

## STRAY STANZAS.

See'st thou yon bubble, which the rapid stream,  
 Whose troubled waters chafe the rugged shore,  
 Bears onward with resistless force supreme,  
 Toward the eddy, where 'mid wild uproar  
 'Twill burst and vanish like an idle dream?  
 Or, sink beneath the wave to rise no more?

In that frail bark behold the joys of life;  
 In that wild stream, the stream of time behold,  
 Whose rapid current, fill'd with angry strife,  
 Beareth the bubbles on its bosom cold,  
 To the lone tomb, with gloomy terrors rife,  
 The last, sad, earthly bourne of young and old.

See'st thou yon drooping flow'r, which fell decay  
 Hath robb'd of beauty's sweetly blushing bloom;  
 Fast fading from the tearful sight away  
 To fill the precincts of an early tomb?  
 And know'st thou not that spring's invig'ring ray,  
 Shall bid it all its glorious life resume?

Then in the fading flow'ret, friend, perceive  
 Thy blissful lot; tho' death thy form consign  
 To kindred dust, repine not thou, nor grieve,  
 For thou shalt live again in that fair clime,  
 Where faith shall all its pure reward receive,  
 And life undying in new glory shine.

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## REVIEW.

*IMPARTIAL VIEW of the Causes and Effects in the present Social Condition OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, with Practical Suggestions.* BY JOHN GEORGE MARSHALL.

To take a broad and comprehensive view of the present Social Condition of so immense an empire as Great Britain, and to bring to the consideration of the subject, a mind at once vigorous, suggestive and practical, is one of those things certainly much to be desired, but which from the vast difficulty and grave responsibility surrounding it, will be approached with caution, by those who are really qualified "to rise to the height of this great argument."

Mr. Marshall has undertaken the matter in a series of letters now before us—and he certainly enters upon his subject with a confidence from which something ought to be expected, but with a rashness, we should perhaps say ignorance, certainly with a mass of unreasoning prejudice which we never before saw equalled. After citing his authorities, which are for the most part,