

Clement Shorter, which the London Times regards as "the cleverest retrospect of the literature of the reign that we have seen." This is a volume of 228 duodecimo pages, prettily bound, and the Drysdale Company sells it for the low price of seventy-five cents. Every British writer of any note, who wrote during the Queen's long reign, is noticed at greater or less length in this delightful epitome of literature. Few people are familiar with the name of Thomas Toke Lynch, the author of that beautiful, but rarely published hymn, "Heart of Christ, O cup most Golden." Turn to page 166 of *Victorian Literature*, and find there his history boiled down into eight lines. He was a congregational minister at Hampstead, London, and his book of poems, called "The Rivulet," was branded as heretical. Times have changed, but not so much as to lead to the building of the sepulchres of those whom the fathers slew. Mr. Shorter's manual should be in the hands of every lover of English literature, who cannot fail to profit largely by a perusal of and frequent reference to it. I have not had time to count the number of titles in *Victorian Literature*, but they must be nearer two than one thousand. American writers, whether of the United States or of Canada, have no place in the volume.

The last of Mr. Bowden's publications sent by the Drysdale Company is, "Pictures from the Life of Nelson," by W. Clark Russell. This is a beautifully got up 8vo. of 301 pages and nine illustrations, and sells in Canada for one dollar and eighty cents. Mr. Clement Shorter, whom we have just left, in his capacity as editor of the *Illustrated London News*, asked Mr. Clark Russell to write his pictures. He was fortunate in getting an author so well qualified from his experience of life at sea, and by his extensive literary labors, to perform this task. The work is well done in twelve stirring chapters, written in the best style of one to whom it was a labor of love. Mr. Clark Russell might be called a Nelson worshipper. He certainly regards him as the greatest of England's heroes, and, while he altogether disapproves of Lady Hamilton, holding her evil record up to