

POETIC GEMS FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

OUR OWN CHURCH AND COUNTRY.



My heavenly home is bright and fair;
No pain, nor death can enter there;
Its glittering towers the sun outshine;
That heav'nly mansion shall be mine.

CHO. :

I'm going home, I'm going home,
I'm going home to die no more,
To die no more, to die no more,
I'm going home to die no more.

My Father's house is built on high;
Far, far above the starry sky;
When from this earthly prison free,
That heav'nly mansion mine shall be.

THE WEARY PILGRIM.

I am tired. Heart and feet
Turn from busy mart and street;
I am tired. Rest is sweet.

I am tired. I have played
In the sunshine and the shade;
I have seen the flowers fade.

I am tired. I have had
What has made my spirit glad,
What has made my spirit sad.

I am tired. Loss and gain!
Golden sheaves and scattered grain.
Day has not been spent in vain.

I am tired. Eventide
Bids me lay my cares aside,
Bids me in my hopes abide.

I am tired. God is near.
Let me sleep without a fear,
Let me die without a tear.

I am tired. I would rest
As the bird within its nest:
I am tired. Home is best!

THE DYING CHRISTIAN.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Thro' cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies;

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

LYTE.

NOVA SCOTIA.



PICTOU ACADEMY, N. S.—At the Terminal Examinations, on April 20th and 21st, the number of students was greater than ever before. The competition, too, was no common one, and our students are to be heartily congratulated, as the standard is high, and steadily rising. The honor is eminently due to the excellent Principal and Professors, who have done so much for the Academy. The new Musical Department has been quite successful, as well as the others. The list of Honors is as follows:—

FOURTH YEAR CLASS (Twenty-nine Students.)

The following received certificates:—1, John H. McMillan, Pictou, 1171; 2, Jas. B. Johnson, Granton, 1041; 3, Charles B. Robinson, Pictou, 1029; 4, Alvin F. McDonald, Hopewell, 1024; 5, James W. Tupper, New Glasgow, 937; 6, John B. McLean, Hopewell, 883; 7, W. A. Creelman, Truro, 792; 8, John R. Dobson, Carriboo, 774; 9, John D. Logan, Pictou, 726.

PRIZES:—Highest Aggregate and Mayor McLeod's Gold Medal, John H. McMillan; 2d Highest Aggregate and Silver Medal, James B. Johnson; Classics and Mathematics, "Hutchings' Prize," (five dollars), John H. McMillan; Eng. Grammar and French Grammar (2 prizes, John R. Dobson; Hamlet, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Physics (5 prizes), James B. Johnson; History of Eng. Literature, Greek Grammar and Xenophon (3 prizes), A. F. McDonald; Latin Classics and Greek Composition, (2 prizes), J. B. McLean; Roman History, Latin Grammar, Latin Comp., and Analytical Chemistry, (4 prizes), John H. McMillan; Algebra and Geology, (2 prizes), C. B. Robinson.

THIRD YEAR CLASS, (Sixty-five Students.)

PROMOTIONS:—1, Alex. J. McDonald, Malagawatch, C. B., 1522; 2, James A. Sutherland, River John, 1473; 3, Robert Laird, Little Harbor, 1291; 4, Wm. Maxwell, Westville, 1255; 5, Willard Thompson, New Glasgow, 1244; 6, Julia Brown, Maitland, 1229; 7, Henry Graham, New Glasgow, 1134; 8, Michael Muir, Westville, 1126; 9, Ellen M. McKenzie, Stellarton, 1060; 10, Douglas O'Brien, Noel, Hants, 1019; 11, James A. Arbuckle, Pictou, 1000.

PRIZES:—Highest Aggregate and Odd Fellows' Silver Cup, Alex. J. McDonald; Eng. Grammar, Christina McKay, Springville; Eng. Composition, Jas. A. Sutherland; Milton, Henry Graham; Hist. Eng. Literature, A. J. McDonald; British History, Jas. A. Sutherland; General History, Jas. A. Sutherland; Latin Grammar, Willard Thompson; Latin Composition, Russel McLean, Pictou; Latin Authors, Henry Graham; Greek Grammar, Jas. A. Sutherland;