

THOMAS HOOD.—Death and fame came to Thomas Hood almost together. For twenty years he had held his place among the rank and file of literature, earning thereby little more than daily bread and the applause that is but of a moment, when, in 1843, the Christmas number of *Punch* electrified its readers with the "Song of the Shirt." Those wonderful verses went from newspaper to newspaper as in old times the beacon fire was accustomed to pass from hill to hill. The laurels reaped by the author were, however, barren, and the sunshine of celebrity had nothing golden in its beams. With the new year was born an unlucky publication christened *Hood's Magazine*. Misfortunes fell thick upon both periodical and editor, and the "flashes of merriment" that the latter still put forth came from a life blackened with the thunderclouds of sickness and calamity. By May Hood was in a sick-room, and as editorial apology for the non-continuance of a novel he had commenced sent forth a drawing of "a plate of leeches, a blister, a cup of water-gruel, and three labelled vials." All the rest of that year, and far into the spring of the next, the light of life still flickered on, sometimes burning up brightly enough for the sick man to resume his pen, sometimes all but fading away into eternity. "I am so near death's door," said Hood on one occasion, "that I can almost fancy I hear the creaking of the hinges." The 3rd of May, 1845, saw that door gently opened for him, and as quietly as a tired child falls asleep this gentle spirit passed away from earth. Not a mere jester was it that died, but a brave and kindly spirit who did his noble duty in the battle of life, and who had constantly a heart to appreciate and a hand to relieve the sufferings of others. There is nothing in the fame of Hood over which any descendant of his can ever blush. He wrote much that was calculated to make the best of men better, not a line that could by any possibility make the most worthless specimen of humanity worse. Numerous and exquisite as are his poems, there are two that in especial shed a star-like light upon his memory. While London remains a city the hearts of men must continue to be stirred by the "Song of the Shirt" and the "Bridge of Sighs." The one poem is in some sense the sequel of the other. In this Metropolis of ours, where the worship of the golden calf is practised on an ever-increasing scale, it is the poor and not the idols that so frequently endure the fate of being ground to powder. These victims are, in general, girls, uneducated or half-educated drudges, whom the love of liberty and the hatred of domestic service have driven to toilsome and ill-paid modes of gaining their daily bread. Year by year their numbers increase, year by year thousands of miserable fates and faces tell us how swift is the descent from the death-in-life of the garret to the hell of the streets. Lest we should be over-zealous in casting stones, lest we should forget that forgiveness turned not away from the sins of Magdalen, Hood showed us the starving woman despairing, the sinful woman dead. "One more unfortunate" is, perhaps, the most pathetic line poet ever penned. The thought of it seems to turn the Thames into a grave.

CHRISTMAS NOTICES.

SAVAGE & LYMAN, JEWELLERS,
219, St. James Street.

The firm of Savage & Lyman has been for years so closely identified with the jewelry trade, not only in Montreal, but through Canada, that the simple announcement of their resumption of business at the above address will be sufficient to cause a large and fashionable crowd of purchasers for the holiday trade. Their stock is all fresh and choice, of the latest styles, and newest patterns; nothing stale or out of date. In clocks, bronzes, gold and silver watches, chains and fancy goods, there is a range of choice at prices corresponding with the times.

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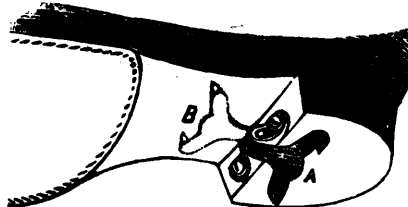
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Montreal, 10th Dec., 1878.

M. S. LONERGAN, Sec'y-Treas.

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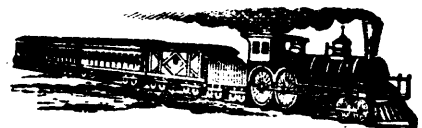
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Montreal, 18th Nov., 1878.

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