

who attained to very ripe years, it is equally true that no small proportion of those who have left enduring monuments of their genius and industry have been taken out of life in comparatively early years. The following list of distinguished men, showing the age attained by each, is given by the editor, and will be read with interest by those who are curious in such matters :

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Cuvier.....	64	Voltaire.....	85
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If the measure of human life should be estimated, not by the number of years attained, but by the labours which have filled the years, and have been handed down as mental treasures to posterity, who that is gifted with a just appreciation of the products of poetic genius will not say that the first nine names are those of the longest lived in the preceding illustrious roll? It is almost a pity that we find Milton to have lived fourteen years longer than Shakespeare; and had Goethe died thirty years younger than he did, it is questionable whether his "Faust" would not have seen the light in even a more attractive form than that in which, near the close of life, he gave to fame this conception of his youth. We might well excuse a less masterly definition of the arch-fiend Mephistopheles, had the poet been more expansive in his delineation of the innocent Margaret. If he had to live to four score before giving the finishing touches to his picture of the Devil, the world would have been no loser by his earlier demise, and posterity would have adored him had his Margaret

come down to us with that richness of colouring with which, beyond doubt, he had graced this simple child of nature, ere his ripened familiarity with human debasement enabled him to cope with the malignant devices of the "Father of Lies." But these sentimental aberrations are rather foreign to the purpose which should be had in view in drawing popular attention to the entertaining and instructive little book presented to us in so pleasing and simple a style as that in which it comes from the hands of its illustrious editor. The reader who will take it up with the desire and the expectation of being pleased with its varied contents, will have no reason to accuse himself of any waste of his time; and as it is divided into short chapters, which may be taken up in spare intervals without any danger of breaks of continuity, it will be found well suited to the requirements and the taste of those who desire to indulge in occasional brief mental regalements, which at once lighten the toils of every-day life and impart fresh invigoration to the mind.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.—The seventh session of the International Medical Congress will be held in London, England, from August 3rd to August 9th, 1881. All communications respecting the Congress should be addressed to Wm. McCormac, Esq., Hon. Secretary-General, 13 Harley Street, London, W.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

In Oshawa, on September 29th, the wife of Dr. W. Coburn, of a son.

MARRIED.

At Toronto, on September 28th, Frank S. Keale, M.B., of Gravenhurst, to Charlotte Grace, eldest daughter of B. W. Murray, Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

In Jefferson, Ohio, on September 30th, 1880, Dr. C. B. Healy, of Brantford, Ont., to Miss Emma Harris, of Jefferson.

On October 6th, at 112 Parliament Street, Toronto, J. M. Piper, M.D., of London, Ont., to Beckie, second daughter of Wm. Boddy, Esq., Toronto.

At Northwoodbank, in the village of Nixon, County of Norfolk, W. Tisdale, M.D., of Lynedoch, to Miss Addie L. Wood.

On September 28th, at the residence of the Hon. D. Morrison, St. Cloud, Minn., by the Rev. Thomas Riley, C. E. Stinson, M.D., to Annie, only daughter of E. R. Abell, Chief Engineer of the Hudson Bay Company.

DEATHS.

In Kingston, September 25th, Thomas B. Tracy, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., aged 38 years.

At No. 38 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh, Scotland, on 9th October, 1880, Euphemia, relict of the late Dr. Telfer, of this city, aged 77 years.