

POETRY

A LONG WHILE AGO

BY L. E. L.

Still hangeth down the old accustom'd willow,
Hiding the silver underneath each leaf,
So drops the long hair from some maiden's
pillow,
When midnight heareth the else silent
grief;
There floats the water-lily, like a sove-
reign
Whose lovely empire is a fairy world,
The purple dragon-fly above it hovering
As when its fragile ivory uncouth'd
A long while ago.

I here the bees in sleepy music winging
From the wild thyme when they have
passed the noon—
There is the blackbird in the hawthorn
singing,
Stirring the white spray with the same
sweet tune;
Fragrant the tansy breathing from the
meadow,
As the west wind bend down the long
green grass,
Now dark, now golden, as the fleeting shad-
ow
Of the light clouds pass as they went
to pass
A long while ago.

There are the roses which we used to
gather
To bind a young fair brow no longer
fair;
Ah! thou art mocking us, thou summer
weather,
To be so sunny with the loved one!
—where?
Tis not her voice—'tis not her step—that
lingers
In lone familiar sweetness on the wind
The bee, the bird are now the only sing-
ers—
Where is the music once with theas
combined
A long while ago?

As the lorn flowers, that in her pale hands
perish'd
Is she who only hath a memory here:
She was so much apart of us, so cherish-
ed—
So young, that even love forgot to
fear,
Now is her image paramount, it reign-
eth
With a sad strength that time may not
subdue;
And memory a mournful triumph gain-
eth,
As the slow looks we cast around re-
new
A long while ago.

Thou lovely garden! where the summer
covers
The tree with green leaves, and the
ground with flowers;
Darkly the past around thy beauty ho-
vers—
The past—the grave of our once hap-
py hours.
It is too bad to gaze upon the seeming
Of nature's changeless loveliness, and
feel
That with the sunshine round, the heart
is dreaming
Darkly o'er wounds inflicted, not to
heal,
A long while ago.

Ah! visit not the scenes where youth and
childhood
Pass'd years that deepened as those
years went by;
Shadows will darken in the careless wild-
wood—
There will be tears upon the tranquil
sky.
Memories, like phantoms, haunt me while
I wander
Beneath the drooping boughs of each
old tree:
I grow too sad as mournfully I ponder
Things that are not—and yet that used
to be—
A long while ago.

Worn out—the heart seems like a ruin'd
altar—
Where are the friends; and where the
faith of yore?
My eyes grow dim with tears—my foot-
steps falter—
Thinking of those whom I can love no
more
We change, and others change—while
recollection
Would fain renew what it can but re-
call.
Dark are life's dreams, and weary its af-
fection,
And cold its hopes—and yet I felt
them all
A long while ago.

Women's Tongues.—In many
country churches it is the custom

to place the men on one side and
the women on the other. One
day in the middle of the sermon a
monk heard some one talking;
and this interruption disturbing
him he complained of it. A wo-
man started up immediately, in
hopes of vindicating her sex, and
said, "However, reverend father,
it is not on our side." "So much
the better, my good woman, so
much the better (answered the
monk), it will sooner be at an
end."

When the brave corporal Caith-
ness was asked, after the battle of
Waterloo, if he was not afraid, he
replied, "Afraid I why, I was in
all the battles of the Peninsula!"
and having it explained, that the
question merely related to a fear
of losing the day, he said, "Na,
na, I did na fear that, I was only
afraid we should be all killed be-
fore we had time to win it."

Barbers Wit.—A hair-dresser,
at Halifax, informed one of his
customers that he had just been
finishing off an attorney, who had
departed soon after for York, to
attend to his professional duties at
the assizes: on which the gentle-
man inquired if he, the barber,
had any cause to try there? "No
(replied the operator), I had much
rather shave a lawyer than let a
lawyer shave me."

Naval Wit.—An officer of the
navy being asked what Mr. Burke
meant by the 'cheap defence of
nations!' replied, that many per-
sons in his line understood him to
mean a Midshipman's halfpay
'nothing a day and find himself.'

When the celebrated Bean Nash
was ill, Dr. Cheyne wrote a pre-
scription for him. The next day
the doctor coming to see his pati-
ent, inquired if he had followed his
prescription. "No, faith, doctor
(said he), if I had I should have
broke my neck, for I threw it out
of a two pair of stairs window."

