

through several hands, until 1806 when it became the property of Messrs. Monroe & Bell. The works continued under the supervision of this eminent firm until within the last few years. The hon. James Ferrier leased them for awhile, and we are informed that they are now under the patronage of Sir James Stewart.

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CLEAR THE WAY.

Voices from the Mountains and from the Crowd, by Charles Mackay.

“ Men of thought! be up and stirring.

Night and day :

Sow the seed, withdraw the curtain,

CLEAR THE WAY!

Men of action, aid and cheer them

As ye may!

There's a fount about to stream,

There's a light about to beam ;

There's a warmth about to glow,

There's a flower about to blow ;

There's a midnight blackness changing

Into grey.

Men of thought and men of action,

CLEAR THE WAY!

Once the welcome light is broken,

Who shall say

What the unimagined glories

Of the day ?

What the evil that shall perish

In its ray ?

Aid the dawning, tongue and pen ;

Aid it, hopes of honest men ;

Aid it, paper ; aid it, type ;

Aid it, for the hour is ripe,

And our earnest must not slacken

Into play.

Men of thought and men of action,

CLEAR THE WAY!

Lo! a cloud's about to vanish

From the day ;

And a brazen wrong to crumble

Into clay.

Lo! the right's about to conquer :

CLEAR THE WAY!

With the right shall many more

Enter smiling at the door ;

With the giant-wrong shall fall

Many others, great and small,

That for ages long have held us

For their prey.

Men of thought and men of action,

CLEAR THE WAY!