POETRY. LANG SYNE.

Who has not feit his spirit sturr'd With feelings halt divine, as that old fast over, heart feit word. That hously phrase, "Lang Syne ?" It brings us back to other days When youth and love were ours, When you had you purple heather brass We passed the golden hours.

And loving hearts, far scattered now, To earth's remotest ends.

Were then with many a pledge and vow, Our dear, our trusted friends,

And our young hearts had never felt The blighting hand of care, As there at Pleasure's shrinë we knelt, And all the world seemed fair.

No cloudlet crossed our April skies, The earth in beauty smiled, As blithe we roamed with love lit eyes, By vale and mountain wild.

The birds may still as gaily sing, The meadows bloom as fair, B it, ah ! we miss some vital spring That gladdened everywhere.

Coy spring will gilt the earth anew, And summer joy impart, What charm can human hearts renew When youth and love depart?

And ever as the years roll on, The past will brighter shine

The past will brighter shinc ; The gleesome days forever gone-----The joys we knew "Lang Syne."

SELECTIONS

TAKE STOCK. her should take an

ith the baby, he called on the corn mer-hant. "Well," said he to him in a triumphthe outgoes upon the farm. "but I have five now."

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

The means taken by some persons for the acquisition of knowledge are occasionally very surprising. In an Ohio village the other day a man found two kegs of gunpowder in the collar of an old church which was used as a dwelling by his own family and a num-ber of others. He carried out one of the kegs, intending to remove its follow. The first keg leaked, however; a little stream dribbled from it, reaching from the space That kee leaked, however; a little stream dribbled from it, reaching from the spot where the two kees had stood together out into the drives, and on noticing the street end, the man begun to wonder whether the powder was dry or not, and touched a not for the porder to learn. It was dry. to it in order to learn. as and down flash ran across the street, and down he church cellar to the other keg, was also free of moisture, and blow d was set sadly aske ove learned quite as much as the man had concerning the dryness of the much more concerning its gener-rough fortunately no one suffered

SHE SHOCKED THE DIVINE. A prominent divine was the invited guest of Mr. B. and family. Miss Alice, the charming daughter of the host, was gracing the festivity, and said impulsively: "Oh, mother. I've been roasting up in my youn all aft moon. It's hoter than --"

said the father, sternly.

"Alice !" said the father, sterny. "I say it's hoter than..." "Alice !" said the mother, excitedly, and the divine looked at her in alarm, "I may lis's hoter than I ever saw it be-fore," continued the young lady cooly, "and I just as there without a thing con..." " "Oh, Alice !" said her father in alarm. This time the divine was thoroughly fright-und

I just sat there without a thing on -" Oh, Alice !" said the mother almost

'I say I just sat there," continued the girl," not noticing the interruptions, "I just add there without a thing on except my very lightest summer clothing, and read my Bible all the afternoon. Will you have same more soup, doctor ?"

LEW USE FOR CLYCERINE.

e children. When he has three children all be at his disposal." Lieut. Carjozac obstinute. A barber of the neighbor-d had a pretfy daughter. He immedi-y courted her, obtained her parents' con-

t his disposal." Lieut Carjuzac te. A barber of the neighbor-pretty daughter. He immedi-dher, obtained her parents' con-tricid her in October, 1882. Ten he was presented with a boy, the young officer was blessed hter. At last, to his great joy, was born three months ago. He Taking his two childred in to ordering the nurse to follow y, he called on the corn mertely courted her, obtained her parents' con-ent, and married her in October, 1882. Ten nonths later he was presented with a boy, nd in 1884 the young officer was blessed with a dweater the blessed being

A called on the corn mer d be to him in a triumph-fight now. I have three Such is asil to be to experience of those who retorted his antagonist,

