

POETRY.

GRIEF'S GUARDION.

A pleasant Isle in desert place, Untouched by ship or bird's foot, A vast wherein we see no face, From which we hear no word: 'Tis in this earth in hours of bliss, When all that gleams is gold, The spirit world that circles this Is like a table-land.

COMMUNICATED.

REMINISCENCES.

By JOSEPH SHELDON.

As the WESLEYAN has a large circulation, it is possible that the following incident in connection with the introduction of Methodism in the locality where I was born may meet and interest some of the widely scattered sons of old Ireland.

He would then preach to a large and highly interested congregation, and in the progress of his sermon would relate his experience, tell where and when he was converted, tell where the ministry and then remark that his theological attainments consisted of two ideas—he knew the disease and he knew the cure.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

HARRIET ATWOOD BARKER.

Harriet Barker, the beloved daughter of Charles B and Caroline Barker, died in the Lord, on the 12th inst., at her father's residence in Sheffield, Newbury Co., N. E., aged 25 years.

THE LATE JOHN McMORRAN.

This morning Hightstown mourns the sudden death of a good man, and so quickly has the blow fallen that many even in the city of Newbury will gather the first news of his illness from this notice.

There are only 113 works in the English language which the blind can read. Producing books in raised letters is very expensive, and of course the sales are small, so that their publication is a matter of charity.

There is food for thought in the following: "Lor, missus," said the old lady "that make you pay money fur to send the child to school, I got one smart boy, Jonas, but I larne him my self."

Kate Shelby, to whom the Iowa Legislature has just given a gold medal and \$200, is only 15 years old. She lives near Des Moines at a point where a railroad crosses a gully at a great height.

the shame. Kate climbed to the remnant of the bridge with great difficulty, using an improvised lantern, and the engineer's voice answered her calls; but she could do nothing for him, and he was drowned.

BREVITIES.

If you find that a companion is not strictly upright and honest, shrike him off as the apple tree shakes off a wormy apple.

Every man has some peculiar train of thought which he falls back upon when alone. This, to a great degree, moulds the man.—Dugald Stewart.

Prof. Phelps of Andover does not like weeping clergymen. "In a public speaker," he says, "tears are an infirmity to be got rid of, never a gift to be vain of."

The Colonel, who lives in the South, was finding fault with Bill, one of his hands, for neglect of work, and saying he wouldn't have any more preachers about the place—they had too many protracted meetings to attend.

There are not a quick medicine in any sense, unless science and skill are quick, for advantage has been taken in their preparation of the learning and experience of eminent physicians and pharmacologists.

Old Madame Rothschild, mother of the mighty capitalists, attained the age of ninety-eight years. Her wit, which was remarkable, and her intellectual faculties, which were of no common order, were preserved to the end.

Madame was once holding a catechizing meeting, when old David Maxwell, a shepherd was present. It sometimes happened on such occasions that questions were put to seniors which they could not answer, and in consequence they felt affronted before the company.

When it came to David's turn he found that his Scripture knowledge was not equal to the question which he was required to answer. He however proved equal to the occasion in another way, for putting on his "best tone," he concealed his ignorance and saved his credit by replying, "Just answer that question yerself, Master Gillespie—ye'll pit the fair best gloss on't."

Theday will come—and may I do something to help it either—when the youth of our country will recognize that, taken in itself, it is a more manly, and therefore, in the old, true sense, a more gentlemanly thing to follow a good handicraft, if it makes the hands as black as coal than to spend the day in keeping books and making up accounts, though therein the hands remain white.

Not out that from a higher point of view, still, all work set by God and done divinely is of equal honor; and where there is a choice, I would gladly see a boy of mine choose rather to be a blacksmith, or a watchmaker, or a bookbinder than to work. Production—working—is a higher thing in the scale of reality than mere transaction, such as buying and selling. It is, besides, easier to do honest work than to buy and sell honestly.—George Macdonald.

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