

The dead dumb fog hath wrapped it, the
frozen dews have kissed,
The naked stars have seen it, a fellow star in
the midst;
What is the Flag of England? Ye have but
my breath to dare,
Ye have but my waves to conquer, go forth,
for it is there!"

Considering that the author still lacks some years of being thirty, the command of metre and language displayed, and the range of subjects is astonishing. For this reason it is impossible, in the small space at our disposal, to notice as many ballads as we would have wished. The "Ballad of the King's Mercy," "Tomlinson," etc., can only be alluded to by name in this article.

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A SONNET.

My boon companion in this world of woe,
My trusty friend when other friends are cold,
Oft have I lost thee; thou alone canst know
What pain I suffered, what a joy untold
Suffused my heart when thou at last wert
found.

Thou'st heard my secrets, known my inmost
thought,
O'erlooked my faults, and thought me quite
profound,

When with a learned look I learning sought,
Thou'rt getting old and shabby now 'tis said,
While many a tear and spot deface thy form,
But yet we're friends too good to say good-bye.
Too long we've travelled side by side, while led
By Fortune's flickering flame through calm
and storm,

To drop our friendship now, my cap and I.

✦ College News. ✦

LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARY,
REV. DR. SMITH.

Hsin Chen, Honan, Oct. 14, 1892.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—I am sorry that I am so late in writing my first letter for this session, but I know you will excuse me when you hear the reason.

About a month ago I was laid aside with a severe attack of dysentery, which in this country is a rather dangerous disease. God has been very good to me, and I am thankful to say that I am around again, and hope soon to be able to carry on my work as usual.

My last letter was written about the end of February, and I suppose in order to keep up

the connection I had better give you a short account of affairs from that date. After the Chinese New Year the people took a notion to annoy us and every few days revealed some fresh plot. In the month of March we began to carry on further repairs on the houses, and we had several rows over the purchasing of material. During April we were constantly annoyed by crowds battering our gates with bricks and throwing stones into our compound. On one or two occasions when we went out to remonstrate with them they became very bold and threatened to brickbat us, and once a brick passed my ear but nothing further was done.

We succeeded in getting a proclamation from the Mandarin and that put a stop to the trouble to a great extent. A great many vile stories were circulated about us, and we were blamed for keeping the rain away, etc. There are still many who believe that we have come here to kill children and take their heart and eyes for medicine, and they continue to circulate such stories although they have never heard of any children that have been lost.

It is rather remarkable that notwithstanding these wild rumors the people have turned out very well to the street chapel, and the number of patients at the dispensary has been very encouraging. We have no room for in-patients only the chapel, where we sometimes fix up for four or five. Thus far we have had about fifty in-patients, and if we had room we might have had three times that number.

I have had quite a number of interesting operations, and gradually I trust the terrible prejudices are being removed, and the people at large I hope will soon realize that we have come here to do them good. Perhaps you would like to know how the Chinese stand surgical operations. You would be surprised to see some of them. There are quite a number who come who will not consent to be operated upon, but many are quite willing to be slashed with the knife and are quite brave. As I have no experienced assistants I do not care to give anesthetics, and therefore many operations are performed which test the patient pretty well, and I have come to the conclusion that the majority of the Chinese are not half as sensitive to pain as the people at home. A very common native practice is to use large