

## WORDS.

Words are lighter than the cloud-foam  
Of the restless ocean spray;  
Vanner than the trembling shadow  
That the next hour steals away.  
By the fall of summer rain-drops  
Is the air as deeply stirred;  
And the rose-leaf that we tread on  
Will outlive a word.

Yet, on the dull silence breaking  
With a lightning flash, a Word,  
Bearing endless desolation  
On its blighting wings, I heard:  
Earth can forge no keener weapon,  
Dealing surer death and pain,  
And the cruel echo answered  
Through long years again.

I have known one word hang starlike  
O'er a dreary waste of years,  
And it only shone the brighter  
Looked at through a mist of tears;  
While a weary wanderer gathered  
Hope and heart on Life's dark way,  
By its faithful promise, shining  
Clearer day by day.

I have known a spirit, calmer  
Than the calmest lake, and clear  
As the heavens that gazed upon it,  
With no wave of hope or fear;  
But a storm had swept across it,  
And its deepest depths were stirred,  
(Never, never more to slumber,  
Only by a word.

I have known a word more gentle  
Than the breath of summer air;  
In a listening heart it nestled,  
And it lived forever there.  
Not the beating of its prison  
Stirred it ever, night or day;  
Only with the heart's last throbbing  
Could it fade away.

Words are mighty, words are living:  
Serpents with their venomous stings,  
Or bright angels, crowding round us,  
With heaven's light upon their wings:  
Every word has its own spirit,  
True or false, that never dies;  
Every word man's lips have uttered  
Echoes in God's skies.

ADELAIDE PROCTOR.

## The Question Drawer.

## QUESTIONS.

I. In Calkin's "Geography of the World" page 2 this statement is found:—"A body weighs slightly more near the poles (than at the equator) which is another proof that these parts of the earth are flattened." Let the fact stated be granted. Does it prove that the earth is slightly flattened at the poles? If there were no centrifugal force would a body not weigh slightly more at the equator?  
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II. A speaks the truth 3 times in 4; B 4 times in 5; and C 6 times in 7. What is the probability of an event which A and B assert, and C denies?

SAMUEL C. LEE in *N. E. Journal of Education*.

SOLUTION TO QUESTION IN SCHOOL JOURNAL, OF FEB. 19, 1885.

I. The minute hand moves 54 spaces in 60 minutes.  $\therefore$  60 spaces in  $66\frac{2}{3}$  minutes.

The hour hand moves  $5\frac{1}{2}$  spaces in 60 minutes.  $\therefore$  in  $66\frac{2}{3}$  minutes it will move  $\frac{5\frac{1}{2} \times 66\frac{2}{3}}{60} = 5\frac{7}{8}$  minute spaces.

$\therefore$  in  $66\frac{2}{3}$  minutes the minute hand approaches the hour hand  $60 - 5\frac{7}{8} = 54\frac{1}{8}$  spaces.  $\therefore$  in 15 minutes it approaches  $\frac{54\frac{1}{8} \times 15}{66\frac{2}{3}}$  spaces =  $12\frac{3}{8}$  spaces.  $\therefore$  the hands are  $12\frac{3}{8}$  minute spaces apart.

Green River, Feb. 23, 1885.

J. W. ELLERBY.

"Logistes" son's solution to foregoing question and also to the interest question in paper of some date, but there is an error in his solution of the first and his method is incorrect in case of the other.

## Literary Review.

*St. Nicholas* for March, has for its frontispiece the inauguration of President Garfield. In the stories, poems, and sketches of this number, the following writers are represented; J. T. Trowbridge; E. P. Roe; Edmund Alton; Charles E. Carryl; Lieut. F. Schwatka; Julia Schazer; Louise Stockton; Jennie E. T. Dowe; M. C. Griffis; Malcolm Douglas, and Celia Thaxter.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. The numbers of *The Living Age* for the weeks ending February 14th and 21st, contain Prince Bismarck, *London Quarterly*; Sydney Smith, *British Quarterly*; English Character and Manners as Portrayed by Anthony Trollope, *Westminster*, Cosarism, *Nineteenth Century*; Dr. Johnson, *Contemporary*; Della Crusca and Anna Matilda; an Episode in English Literature, *National Review*; The Summer Palace, Peking, *Be gravin*; Whitby, *Good Words*; The Religion of Hamlet, *Mouth*; Outside London, *Chambers' Coptic Monasteries in the Eighteenth Century*, *All the year Round*; "Snow Bucking" in the Rocky Mountains *Loujans*; Silence is Gold, *Spectator*; with instalments of "A House Divided Against itself," "Within his Danger" a Tale from the Chinese, and "A Hard Day's Work," and Poetry.

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