When the periodical paper call-
ed the 'World' was in course of
publication, Mr. Owen Cambridge
was a frequent contributor to it.
One day at church, Mrs. Cam-
bridge observing her husband re-
markably serious, and as she im-
agined pensive, asked what he was
thinking of? "The next World,
my dear," replied the poet.

A curious proclamation was re-
cently made at Tewksbury, from a
written paper, of which the follow-
ing is a literal copy: "Hobnail's
Wake. This is to give notice on
Tuesday next, a hat to be played
at bac sord fore. Two Belts to be
tuseld fore. A plum cake to be
gump in bags fowr. A pond of
backer to be bold fore, and a showl
to danc fore hy wimen."

Productive Power of Fishes.—
The amazing reproductive powers
of fishes are universally admitted,
but their extent is not so well
known. In the ovary of the cod
in December, were found 3,686-
769 ova; in the flounder in March,
1,357,400; in the herring in Oc-
tober, 36,960; and in the tench,
383,252.

Age of Fishes.—Little is known
with regard to the comparative age
of fishes. The carp has been
known to reach 200 years, and
the pike to 260, and if the whale
be frund of less size now than in
former ages when their fishery was
but little attended to, it may be
conjectured, that their age is still
more considerable.

STOP READ!

At considerably Reduced Prices.

The Subscriber

HAVING JUST RECEIVED
THE FULL SUPPLY OF

The under-mentioned Articles, re-
commends them as worthy the
attention of the Public, as
he intends to dispose of
them at a very low figure
above the Invoice
Cost, viz.:

Jacquet and Mull Ditto
Ladies' Work'd Lace and Muslin Collars
Colored Jacquets
Laced Edgings
Men's Braces
Men's stout Yarn Hose
Men's Worsted Ditto
Men's Lambswool Ditto
Women's Black Ditto Ditto
Men's Cuff'd and Milled Gloves
Men's Fleece Ditto
Women's Fine Ditto
Women's Black and White Cotton Do.
Cotton and Regatta Shirts
Men's Drawers
Boy's Cloth and Plush Caps
White and Grey Shirts
White Counterpanes
White Flannels
Women's White and Colored Stays
Men's and Woman's Shoes and Boots
A few Martin Bows
Swansdown Ruffs, Wadding
Men's Beaver Hats
Men's Guernsey Frocks
Canvas Frocks
Whitney Blankets
Petersham's, Pilot Cloths
Superfine Brown, Blue & Olive Cloths
Moleskins
Tea Trays
Rum, Molasses, Sugar, Tea
Pork, Butter
Soap by the box
Upper and Sole Leather
Earthenware, Pipes
Tobacco and Snuff, in large and small
quantities
And Sundry other Articles.

GEORGE W. GILL

Carbonear,

November 22, 1837.

ALL Persons having any Claim
on the Estate of ROBERT
DOBIE, of Kirkaldy, (North Britain),
late of Brigus, Surgeon, Deceased,
are requested to present the same to the
subscriber; and all Persons indebted to
the said Estate, are required to make
immediate payment to

JULIA DOBIE,
Administratrix.

MIDDLE-BIGHT PACKET

ROBERT and JOHN HINDS, of
Middle-Bight, begs most respect-
fully to inform their Friends and the
Public, that they have a safe and com-
modious Four-sail BOAT, which they
intend running the Winter, as long as
the weather will permit, between Middle-
Bight, Brigus and Port-de-Grace. One
of the Owners of the Packet will call
every Tuesday morning at Messrs. PER-
CHARD & BOAG's for Letters and Packages,
and then proceed across the Bay as soon
as wind and weather will allow; and in
case of their being no possibility of pro-
ceeding by Water, the Letters will be
forwarded by Land, by a careful Person,
and the utmost punctuality observed.

They beg to state, also, that they have
good and comfortable Lodgings, and
every necessary that may be wanted, and
on reasonable terms.

TERMS:

Passengers 5s. each
Single Letters 1s. "
Double Ditto 2s. "
Packages in proportion.