Most of the farming that can be done in whiter is in the barryard. Before cold weather it should be obvered two or more feet deep with straw, which will be trampled down while the ground is soft, and will help to save the droppings of stock from wate Successive layers of atraw may be added at down while the ground is soft, and will help to save the droppings of stock from waste Successive fayers of straw may be added at times, expecially if there is stock enough to make a due proportion of manure. led cobra at his conce, which, getting tangled among the bars, hung suspended ere The tiger trembled from head to foot us sluuk into the farthest corner of his cage, atting up his fore claws with the apparent

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{entangieu annove, trembled from head to row and alunk into the farthest corner of his case, putting up his force claws with the apparent idea of protecting his head. He was completely cowed until the defunct reptile was made of the state crue lexperiment was made of fastening a dead cobra to his collar. \\ \textbf{m. a.t.} \\ \textbf{LET HIM HAVE IT.} \\ \text{out} \\ \textbf{at} \\ \textbf{more the could be a bright of the mother.} \\ \textbf{more the mother coupled a sail by hereaft more and base particles and the state of the state state and the train was a state in the state sta$

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y grow until it becomes a large and al organization. But the simplest irole is better than nothing. WE imported of society will a With penalties attatoned, would be enforced were it not for the assistance- and tenergy of the persons who think themselves suggived by offences against the law. Take for example the law against stealing. How many cases do you suppose there would be of conviction for theft if the person. WE imported the sparrow from his

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n a temperate clume, and he has olaim pon our charity. The opinion exists that e is a destroyer of parasites and garden nects, but a single look at his beak ough be a diright of devel that illusion. be of conviction for theft if the person, whose property was taken did not put the law in motion, hunt up evidence, push the officers of the law, and act as a power be-hind the public officer / An exception must, of course, be made in the case of marderse and great erimes which shock the public conscience. Now all this ought to be con-sidered by the people who passed the Tem-perance Act. I am not aware that any great movement has been brought about unless somebody has been found willing to sacrifice himself for the nublic good." Judge

sacrifice himself for the public good." Jud FLIRTING WITH WAX .- Flir and fashio signifing to use thinkles to bear scals, ope to make some designs a popular cre hen scouted waxes are being impor om Paris, with a variety of colors, more s destrable and costly. It is said nch firm makes wax hich, when burning, will fill a roust four hours about the envelope.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician retired from practice ary the formula of a simpl-nedy for the speedy and per of Consumption, Bronchitis atarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lu Catarrh, Asthma and all throat Affections, also a positive and ra for Nervous Debility, and all Nor plaints, after having tested its curative powers in thousands of felt it his duty to make it know suffering follows. Actuated by the



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CODFA; whole herds of cows or buffalces will flee before a single onci (even the tiger dreads it. A gentleman in the civil service of Inda had a pet tiger contined in a strong cage, which often got so noisy and disagreeable that he had to be bambooed — a rather diffi-calt job. One day some one threw a freshly

MEN WHO HAVE MINIS-The following are the names in order of he gentlemen who have officiated as pastors

of the diffirent denominations represented in Watford.

PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. Mr. Dees. Fayette. Bauld.



Savage. Howard. Chapman

Dean proceeded to refer to the achieved by Howard, in prison re Wilberforce, in the abolition of We slavery, and continued.—" I bel neither the Scott Act nor any pr egislation will be a suc legislation will be a success in time country , until some few men are found who are prepared to do as Wilberforce and Howard did, and na the carly abolitonists of the United States did. Unless the temperance people have men, amongst them prepared to dedicate and consecrate themselves to the United States did. Unless the temperance people have men amongst them prepared to dedicate and consecrate themselves to the work of carrying out this Soott Act the sconer it is wiped from the statute book the better. Another thing can be done— it's temperance community can dedicate men to the work and treat them as the priesus of old were treated, support them at their work. If the temperance people of Canada are not prepared to take these steps and make the Act efficient I repeat that the scotter, is wiped from the statute book the better. A law that is not enforced brings

Some it is when from the statute book t etter. A law that is not enforced brin pontempt upon all-law. It is a thousa mes better that there should be a restr on in the sale of intaxicants than there should be practically free trade

whiskey."

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