nose on a cold frosty night, and not feel pity for the poor unfortunates who have not a rug, or perhaps a rag, to shelter them from the piercing cold? Who that can lie in bed of a morning, as long as he pleases, can refrain from sympathising with the sorrows of the poor being who must rise before the crowing of the cock, from a pallet of straw, to earn his scanty day's subsistence? But I will say no more at present of the moral good that floats on the downy pinions of the goose or elder; and shall confine myself to the delights experienced by individuals from the enjoyment of a well-shaken and comfortable tucked up bed, and the alloy mixed up with those delights. Could Alexander or Bonaparte ever be happier than myself, when awaking in health and spirits from a night's sound sleep of some nine or ten hours' duration? To be sure all sublunary sweets must have their bitters, and so has waking in the morning. The first melancholy reflection that strikes me is, that some time or other I must get up. It is rather an unpleasant truth, that we cannot (or at least ought not) lie in bed all day; not that I consider there is any objection to sleeping away a few days, as well as nights, except the impracticability of such a plan; for I am sure it would be much better for the world if thousands of people never got out of bed at all.

A HOPEFUL CHILD.—It is stated in a letter from Sydney that the most productive article of taxation in the colony is spirits, which realizes a revenue of 12,000l.; thus unhappily showing that the great curse of the mother country follows her children wherever they go.

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LONGARD &amp; HERBERT.

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