

During the course of his long life he was only once intoxicated, which was at a wedding, and he never used tea or coffee; his principal food having been bread, potatoes, hasty-pudding, broth, and occasionally a little flesh meat. He scarcely ever tasted ale or spirits, his chief beverage being water, or milk and water mixed: this abstemiousness arose partly from a dislike to strong liquors, but more from a saving disposition. With these views his habits of industry and disregard of personal fatigue were extraordinary; having often been up for two or three nights in a week, particularly when bringing home coals or lime. In his younger days he was rather robust, excellent in bodily strength, and was considered a master in the art of wrestling—an exercise to which he was particularly attached. He was of a low stature, being not above five feet five inches in height, with a large chest, well proportioned limbs, and weighing about twelve stone. His vigour never forsook him till far advanced in life, for in his 108th year he walked to and from Carlisle (16 miles) without the help of a staff, to see the workmen lay the foundation of Eden-bridge. In the same year he actually reaped corn, made hay, worked at hedging, and assisted in all the labours of the field, with apparently as much energy as the stoutest of his sons. As might be expected, his education was very limited; but he possessed a considerable share of natural sense, with much self-denial, and passed a life of great regularity and prudence, without troubling himself by much

thought or reflection. His memory was very tenacious.—*Time's Telescope*, vol. xi. p. 162.

TENACITY OF LIFE IN FISH.

THE two following instances of tenacity of life in the shark, are recorded by the French traveller, M. L. de Freycinet. A fish of this species, about ten feet long, and from which the head and entrails had been removed, was left upon the deck of a vessel, apparently dead. In about ten minutes, the sailors, who were preparing to wash the deck, seized the fish by the tail, to drag it forward when the creature made such violent efforts, as almost to overthrow the persons around it. In the other instance, the animal had been completely eviscerated more than two hours, but sprang up several times upon the deck, when a sailor laid hold of its tail, designing to cut it off with a knife; a hatchet was necessarily had recourse to for the operation.

I WAS SAD.

I was sad in the days of my youth,
 In the fresh-glowing morn of my life,
 When around was all kindness and truth
 And I dreamed not of sorrow or strife.
 There was all I could wish for on earth,
 But my heart was on something above!
 There was food for its wonder and mirth,
 And for all of its feelings but love.

And the days of my youth are gone by,
 And the hope that illumed them is fled,
 Like the hues of the sunset, which die
 When the soul of their brightness is dead.

And now would I fain be at rest—
 But I have not the wings of a dove;
 And the grave's but a desolate nest,
 When we fly not to any we love.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Juvenis is received.

W. F. is under consideration.

A. N. will be inserted in our next: we shall be glad to receive his promised favours. A Constant Reader will see that he is anticipated by Juvenis Binominis.

Corporal Trim is a personal attack; therefore he must excuse our not inserting his piece. He will receive a Note by sending to the office.

M.'s Lines on the death of Mr. Canning, has neither vigour of poetry nor the recommendation of truth.