

Poetry.

LEAVE IT WITH HIM.

Yes leave it with Him,
The lilies all do;
And they grow—
They grow in the rain,
And they grow in the dew—
Yes; they grow.

They grow in the darkness, all hid in the night;
They grow in the sunshine, revealed by the light;
Still they grow.

They ask not your planting,
They need not your care
As they grow.
Dropped down in the valley,
The field, anywhere—
There they grow.

They grow in their beauty, arrayed in pure white,
They grow, clothed in glory, by heaven's own light,
Sweetly grow.

The grasses are clothed
And the ravens are fed
From His store.
But you who are loved
And guarded and led,
How much more

Will he clothe you and feed and give you his care?
Then leave it with Him, He has, everywhere,
Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him,
'Tis more dear to his heart,
You will know,
That the lilies that bloom,
Or the flowers that start
'Neath the snow.

What you need, if you ask it in prayer,
You can leave it with Him, for you are in His care,
You, you know.

—New York Observer.

Literary Notices.

ST. NICHOLAS for February 1886 has a richly varied table of contents. Among those articles which may be classed as timely is an outdoor sketch, entitled "Fish-spearing through the Ice," which shows how some clever boys improved on an ingenious Indian mode of fishing; "Badminton," a sort of indoor tennis for winter days, is the subject of a paper by C. L. Norton; Sophie Sweet has an amusing "coasting" story, called "The Girl Who Lost Her Pocket;" and there are bright Valentine verses by Elizabeth Cummings, and others.

Then, appropriate to February 22d is the second instalment of Horace E. Scudder's "George Washington;" and the comparison between the governments of Magiand and America, in "Among the Law-makers," will interest all patriotic boys and girls.

Of a somewhat more practical nature is the "Ready for Business" paper on electrical engineering; while Helen Jackson (H. H.) gives a few useful hints in her

"New Bits of Talk for Young Folks," and Frank Bal-
lew, in a clever little story, explains how the brain re-
ceives, stores, and uses all its impressions.

There are two interesting letters on the subject of
"Curved pitching," in the "Editorial Notes;" and in the
"Agassiz Association," Prof. W. O. Crosby, of the
Boston Society of Natural History, begins a free
course of instruction in mineralogy, with practical ex-
periments, open to all readers of the magazine. We
give two of its poetic gifts:—

VALENTINES.

The Sun and the Moon are miles apart,—
Millions and millions too;
But if those old bodies had half a heart,
They never could stand it so far apart,—
I know I could n't—could you!

But I have just heard (and I think she's right)
What the dear old Earth opines:
That the Sun shines down on some stars each night,
And shoots them off, when they're polished bright,
To the Moon for Valentines!

—W. W. E.

WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER.—Andrew
Murray, Toronto, Canada. Willard Tract Depository.
The above work of 268 pages (price 90 cts.) the type is
clear, without a single blur, and reflecting great credit
upon the publishers. The spirit of the work is of the
highest devotional caste and cannot fail to bring
the devout reader into very intimate relations to his
Lord. The aim of the work is to show that the true
end of prayer is not for the "maintaining of our own
Christian life" simply, but that it is "the root and
strength of all our work," that there is a "progressive
teaching of our Lord in regard to prayer," and "that
it is only when the church gives herself up to this holy
work of intercession that we can expect the power of
Christ to manifest itself in her behalf." The table of
"contents" consists of 31 lessons, all of which are
headed by phrases from our Lord's teachings on the
subject thus: Lesson 1, "Lord! teach us to pray;" or
The only Teacher. 4. "After this manner pray;" or
The model prayer. 15. "If two or three agree;" or
The power of united prayer? 30. "A holy priest-
hood;" or The ministry of intercession. The book
closes with a chapter of "notes" on "George Muller,
and the secret of his power in prayer." Of this now
distinguished man in relation to the subject in hand,
the author says: "When God wishes anew to teach His
church a truth that is not being understood or prac-
tised, He mostly does so by raising some man to be in
word and deed a living witness to its blessedness, and
so God has raised up in this nineteenth cen-
tury, among others, George Muller, to be his
witness that he is indeed the hearer of prayer." The
chapters of the book consist of expositions of the
passages of Scripture, which from the headings and as
far as we have read (a number of chapters) the writer
appears to us to catch the mind of the spirit clearly.
Each chapter closes with a brief prayer, which seems to
flow naturally and fittingly from the chapter itself, and
for which it prepares the mind of the reader. The
work cannot fail to bring the reader of kindred spirit
into more familiar intercourse with his Lord, and in-
crease his faith in the divine intent and the power of
prayer to prevail with God.