

LAWYERS' LYRICS.

Our readers will be glad to have another short poem of the great lawyer poet of Canada, Hon. Sir John Hawkins Hagarty, Knt., at one time Chief Justice of Ontario, on a subject of world-wide interest. It was especially so to those who lived in the times when the "Tight little Island" forbade the madness of the great warrior who sought to enslave the world, but who met his fate at Waterloo, in 1815, near the spot where the "contemptible little army" beat back the butchers of 1914. Napoleon was at the height of his fame in 1804, but in 1840 his conquerors gave up the body of the exile of St. Helena to be buried with military honours in his native land; and so we are given in classic verse:

THE FUNERAL OF NAPOLEON.

15th December, 1840.

Cold and brilliant streams the sunlight on the wintry banks of
Seine

Gloriously the Imperial City rears her pride of tower and fane—
Solemnly with deep voice pealeth, Notre Dame, thine ancient
chime,

Minute guns the death-bell answer in the same deep measur'd time

On the unwonted stillness gather sounds of an advancing host,
As the rising tempest chafeth on St. Helen's far-off coast;
Nearer rolls a might pageant—clearer swells the funeral strain,
From the barrier-arch of Neuilly pours the giant bu. ial train.

Dark with Eagles is the sunlight—Darkly on the golden air
Flap the folds of faded standards, eloquently mourning there—
O'er the pomp of glittering thousands, like a battle-phantom flits
Tatter'd flag of Jena—Friedland—Arcola, and Austerlitz.

Eagle-crown'd and garland circled, slowly moves the stately car,
'Mid a sea of plumes and horsemen—all the burial pomp of war—
Riderless, a war-worn charger follows his dead Master's bier—
Long since battle-trumpet roused him—he but lived to follow here.

From his grave, 'mid Ocean's dirges, moaning surge and sparkling
foam,

Lo, the Imperial Dead returneth—Lo, the Hero-dust comes home:
He hath left the Atlantic island, lonely vale and willow tree,
'Neath the Invalides to slumber, 'mid the Gallic chivalry.