by Dr. O'Donovan.-Erc.

Like a damask rose you see,
Or like a blossom on a tree,
Or like a blossom on a tree,
Or like the morning to the day,
Or like the sun, or like the shade,
Or like the gourd which Jonah made;
Even such is man, whose thread is spu
Drawn out and out, and so is done.

The rose withers, the blossom wa The sun sets, the shadow flies

Like the grass that's newly sprung, Or like the tale that's new begun, Or like the bird that's here to-day, Or like the pearled dew in May, Or like an hour, or like a span, Or like the singing of the swan, Even such is man who lives by breath Is here, now there, in life and death. The grass withers, the tale is ended, The bird is flown, the dew's ascender The hour is short, the span not long, The swan's near death, man's life is de Like the bubble in the brook,

Or in a glass much like a look, Or like a shuttle in weaver's hand, Or like the writing in the sand, Or like a thought, or like a dream, Or like the gliding of a stream! Even such is man, who lives by breath

Is here, now there, in life and death, The bubble's burst, the look forgot, The shuttle's flung, the writing's blot, The thought is past, the dream is gor The waters glide, man's life is done.

Like an arrow from a bow, Or like swift course of water flo Or like the time 'twixt flood and ebb, Or like the spider's tender web, Or like the race, or like the goal, Or like the dealing of a dole; Even such is man, whose brittle state Is always subject into fate.

The arrow's shot, the flood soon spen The time no time, the web soon rent, The race soon run, the goal soon won, The dole soon dealt, man's life soon done Like to the lightning from the sky,

Or like a post that quick doth hie, Or like a quaver in a song, Or like a journey three days long, Or like the snow when sum Or like a pear, or like a plum; Even such is man who heaps up sorrow, Lives but to-day and dies to-morrow.

The lightning's past, the post must go, The song is short, the journey so, The pear doth rot, the plum doth fall, The snow dissolves, and so must all.

THE BRIDE OF THE BRUCE. from me, but life in peace,

BY DARCY BYRN. CHAPTER X .- [CONTINUED.]

'That gash,' she said, in her low. clear voice, 'was inflicted by my husbefore I was eighteen years old.

Her tone of accentuated columnes was painful in its force. She was livg over again that dreadful time, and the pent up passion of years found

rears old, leaving me and a younger prother to the care of a gambler—for father. He could not live without playing; there was no gambling house in the district that did not know his rited love of play. Night after ninght I would wait up for them in sickening dread of their return. If

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simbrited love of play. Night after might I would wait up for them in sickening dread of their return. If such had been on their side they were bisterous, in high spirits; but if they had lost they were dejected and curred on way existence. Circ did not have not been stated to be break from in high spirits; but if they had lost they were dejected and curred on way existence. Circ did not have not been stated to be break from it and begin assive; the had not energy or woral course, enough to snap the chain that bound him.

At last, rain stared us in the face; their dobts were numerous and exposure such treatsended; but for a sing Circ and the state of the state

never took my eyes from him I remain- long converse with him. It is tim ed transfixed with terror, and saw him for me to speak. Are you married?"

walk camly on over the cliff, heard the wild shriek of fright, heard the dull set lips. thud of the body as it fell among the umbled into the water below.

delirious with fever when they found known in England. me next day, and taking me home they my ravings I upbraided myself un- on terms of intimacy? asingly for some secret crime for Clive was a most devoted nurse, and tried to be alone with me when these to say. After paying my husband debts there was only sufficient money

three years ago, and I then determined country a new life. Lady Mar- you?" jorie, seeing my fathers death in the paper. kindly wrote and offered me a ome. She knows nothing more And Clive? asked Douglas

at the flower-show,' she said with the dealing and treachery.' shade of a smile. 'He is in fresh from me, but let me pursue my wasted

CHAPTER XI.

'No, Inie,' and there was a world of admiration, love and pity in his deep, dark eyes. in his rich, broken voice; 'you are mine more than ever now mine by a thousand new ties of sym-

murdered her husband?"

