

He placed his Greek grammar in his hat, on the side of the chimney, near the forge, and studied the conjugation of the verbs while he blew the bellows. He soon became a Greek and Latin scholar. The modern languages he studied with native teachers. He first made himself acquainted with the heads of a family of languages, and he was then soon introduced to all its members. Thus a familiarity with Hebrew soon gave him not only a taste for Oriental literature, but enabled him soon to gain a knowledge of Syriac, Chaldaic, Ethiopic, Arabic, &c. By the time that he had attained the age of thirty, he had mastered FIFTY languages! During all this time he labored as a blacksmith *eight* hours per day. The reader must not suppose that Mr. Burritt is only a linguist; that he is one of those excelling in one department merely. Phrenologically speaking his organ of language is one of the lesser developments. Mathematics and the sciences are his favorite studies.

For the last five years he has been the Editor of a most excellent paper, called the "Christian Citizen," published in Worcester, Mass.

What constitutes Mr. Burritt a great man in our estimation, is: he consecrates all his literature and science, all his income and talents, to the promotion of "peace on earth and good will among men." For this purpose he has written and travelled, and lectured, quite extensively in the United States; and though in a poor state of health he has been peregrinating England, Ireland, and Scotland, much of the time on foot, during the last year. He has visited and examined personally the most distressed hovels, cabins, and districts in Ireland, and that too at a time when suffering was at its height. Through his influence a large proportion of the most liberal contributions of New England have been sent to Ireland. It was in consequence of his appeal to Lord John Russell, that an order was issued by the British government to transmit, at its own expense, all the benevolent contributions of Americans. But his great central thought is Peace—the formation of a league of the universal brotherhood of the whole human family. He has succeeded in banding together most of the choice spirits of Britain and America in a pledge of perpetual peace, and an eternal hostility to war and oppression of every kind.

Having nearly completed the preparatory work in Britain for the general diffusion of peace principles, he will soon, if he has not already, cross the English channel to begin the work in France. And now he will make his knowledge of the modern languages available in the circulation of peace principles in all the languages of modern Europe.

May many of our readers imitate his persevering industry in every good cause: that the work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in the Lord Jesus, may be as apparent as our zeal in the advocacy of the first principles of the gospel of Christ.

Below we give a specimen of Mr. Burritt's style as a writer.

W. W. E.

Laura Bridgman and her BARREL OF FLOUR.—We wonder if any of our young friends in England have not heard or read something of this interesting American girl? If there are any such to whom the story of Laura Bridgman is unknown, we would merely say, that she is a young