Not accountable for cash or any other
valuable property put on board.
Letters will be received at Mr. Mc-
Leer's Bookseller, for the above Places,
and for Harbor Grace and Carbonear.
January 20, 1838.

Indentures

FOR SALE at this Office.
Harbor Grace Feb, April 4.

FUSSELL'S IDEA OF A FUTURE LIFE.—
One of his arguments was, that this life
is so short, that few men had time to
perform a quarter of what they were ca-
pable of doing; and that as nothing was
created in vain, therefore, those powers
were to be exerted in some other state of
existence.

Notices

CONCEPTION BAY PACKETS
St John's and Harbor Grace Packets

THE EXPRESS Packet being now
completed, having undergone such
alterations and improvements in her accom-
modations, and otherwise, as the safety, com-
fort and convenience of Passengers can pos-
sibly require or experience suggest, a care-
ful and experienced Master having also been
engaged, will forthwith resume her usual
Trips across the BAY, leaving Harbor
Grace on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and
FRIDAY Mornings at 9 o'Clock, and Por-
tugal Cove on the following days.

FARES.

Ordinary Passengers 7s. 6d.
Servants & Children 5s.
Single Letters 6d.
Double Do. 1s.
and Packages in proportion

All Letters and Packages will be careful-
ly attended to; but no accounts can be
kept for Postages or Passages, nor will the
Proprietors be responsible for any Specie or
other monies sent by this conveyance.

ANDREW DRYSDALE,

Agent, HARBOUR GRACE

PERCHARD & BOAG,

Agents, St. John's

Harbour Grace, May 4, 1835

NORA CREINA

Packet-Boat between Carbonear and
Portugal Cove.

JAMES DOYLE, in returning his Best
thanks to the Public for the patronage
and support he has uniformly received, begs
to solicit a continuance of the same fa-
vours.

The NORA CREINA will, until further no-
tice, start from Carbonear on the Mornings
of MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, posi-
tively at 9 o'clock; and the Packet Man
will leave St. John's on the Mornings of
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 9
o'clock in order that the Boat may sail from
the cove at 12 o'clock on each of those
days.

TERMS.

Ladies & Gentlemen 7s.
Other Persons, from 5s. to 3s. 6d.
Single Letters 6d.
Double do. 1s.

And Packages in proportion.

N.B.—JAMES DOYLE will hold
himself accountable for all LETTERS
and PACKAGES given him.

Carbonear, June, 1836.

THE ST. PATRICK

EDMOND PHELAN, begs most respect-
fully to acquaint the Public, that he
has purchased a new and commodious Boat
which at a considerable expence, he has fit-
ted out to ply between CARBONEAR
and PORTUGAL COVE, as a PACKET-
BOAT; having two cabins, (part of the after
cabin adapted for Ladies, with two sleeping
berths separated from the rest). The fore-
cabin is conveniently fitted up for Gentle-
men with sleeping-berths, which will
be trusted give every satisfaction. He now
begs to solicit the patronage of this respect-
able community; and he assures them it
will be his utmost endeavour to give them
every gratification possible.

The St. PATRICK will leave CARBONEAR,
for the Cove, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and
Saturdays, at 9 o'Clock in the Morning,
and the Cove at 12 o'Clock, on Mondays,
Wednesdays, and Fridays, the Packet-
Man leaving St. John's at 8 o'clock on those
Mornings.

After abin Passengers 7s. 6d.
Fore ditto, ditto, 5s.
Letters, Single 6d.
Double, Do. 1s.
Parcels in proportion to their size or
weight.

The owner will not be accountable for
any Specie.

N.B.—Letters for St. John's, &c., &c.
received at his House in Carbonear, and in
St. John's for Carbonear, &c. at Mr. Patrick,
Kiely's (Newfoundland Tavern) and at
Mr. John Cruet's.

Carbonear,

June 4, 1836.

TO BE LET

On Building Lease, for a Term of
Years.

A PIECE OF GROUND, situated on the
North side of the Street, bounded on
East by the House of the late captain
STABB, and on the east by the Subscriber's.

MARY TAYLOR,

Widow.

Carbonear, Feb. 9, 1837.

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this Paper.

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