OBITUARY. LAST VOTAGE OF THE

All is peace where my Lord doth dwellOft, in the murk of the misty night,
His pure eyes pierce the purple gloom,
Flooding my soul with a mysile light,
Fairer far than a flip's bloom !
Oft, again, when the tide runs low,
And the breeze is soft as a baby's sigh,
faint at His feet in the sunlight's glow,
For very joy that my Love is nigh!

A FOOL AND HIS FOLLY.

A, Tale of the Time of Henry VIII.

these she repaired to the little, rough, es lay for the last time on their pallet bed, awake, and watching for ter, with Spring at their feet. The old woman stood over them. as hably never see more, but she was a that ' with the new madam in the hall ' She advised leaving their valuables

Abbot, but they were averse to this-for they said their Uncle Randall, who had not seen them since they were rithout some pledge. She shook her head, 'The less you

said. , Come now, lads, be advised, and go no farther than Winchester, where Master Ambrose may get all the book-learning he is ever craving for, urself to some good trade.'
'Prentice!' cried Stephen, scorn-

Aye, Aye. As good blood as thine has been 'prenticed,' returned Joan.

Better so than be a cut-throat swordone else, or getting thyself slain-a terror to all peaceful folk. But thine ad always was he-was Master Dick.

woman rolled up their new suits with some linen into two nest knapwa to him at Winches-

## CHAPTER II. THE GRANGE OF SILKSTEDE.

Very early in the morning, even ac to the habits of the time, we Stephen and Ambrose Birkenhole netir. They were full of ardor to enter the Forest, and, much as they loved it any change that kept them still to

tolded up their fardels on their backs, and packed the wallet's for the day's them to be good lads, to say their Pater, Gredo and Ave daily, and nit Mass on a Sunday. They ed her like their mother and proand Stephen took his . They had had some hope of setting forth so early as to avoid all other human farewells, except that Ambrose wished to begin by going to Beaulieu to take leave of the Father who had been his beautiful to take leave of the Father who had been his kind master, and get his blessing and counsel. But Beaulieu was three miles out of their way, and ore afraid of hindra thrown in their way.

Moreover, contrary to their expecta-on, their elder brother came forth and clared his intention of setting them sclared his intention of setting teem a their way, bestowing a great amount of good advice, to the same purport as ant of Nurse Joan, namely, that they hould let their Uncle Richard Birken-

story in his own way, and that they ald not present themselves there as

"What hast thon to say to that de

rise, Ambrose?, asked John, appealing Augustinians. to the elder and wiser brother.'

was not there. pered by vouth's impatience for something new. The nightingales sang, monk, had joined in the chase in the the thrushes flew out before them, the Forest. wild duck and moorhen glauced on

saw any, save when they halted at the scholar in thee.' tittle hamlet of Minestead, where a small ale-house was kept by one Will Purkiss, who claimed descent from the perhaps Ambrose and John were the the refectory.

only persons behind the walls of Beauhave taken place in the last generation.

known and trained for difficulties to arise as to leading a dog through the ter gave her a far better chance of their being cared for, then letting them be floated into ill-doing by their ground was much of the same gr kind. Only the smooth, treeless hills

they saw no more deer, but here and at poor weary Spring, even as their college masters were more disposed to throw

By and by, on the further side of a green valley, could be seen buildings with an encircling wall of flint and nortar faced with ruddy brick, the dark, red-tiled roofs rising among walnut-trees, and an orchard in full bloom spreading into a long green

\*Wischester must be nigh. The sun Hyde Abbey he could not show ther is getting low,' said Stephen.
' We will ask. The good folk will at east give us an answer,' said Ambrose

farm-yard, to receive an account of the day's work, and, doffing his cap, Ambross asked whether Winchester were near.

out his tongue and panting spasmadi-seally. 'A noble beast,' he said, of the Windsor breed, is't not?' Then, laying his hand on the graceful head, 'Poor fold hound, thou art o'er travelled. He is aged for such a journey, if you came

The old bound is half blind and past ay! My lads, I have a call to Winches-brought back associations of use. No man will take thee in with the to-morrow; you'd best tarry the unbearable pain. Happily, him after thee. Sloveller, having seen his

"Who spoke of hanging him?" as Spring, happy as he was with the men the way to Hyde Abbey, so "Thy wife will soon, if she hath not trough of water before him, seemed all original one that were soon. already."

