

POETRY.

ON THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN A. HARVIE.

Gone, mortals cry 'midst blinding tears, to-day  
Gone, nevermore again to come, this way,  
He heard the Saviour's voice, "Come home, my child."

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

JOSHUA TUTTLE.

Our Society at Wallace Bay has sustained a very heavy loss, in the sudden removal of Bro. Joshua Tuttle, (a brother of the Rev. George W. Tuttle.)

As I stood by his bedside, the day after he was taken ill, he remarked, "Ah, what frail creatures we are; ever since I have been lying here the passage has been constantly in my mind."

MR. JOHN A. HARVIE.

On Tuesday forenoon, March 14th, a despatch was received at Avondale announcing the death that morning of Mr. John Andrew Harvie at Hyde Park, Boston.

John Andrew Harvie was the second son of Eitanah and Margaret Harvie, and was born at Avondale, Nov., 1834.

For many years, down to the end of life, Mr. Harvie proved a valued and efficient class-leader.

out of each week he was found at his post in the Lord's house. For many years he has been Sabbath-school superintendent, and never did scholars more intend, and never did superintendents love and revere their superintendent than did they Mr. Harvie.

As a shipbuilder and ship owner, having also interests in other local industries and commercial institutions, his business connections were both extensive and important.

BESIEGED.

On the 9th ult., the Rev. George Weaving gave an address in City Road Chapel, London, in which some of his experiences during the siege of Pretoria were given.

"One day a proclamation was made establishing the South African Republic, and notice was sent from the Boer camp to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the commander of the troops to clear out of the country within twenty-four hours, or it would be considered a declaration of war.

EARTHQUAKES.

The recent terrible disaster in Costa Rica gives additional interest to the subject of destruction by earthquakes. The four towns reported destroyed by the earthquake are on the southwestern side of the mountains.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

The London Lancet in speaking of the Queen's health says: "It is no mere figure of speech to say that Queen Victoria lives in the hearts of those she rules over."

Majesty is able to enjoy a period of perfect repose in retirement, she will doubtless return with renewed strength to the discharge of her duties at the fitting time.

BREVITIES.

We polish marble, not clay. If one would be a polished gentleman he must have solidity.

"Put no fulsome compliments on my tombstone," said a wag. "Don't give me any epitaphy."

A little girl being asked what God made her for, replied, "To wear a red feller in my hat." Some older persons seem to have no higher conception of their mission.

In his experiments with the strength of insects, Plateau, the French naturalist, has ascertained that in proportion to its size the June-bug is as powerful as a locomotive.

The "idle words" for which we are to be brought to judgment are not the fun and laughter which keep the spirits up; but lamentations we need not make or prayers we do not mean or will not work to win.—Edward Garrett.

John (a neighbor).—"I have told me, Jess, that yer cousin Willie's awa to the mad house." Jess—"Doe it's ow're true. It was w' study." John—"Oh, was he comin' out for a minister?" Jess—"Oh no, but he wrought on an' made poetry, an' the ends wadna come rich, an' that put him wrang."

What is 'moral insanity?' 'Wickedness,' says Dr. Gray. What is 'kleptomania?' 'Stealing,' says Dr. Gray. What is 'dipsomania?' 'Drunkenness,' says Dr. Gray. What is 'pyromania?' 'Incendiarism,' says Dr. Gray. These technical terms the Dr. puts into plain English.

An exchange wisely says: "Don't talk about breaking a child's will any more than you would of breaking his back, unless you wish to make a mental cripple of him for life."

Only eleven English sovereigns since the Conquest have exceeded the age of sixty-two—which Queen Victoria has just attained. Only three enjoyed a longer reign. The Emperor of Germany, and King of the Netherlands, and the King of Denmark are the only European rulers older than Victoria.

A Parisian lady called on her milliner the other day, to "take up" the character of a servant. The respectable appearance of the latter was beyond questioning. "But is she honest?" asked the lady. "I am not so certain about that," replied the milliner. "I have sent her to you with my bill a dozen times, and she has never yet given me the money."

One of our esteemed professors says she does not even know the fitness of things. For only the other day he brought home a real funny motto for his dining-room, that had worked on it, "Nature abhors a vacuum," supposing she knew where to hang it; but she didn't, for he found it hanging over his own picture in the parlor that very afternoon.

Garibaldi loves the sea and cannot bear to be away from it. When he was carried out on a terrace overlooking the water after his recent illness, he cried: "Here I have the sea; I live on the sea; and for my sailors the sea is life!"

Mrs. Lockwood, the well-known feminine lawyer of Washington, had opposed to her in a case recently, a witty attorney, who was somewhat puzzled as to how he should refer to her. He could not address her as "my learned brother," and my "learned sister" seemed out of place; so he extorted himself from his dilemma, and produced a roar of laughter from the judge, jury and spectators, by alluding to her as "my learned sister-in-law."

A French paper mentions an extraordinary instance of hallucination that one of the members of the Executive Council of the Bank of Brussels was many years ago seized with the conviction that his legs were of glass, positively refused to move. A financial crisis came, involving to some extent the Bank. Mr. B. got up and went to Brussels, where by his energy and skill he largely assisted in getting matters straight. At the end of a month he returned home, remarked how marvelous it was that he had not smashed even one of his legs, and taking to his bed once more never again left it.

When Professor Aytoun was wooing Miss Wilson, daughter of Professor Wilson, the famous "Christopher North," he obtained the lady's consent conditionally on that of her father's being secured. This Aytoun was much too shy to ask, and he prevailed upon the young lady herself to conduct the necessary negotiations.

"We must deal tenderly with his feelings," said glorious old Christopher "I'll write my reply on a slip of paper, and pin it to the back of your frock." "Papa's answer is on the back of my dress," said Miss Jane, as she entered the drawing-room. Turning her round, the delighted professor read these words: "With the author's compliments."—Chambers' Journal.

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