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LOVE, DEATH, AND SORROW.

Upon a day of tierce and blinding rain,
One day they called Love was wed with one called Death;
She lovely as the rose, its breath her breath;
He swart as hight, and duly of there twain
A child was been called Serrow; and with pain
Like unto theirs whem nothing comforteth
Love clove to him; "My all in all," she saith,
"And if he die, for what can I be fain?"

Then wisdow came and said, "O foolish one,
Why dost thou fest? for Death is passing strong;
And thou, O Love, are yet more strong than he,
For all his brawn. Wherefore them needs't not shun
Hurt for thy Sorrow; he shall live as long
As thou canst wish; yes, only die with thee."

- John White Chada ak in May New England Magazine.

THE FIRST DANDELION.

Sumple and fresh and fair from Winter's close emerging,
As if no artifice of fashion, business, politics, had even seen,
Forth from its sunny nock of shelter'd grass innocent, golden, calm as the dawn.
The spring's first da. delion shows its trustful face

- Walt Whitman ..

HALIBURTON AND IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

Haliburton fretted under the cramping influence of belonging to an uncepresented dependency of the British Empire. He has compared the colonies to ponds which rear frogs, but want only outlets and .ulets to become lakes and produce fine fish. He observed that the streets of Gray's Elegy beginning, Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid," might be aptly inscribed over the gate of any colonial cemetery; for to those who rested there, as completely as to the peasants who slept in the churchyard at Stoke Poges, "their lot forbade," either to "sway the rod of empire," or to "read their history in a nation's eyes.

It is a strange coincidence that his ablest depreciator, Professor Felton, of Harvard College, shared Halburton's views on this subject. In his review Harvard College, shared Hallourion's views on this subject. In his review of The Attache, in the North American Review for January, 1844, Felton attributed what he terms "the antiquated political absurdities" of the judge to "the belittling effects of the colonial system on the intellects of coloniats. A full and complete national existence," added the Harvard professor, "is requisite to the formation of a manly, intellectual character. What great work of literature or art has the colonial mind ever produced? What free, creative action of genius can take place under the withering sense of inferiority that a distant dependency of a great empire can never escape from? Any consciousness of nationality, however humble the nation may be, is preferable to the second-hand nationality of a colony of the mightiest empire that ever flourished. The intense national pride which acts so forcibly in the United States is comething vastly better than the intellectual paralysis that deadens the energies of men in the British North American provinces."

To give Canadians full national life, with its wider horizon and more stimulating intellectual environment, Haliburton proposed an imperial federation, in which his country should be a full partner. The words "colonies" and "dependencies," he urged, should be disused; all the "British possessions" should be 'integral parts of one great whole." He thought the time was already at hand when "the treatment of adults should supercede that of children," in the case of colonies possessing responsible government. But he was not of those who want to obtain all the privileges of manhood, and to shirk its obligations and responsibilities. He did not clamor for the right to make treaties and have them enforced by the imperial services without offering something in return. He did not desire representation without taxation, as some parasitic colonists do to-day. He To give Canadians full national life, with its wider horizon and more resentation without taxation, as some parasitic colonists do to day. He wanted to see 1 ritons and colonists "united as one people, having the same rights and privileges, each bearing a share of the public burdens, and all baving a voice in the general government." Professor Drummond has strikingly described the detarioration of the hermit crab resulting from its habitually evading the natural responsibility of self-defense. Haliburton evidently feared an analogous tate for a nation permanently evading the same responsibility, and he tried sarcasm as well as argument to rouse his countrymen from their ignoble content- "Don't use that word 'our' till you are entitled to it," said the clockmaker. "Be formal and everlastin' polite. Say 'your' et:pire, 'your' army, etc., and never strut under borrowed plumes."

But Haliburton advocated imperial federation not only to improve the status of the colonies, but also to strengthen the empire, which, in its present state, he aptly likened to a barrel without hoops, and to a bundle of sticks, which must either be bound together more securely or else fall apart. He was a little too sanguine in expecting an early change. "Things can't and won't remain long as they are," said Mr. Slick in Nature and Human Nature, which was published in 1855. "England has three things among which to choose for her North American colonies; First, inc. rporation with herself, and representation in Parliament. Secondly, independence. Thirdly, annexation with the States." There are, however, some quiet observers in England, and one or two even in Canada, who hold that the prophecy havided by Senator Sherman in 1887, that within ten years Canada would be represented at Westminster or Washington, may yet prove true; but that the longer she defers choosing her path, the more libely she is to desid a more linear and other states.

likely she is to decide upon independence.

If Heliburton hoped to see the British Empire federated, and made what Professor James K. Hosmer gracefully calls "a great world-Venico, S. E. I FFFBVRE, Manager, 81 St. James St., Montreal, Canada. through which indeed the seas shall flow,—to unite, howover, not to di-