"Thou wilt be for hanging him thyself or the first, tried to stand over it, and short the first, tried to lep lying down self-or thou hast made a day's journey with him on the king's highway, which is not like these forest paths, I would over by one of the monks, with have thee know. Why, he limps aland a little colony of hinds, in the sur-Then I'll carry him, said Stephen. Founding cottages, to cultivate the dwell after them. farm, and tend a few cattle and numer-

Father Shoveller, as the good-natur-But Ambrose only answered "I'll ed friar who had received the travellers meadows stretched away to the banks help," and as John had no particular was called, took them into the spacious of the Itchen, with cattle grazing in esire to retain the superanguated but homely chamber which served as ound, and preferred, on the whole, to refectory, kitchen and hall. He called red sentencing him, no more to the lay brother who was busy over was said on the subject as they went the open hearth to fry a few more led the two visitors, and calling to an long, natil all John's stock of good rashers of bacon; and after they had other of the monks, 'Benedici unsel had been lavished on his washed away the dust of their journey Porter, here be two striplings wanting brothers' impatient ears. He bade them farewell, and turned back to the his thirst, they sat down with him to a 'Looking after dead m lodge, and they struck away along the hearty supper, which smacked more of trow, muttered the porter, with a sour woodland pathway, which they had the grange than of the monastery, look at the lade, as he led them through

een told led to Winchester, though spread on a large solid oak table, and the outer court, where some fine hors they had never been thither, nor seen any town save Southnupton and Rompast was shared by the lay brethren second court surrounded with a beautisey at long intervals. On they went, and farm servants, and also by two or ful cloister, with flower beds in front of sometimes through beech and oak three sheep dogs, who had to be taught woods of noble, almost primeval trees, their manners towards Spring.

cherry, and beneath with wide spaces one spoke, but one of the brethren read they are your kindred, Master Birke covered with young green bracken, aloud some theological book from a holt.' whose soft, irregular masses on the stone pulpit in the wall. Here Brother undulating ground had somewhat the Shoveller conversed without stint, alternated with stretches of yellow be a kind of bailiff, with whom he discotton-grass, and pools of white crow- into market the next day, and the saying roughly: 'There he is. Tel foot, and all the vegetation of the prices to be given for them by either your errand." mountain side, only that the mountain the college, the castle, or the butchers of Boucher Row. He, however, found tured Ambrose. The brothers looked with eyes untaught to care for beauty, but with a being sprung from a family in the imertain love of the home scenes, tem- mediate neighborhood, he knew the still more. verdurer's name, and, ere he was a

There was a little oratory attached on the furrows left by the snout of the brethren kept the hours. Ambrose's wild swine, and in the open tracts rose responses made their host observe as

Winchester—the one fact in history the lay brethren slept promiscuously master? Wilt follow me now? mown to all New Foresters, though among their sheep dogs on the floor of He was thinking of a Spring as well

lieu who did not suppose the affair to and Stephen and Ambrose were in the Queen's Bower this summer were welcome as the heat of the day driven from their fold to meet their breath of his native Forest, but there be did. They met hardly anyone, and es, but the sheep might delay them, the Verdurer's lodge; but that he

The breakfast was of oatmeal porwhere they had always been told Wia great contentment, and rode off, accomthester lay, seemed more defined, and modating his pace to that of his young said: 'So, young sirs, have you seem companions up a stony cart track enough of your doting kinsman? The which soon led them to the top of a subprior bids me say that we harbor no barley were growing, and black-tim- chalk down whence, as in a map, they strange, idling, lubber lads nor strange ered farm houses began to show could see Winchester, surrounded by dogs here. Tis enough for us to be hemselves at intervals. Herd boys, its walls, lying in a bollow between saddled with dissolute old men-at as rough and unkempt as their charges, the smooth green hills. At one end arms without all their idle kin making could be seen looking after little tawny rose the castle, its fortifications cover- an excuse to come and pay their de cows, black-faced sheep, or spotted ing its own hill, beneath, the valley. pigs, with curs which barked fleroely the long, low massive Cathedral, the pinnacles, and, nearer at hand, among Majesty speaks of, they will be one of the trees, the Alms-house of Noble the first matters to be amended.' Poverty at St. Cross, beneath the round hill of St. Catherine. Churches and monastic buildings stood thickly gates shut behind them. and monastic buildings stood thickly in the town, and indeed, Brother there were well-nigh as many churches as folk to go to them; the place was decayed since the time he ren when Prince Arthur was born there

from where they stood, as it lay further off by the river side. Brother Shoveller asked the boys s, being plough horses was passing in, led by a ter and peasant lad, while a lay brother, with his gown tucked up, rode sideways on one whistling. An Answerfeld was a collection of the woodmen, and the one, whistling. An Augustínian monk, only answer that had been returned kindly and sunburnt, stood in the was that Master Richard Birkenho was ill at ease, but would have Mas

said for his brother's soul.' At that moment they came up wit the sheep, and his attention was 'Three mile or thereaway, my good wholly absorbed by them, as he joined should let their Uncle Richard Birkenholt find them some employment at
Winchester, where they, or at least
Ambroes, might even obtain admission
into the famous College of St. Mary.

In fact, this excellent elder brother
paramaded himself that it would be
deligg them an absolute wrong to keep
and promising youths hidden in the
Forest.

The purpose of his going thus far
with them soon made itself evident.
It was to see them past the turning to
Beaulieu. No doubt he wished to tell
the story in his own way, and thet they
could not present themselves there as
a celly. 'A noble beast,' he said, of the
college and drivers, the consequence, and are bound for
Hyde Abbey, where our uncle, Master
Richard Birkenholt, dwells.'

'And oh, sir.', added Stephen, 'may
we crave a drop of water for our dog?'
The monk smiled as he looked at
Spring, who had flung himself down to
take advantage of the halt. hanging
the story in his own way, and thet they
could not present themselves there as
colly. 'A noble beast,' he said, of the
college of St. Mary.

