

POETRY.

THE CUP.

To fancy all this world a truth,
Nor dream its scenes could ever cloy;
To join the sports of bounding youth—
This is the cup of *Joy*.

To find an unsubstantial shade,
Where promise seem'd thus fair to show;
To watch our buoyant spirits fade—
This is the cup of *Woe*.

To lay on friendship's soothing breast,
Our all-reposing full belief;
And find a sting instead of rest—
This is the cup of *Grief*.

To plunge into the world so gay,
And loudly laugh away all sadness;
Then die without Religion's ray—
This is the cup of *Madness*.

To love and serve the living God;
To shun the seats of sin and strife;
To rest our faith on Jesus's blood—
This is the cup of *Life*.

A distant God—a shuddering fear;
Not friends, but fiends, to meet beneath,
The fire—the unrelieving tear—
This is the cup of *Death*.

To share in heaven the Father's love;
To offer praise where Jesus is;
To know the Spirit's power above—
This is the cup of *Bliss*.

E. L. C.

ANOTHER AWFUL WARNING TO THE INTEMPERATE.

Abridged from the London Times of 15th June last.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—Yesterday, an inquest was held at St. George's Hospital, on view of the body of Colonel Michael H. Campbell, aged 68, whose death took place under the circumstances of a very mysterious and afflicting nature.

The jury having viewed the body of the deceased, which laid in the dead-house of the institution, the following evidence was adduced:—

Jones, police-constable, deposed that about 9 o'clock on Saturday night last he was on duty in Knightsbridge; in passing Goding's brewhouse, he observed the deceased, who was walking towards Kensington. Between 10 and 11 the same night witness in going his rounds discovered the unfortunate gentleman lying on the pathway near the barracks quite insensible, and bleeding from a wound over the right eye. Witness obtained assistance, and the deceased was removed on a stretcher to the station-house. When I first saw the deceased about 9 o'clock I considered that he was intoxicated. He was alone at the time; it rained very hard. I was not present at the station-house when his person was searched. I spoke to the deceased when I first saw him about 9 o'clock, and offered to see him home, when he replied, 'I am not tipsy, my good man, and I shall soon be at home.' When I discovered the deceased lying on the ground about 11 o'clock, I suspected he had been robbed and ill-used. I did not hear any cries for assistance whilst I was on duty in Knightsbridge.

Lake, another constable, deposed that when the deceased was brought to the station-house it was considered that he was in a state of intoxication, and he was locked up in one of the cells. Witness visited him several times during the night, but saw no change for the worse in him. The deceased was not sufficiently sensible to answer any questions I put to him.

A Juror.—Did you not see the wound on his head?
Witness.—Yes I did, but I did not consider that it was of a serious nature.

Coroner.—Are the cells of the station-house aired and boarded?
Witness.—Yes Sir, they are.

A Juror.—How often did you visit the deceased during the night?

About five or six times.

Was you aware of the rank of the deceased when he was brought to the station house?

I was not. His appearance was that of a gentleman.

At what time was it considered necessary to send for a medical gentleman?

About six o'clock in the morning.

Who attended?

Mr. Davis, who advised that he should be removed to this hospital with the utmost possible despatch.

Was you present when the person of the Colonel was searched?

Yes, I was; some documents were found that led to his identity.

Inspector Barfoot, stated that when the colonel was brought to the station-house he was in an insensible state, witness supposed at the time from the effects of intoxication. He was placed in one of the cells by himself. Witness visited him occasionally during the night, but did not consider that his condition was at all dangerous until about 6 o'clock in the morning, when he sent for Mr. Davis, a surgeon.

Did you observe the wound over the Colonel's left eye when he was brought in?

Yes, I did; but I considered it merely superficial.

Was the deceased insensible when brought to the station-house?

Perfectly so.

Did you inquire of the policeman under what circumstances the deceased had been found?

Yes I did; and from the statement given to me supposed the gentleman was inebriated.

Mrs. Campbell, the widow of the deceased, was in attendance at the hospital. It was, however, a considerable length of time before she was sufficiently collected to give her evidence; ultimately the unfortunate lady was led into the room by two gentlemen, friends of her late husband. She stated that the deceased had served in the army upwards of 50 years. During the Peninsular war he was aide-de-camp to Sir Thomas Picton. He had been wounded several times; once severely in the head, and when he took a little more wine than usual he completely lost himself. He left home on Saturday morning last to see a friend at the west end of the town. He did not return that night; and on the following day she received the melancholy intelligence of his being in St. George's Hospital.

I have no suspicion that my husband was ill-used and robbed. I consider that he must have taken too much, and fell down on his return to his residence, No. 4, Trevor-terrace, Knightsbridge.

Mr. Davies, surgeon, gave his opinion that the deceased died from concussion of the brain.

Verdict, 'Accidental Death.' The deceased has left a large family.

Anecdote of the Queen.—The following is authentic, and exhibits a most gratifying feature in the character of the young queen. A man name Hillman, who served in the capacity of porter to the late Duke of Kent and who was accustomed to assist the present Queen (then a child) into the carriage, has long since been pensioned by the Duchess of Kent, and is not a little gratified by receiving a bow of recognition from her majesty whenever he chances to pass her carriage. The aged man has a daughter much afflicted, she having been confined to her bed the last eight years. On the evening of the late king's funeral this young woman received from Queen Victoria a present of the Psalms of David, with a marker worked by herself, (having a dove, the emblem of peace, in the centre,) placed at the 41st psalm, with a request that she would read it, and expressing a hope that its perusal might give peace to her mind.—*London Paper.*

Self.—I have read of many wicked Popes; but the worst Pope I ever met with is *Pope Self.*—*John Milton.*

In studying the word of God, digest it under these two heads: either as removing obstructions, which keep God and thee asunder; or as supplying some uniting power to bring God and thee together.—*Cecil.*

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