'Yes,' he said, dauntlessly; 'I care nothing about your former life, but I woman's voice that seemed to come My mother died when I was twelve look at you now, and I see a girl with a brave, unflinching spirit, who has borne the bitterest griefs nobly. And

in the district that did not know his step. With horror I perceived that he was taking my young brother with him, and encouraging the child in an inherited love of play. Night after

was there depicted line for line, only he ought to have put in that belt of treated me. This letter was lying on the hall table; I took it up, and saw it great favorite with Mrs. North, the successful by the last was addressed to Mrs. Reid. I spoke to the butler, and said it had been left at the wrong house. He replied that you were in the habit of getting letters was probable to the public less that the wrong house. He replied that you were in the habit of getting letters that shop girls sometimes are. more would be his last, yet no word in that bandwriting, and that the Inie was always invited to take my tongue clove to my mouth, my feet discovered that you met this so-called were rooted to the spot, and though I gentleman at irregular hours, and held

Inie had recognized her brother's rocks, heard the he vy splash as it writing; he had forgo ten the precau tion of addressing her by her maider 'I knew no more; they tell me I was name, the only one by which she was

'I am a widow,' came from the firm

' Have you nothing to say about this nursed me trough a terrible illness. In other man with whom you seem to be

Only that Lady Marjorie has been which I never could be pardoned. correctly informed in every particular, said the girl, in a hard, unmoved voice Lady Marjorie was more moved a fits of-self accusation came on. I her unflinching attitude, asking neither believe he fancied there was more for mercy nor for parden, than if she foundation for my remorse than there had cast herself on her knees and was; when vexed with me he has humbly sued for forgiveness. But she hinted as much There is little more was inflexible in her ideas of right and wrong; the culprit had abused her ity in concealing such very imto eke out my father's income, with portant facts, and she was adding to whom I went to live as soon as my her iniquity still further by her hardhealth was restored. He died abroad ened con

'Inie, will you not tell me who that to come to England, and begin in a man is who comes so frequently to see 'Never.

Then, though I am sorry to make the party of the say it, you had better leave my house. I will have no one under this roof in Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Price \$1; six bottles, \$6. Worth \$5 a bottle. 'Is the man you saw talking to me any capacity who gives way to double Inie made no protest, and when she

rouble at the present moment, I am raised her head she was alone. So that very anxious about him; and now, Mr. dreary Christmas Eve was passed in arn, make what use you like of packing up her few belongings, and the confidence which you have wrung early on Christmas day, before Lady Marjorie was up, while the joyou ses rang out the sweet old tale which each year has a newer and deeper nce, Inie drove away from the house where she had known such mingled joy and pain.

She knew Clive's address, but prevent any clue as to where she had No wonder you start that man could be so cowardly, so cruel; but before I have finished what I have to say, you will think he could not have performed a kinder act than to have struck a more deadly blow, one that would have deadened me to every sight and sound deadened me to every sight and sound have truly he loved her.

mine by a thousand new ties of sympathy and affection. I will never give you up. 'After all you know?' she said, slow-ly and wistfully. She did not mean to yield for his sake, but it was very precious to know how truly he loved her. Would you marry a gambler's daughter, a drunkard's wife, one who has—murdered her husband?

> 'What do you please to want, Miss?' 'Can you direct me to E Street?

'There's no gemman as lives here

The following poem is justly considered a poetiest gene of the highest order. The regions was found in an Irish MR, in Triginal was found in the program of the part of my tale that I shrink from telling. My husband was a somnambulist, but I was accustomed to his bancous halls of Tara. The translation is by Dr. O'Donovan.—Erc.

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The flower fades, the morning hateth, The flower fades, the morning hateth, The flower fades, the morning hateth, The flower fades are morning hateth, The flower fades, the morning hateth, The flower fades are morning to

from me warned him of his doom. I same gentleman who left the others refuge in the back parlor when Clive tried to speak, God knows I did. but had left this. On inquiry I further brought some of his friends to have a my tongue clove to my mouth, my feet discovered that you met this so-called smoke and game of cards. [CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.]

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