It has been to the mook; 'thou'lt see the
towers an ye mount the hill. Whence
art thou?' he added, looking at the
two young atrangers. 'Scholars? The
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stred who were driving the two young atrangers.

'And choking lad,' said the monk; 'thou'lt see the the lay brothers in directing the shep

his hand on the graceful head, 'Poor of the churches that surrounded the old hound, thou art o'er travelled. He is aged for such a journey, if you came from the Forest since morn. Twelve years at the least, I should say, by his muzsle.'

'Your reverence is right,' said States he is twelve years old. He is two years younger than I am, and may father gave him to me when he was a little wheip.'

'So thou must needs take him to seek thy fortune with thee,' said the good-natured Augustinan, not knowning how truly he spoke. 'Come in, my lad, here's a drink for him. What and you we your unde's mame? and as Ambrose repeated it, 'Birkenholt'! Living on a corrody at Hydel Ay! one of them was playing on a rebeck 'University of the country was playing on a rebeck'.

On the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Church. This will be a good opportunity for impecting our great Stone Church, now nearly completed, and pronounced by all competent younger than I am, and may father gave him to me when he was a little wheip.'

'So thou must needs take him to seek thy fortune with thee,' said the good-natured Augustinan, not knowning longitudes and peddlers, though in no great numbers, as this was only a Wednesday market day,not a fair. Ambrose recognized one or two who made part of the crowd at Besulieu only two days previdesty.

The stemme Moniague will run all day on Georgetown Ferry.

Should the day prove unfavorable and the plane on the next fine besulieu only two days previdesty.

Wednesday, the 15th of Augustin grounds of the Catholic Church. This will be a good opportunity for impecting our great Stone Church, now nearly completed, and pronounced by all competent younger than I am, and my father gave him to me when he was a little wheip.'

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fare forward with me.

The tree boys were heartily glad to accept the invitation, more especially as Spring, happy as he was with the men the way to Hyde Abbey, cially attendance show the young gen

Soon they came in sight of a large ous sheep, the special care of the extent of manastic buildings, partly of stone, but the more dome

Through a gate between two litt 'Looking after dead men's shoes,

but more often across tracts of holly underwood, illuminated here and there with the snowy garments of the wild lieu in the great refectory, where no their guide shouted: 'These boys say that are your kindred, Master Birken-There was none of the formality that sat a decrepit old man, both his hands

with palsy. The lads knew him to b effect of the waves of the sea. These chiefly with the brother who seemed to older than their father, but they were gorse, and brown heather, sheets of cussed the sheep that were to be taken and the monk did not aid them, only 'How fares it with you, uncle?' ven-

Who be ye? I know none of you, muttered the old man, shaking his head

'We are Ambrose and Stephen, from the Forest,' shouted Ambrose.
'Ah! Steve! Poor Steve! The acthe pools. Here and there they came to the hall, where he and the lay as I would never have known him. Poor Steve! Rest his soul!

The old man began to weep, while the graceful heads of the deer, but of they went out: Thou hast thy Latin his nephews recollected that they had inhabitants or travellers they scarce pat, my son, there's the making of a heard that another uncle had been slain by the tusk of a wild boar in early Then they took their first night's manhood. Then, to their surprise, hi est away from home, in a small guest eyes fell on Spring, and calling the chamber, with a good bed, though bare hound by name, he caressed the charcoal burner who had carried in all other respects. Brother Shovel- creature's head—'Spring, poor Spring William Rufus' corpse to burial at ler likewise had a cell to himself, but Stevie's faithful old dog. Hast lost thy

as of a Stevie of sixty years ago, and All were about in the early morning, he babbled on of how many fawns were awakened by the tumultuous bleatings and who had shot best at the butts at A draught of ale and a short rest of the flock of sheep that were being Lyndhurst, as if he were excited by the see to that—a steadyminded was meaning the old dog plod wearily on with his tongue out, so that supplied up their new suits handled lead have to be his bearer—a serious matter, for the creature at full length measured nearly anyone, and the fingers would deal with the did. They met hardly anyone, and the fine fine of the day anyone, and the fine fine of the day driven from their fold to meet their fate at Winchester market. They was no making him understand that the was speaking with his nephews. The name of his brother John only set have to the shepherds, and they made the was speaking with his nephews. The name of his native forest, but there was no making him understand that the was speaking with his nephews. The name of his brother John only set have to the shepherds, and they made the was speaking with his nephews. The name of his brother John only set him repeating that John loved the greenwood, and would be content to the him the poor Steries place and dwell in the lead of the day of the poor steries place and dwell in the steries of the day of the poor steries place and dwell in the steries of the day of the part of the care was no making him understand that the was speaking with his nephews. The name of his brother John only set him repeating that John loved the part of the at Winchester market. They was no making him understand that the was speaking with his nephews. they and Spring were alike too well and they had best break their fast ere himself ought to be abroad, he had at Southampton, John might stay at

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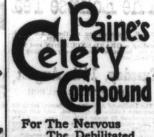
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