

but as it gradually increased in value until it became 10s., Edward VI. replaced the former coin by an "angel," which continued till the Commonwealth. The "mark" was a double "angel," valued at 13s. 4d. The name sovereign was first given to the "double royal" stamped with the figure of Henry VII., and was made current for 20s.; Henry VIII. called it a "unit," and stamped it with the Roman numerals XX; Charles I. called it a guinea, because the gold emanated from the Guinea coast. Guineas were first coined in 1663; later this coin fluctuated in value from 20s. to 21s., until George I. declared it a representative of 21s. After this we had a double standard, until in 1816 the sovereign in its present form was again made identical with the pound sterling, and the silver coins became mere tokens, deriving their value from the pound, as at present. The half sovereign was the "noble" of Edward III. and the "royal" of Henry VII.—*Longman's Magazine*.

OLD AGE.—Dean Bradley, successor of Dean Stanley in the deanery of Westminster, tells an anecdote of him as he neared his sixtieth year. He was travelling in Germany on a Rhine steamer, and getting acquainted with a boy, who asked him his age, which answered, he said:

"Why, all your life is over."

"No," said the dean, "the best is yet to come."

"You must be on the wrong side of sixty," said one acquaintance to another.

"No," he replied, "I am on the right side."

Old age is cheerless enough to one lacking faith in God and Christ, but bright with divinest hopes when one has for his portion the Christ, whom to know, with the Father, is eternal life. Let every man mourn as old age creeps upon him if he be without faith in the Holy One.

Let every man rejoice as age comes upon him if he trusts in him who said, "Because I live, ye shall live." Life here is only the state of infancy.

A plain London lighterman, only a navigator on the Thames, was in the Abbey, standing before the monument of John Wesley, and as he talked with the Dean, knowing he had been in Palestine, said:

"It must have been beautiful to have walked where the Saviour walked."

"Yes," and with a saintly look he said, "beautiful to walk in the steps of the Saviour."

Stanley's words as he spoke of death are so beautiful we quote them:

"There the soul finds itself on the mountain ridge overlooking the unknown future; our company before is gone; the kinsfolk and friends of many years are passed over the dark river, and we are left alone with God. We know not in the shadow of the night who it is that touches us—we feel only that the everlasting Arms are closing us in; the twilight of the morning breaks, we are bid to depart in peace, for by a strength not our own we have prevailed, and the path is made clear before us."—*Selected*.

THE following is a list of some of the endowments which the universities on the other side of the line are said to possess. Canada is certainly working hard to place her institutions in a permanent position in regard to endowments, but she has a long way to travel before she can amass such princely fortunes for her colleges as the

following:—That of Girard College has come to be the largest. It is said to be at present \$10,000,000; Columbia, \$5,000,000; Johns Hopkins, \$4,000,000; Harvard, \$3,000,000; Princeton, 3,500,000; Leigh, \$1,800,000; Cornell, \$1,400,000. Senator Stanford's University in California will have \$20,000,000 to start with.