

United Presbyterian Church of the United States is doing a noble work in Egypt. There are twelve stations between Assyroot and Esneh. Some of them in places where rest the ashes of the early martyrs who perished in the awful persecution of Diocletian. Dr. Lansing is at present in Luxor, on a visit to the churches in Upper Egypt. He is a man of faith and power, and has done good for Egypt which she can never repay. The day is fading away. The sun is casting a golden halo over the top of the Lybian hills. Darkness is coming on over the land. The creaking of the water wheels is ceasing. The Mahomedans, in the field before my door, are bowing toward Mecca. A solemn quiet pervades everything. The stars and moon are appearing in their beauty, and I feel an oppressive sense of loneliness in this distant land. But God has kept me hitherto, and, as I go further south, I commit myself to Him. My best wishes are for the students of the College and its professors and Principal. I trust that every student will be a man of faith and piety, as well as a man of intellect; for faith supported by reason, through God is mightier, in our life work, than everything else.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. BURNFIELD,

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Spring.

The welcome Spring is with us once again,
Cold Winter's snowy robe aside is laid,
Now mother earth anew her youth puts on,
And buds their leaves unfold on hill and glade.

Sweet Spring diffuses life and health around,
And quickens into bloom the tender flowers;
Where all so lately seemed both dead and cold,
New life and beauty speed the laughing hours.

The Spring still brings its fresh'ning joys,
As when fair Venus led the dances light,
And nymphs and graces joined the midnight round,
Till morn's bright charms outshone the silvery night.

Oh, who can truly sing the Spring's delights,
Its soothing influence o'er the mind of man,
As he in every op'ning bud and flower
Discerns the beauty of Jehovah's plan.

The lowing herds, imprisoned in their stalls
During stern Winter's cold and icy reign,
Now sport in pleasure in the bright green fields,
And free once more they crop the verdant plain.

The charms of Spring oft soothe the sufferer's heart,
Tossing in pain upon his weary bed,
As flow'rets fresh from Nature's bounteous hand
Are culled, and breathe their fragrance o'er his head.

The ploughman drives his team o'er earth's fresh soil,
And carols blithely as he onward hies,
The birds were silent long by Winter's gloom,
But now once more their warblings sweet arise.

The hearts grow cold by Winter's blighting hand,
Again vibrate with joy at Spring's return,
The aged bowed to earth by wrinkled time,
Now feel within the fire of youth to burn.

While blooming Spring such joys to us doth bring
In this fair world, in queenly splendor clad,
O let our hearts enjoy the happy hours,
While Spring is young and all things seem so glad!

For Winter cold will soon again return,
And soon at most we all in death shall lie,
But while life vibrates through our mortal frames,
May we enjoy our lot beneath thine azure sky.

A. L.

Isn't it awful how the modern languages are depreciated in the old country. Think of this from:

"A DISTRESSED FOREIGNER."

DEAR *Mister Quiz*,—I am Frenchman, and I come from arriving in Glasgow. Thinking you will be enough good to assist a malheureux étranger, I beg to address you. At my arrival at railway station, I have made to carry my luggage by a porter, and he has charged me one shilling for one half-hour. I have concluded by this that labour is high paid in Glasgow. I was astonished to read in the *Herald* the other day the advertisement which follows:—

"French Teacher Wanted in School, South Side, 2 hours weekly Terms, 30s. per quarter.—L421, *Herald* Office."

Is this indication of salary paid generally to teachers of la langue diplomatique in your city? If this is the price for 26 hours' French teaching (13 weeks of 2 lessons), I think I will make myself railway porter.—Receive my sincere respects.

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