

ABSINT NENIÆ.

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" Mais nature nous y forte. 'Sortez,' dict elle, 'de ce monde comme vous y estes entrez. Le mesme passage qui vous feistes de la mort a la vie, sans passion et sans frayeur, refaictes le de la vie a la mort. Vostre mort est une de pieces de l'ordre de l'univers, c'est une piece de la vie du monde.' "

ESSAIS DE MONTAIGNE, LIVRE I, CHAPITRE XIX.

Why cling to this frail life? Vain the vague dread
Of Death that clouds the soul with chilling fears;
'Gainst Nature's law no power have Love's own tears,
Nor heart-drawn sighs reanimate the dead.
The withered leaf, its duty done, is shed
Earthward in silence; upward grows for years
The tree it nourished. Aught that disappears
From finite mortal sense alone is fled.
Nature's grand lesson let us humbly learn,
Which her fair works, silent and calm, rehearse;
On all things writ this fairest truth discern:
Over decay fresh beauty still is spread;
Our seeming death is but a little thread
In the vast web of life that wraps the universe.

NEWFOUNDLAND—ITS HISTORY AND GEOLOGY.

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HISTORICAL.—NEWFOUNDLAND 373 YEARS AGO.

Newfoundland enjoys the high distinction of being the first portion of the Western World on which the flag of England was planted. It also claims the honour of being the most ancient of Great Britain's immense colonial possessions. On this Island the foot of the Briton first trod the soil of the new world; and in its discovery, Anglo-Saxon energy achieved its first success in those maritime explorations which have wrung so many secrets from the dark abysses of ocean, and have now left few tracts unsearched in the world of waters. That daring spirit of enterprise which has borne the Anglo-Saxon race over land and sea, and made them the world's great sea-kings and colonizers, dominant alike in east and west, the discoverers of the North West Passage and the sources of the Nile, the founders of American, Indian and Australian Empires, tried its first experiment and won its first triumph in the discovery and colonization of this great Island in the North Atlantic. It is this circumstance which attaches special im-