

## Poetry.

The following sweet and dainty poem is from the almost eulogized pen of BENJ. F. TAYLOR, the author of "January and June." We have rarely been the almoner of so delightful a gift, and we know that our readers—all of whom are his admirers—will join us in cordially thanking the pure-hearted Poet for his offering.—*Buffalo Express.*

## BEAUTIFUL MAY.

Oh! have you not seen on some morning in June,  
When the flowers were in tears, and the forest in tune,  
And the linnets in dawn took flight on the air,  
On the breast of the brightest star chagring there?  
Some *Centinel Star*, not ready to set,  
Forgetting to wane and watching there yet?  
How you gazed on that vision of beauty awhile!  
How it wavered till won by the light of God's smile,  
How it passed through the portals of pearl, like a bride,  
How it pined as it passed, and the MORNING STAR died!  
The sky was all blue-les, the world was all bliss—  
And the prayer of your heart; "be my ending like this."

So my beautiful MAY passed away from Life's Even,  
So the blush of her being was bleached with Heaven!  
So the bird of my bosom fluttered up to the dawn  
Ah! a window was open, my darling was gone  
A tumbler from time from tears and from sin  
For the Angel on watch took the wanderer in!  
When she warbles to me the "New Song" that she sings,  
I each know her age and notwithstanding her wings  
By those eyes full of Heaven—by the light on her hair  
And the smile she wore here she will surely wear there

## THE SEASONS.

FROM THE GERMAN.

Hay and corn and buds and flowers,  
Snow and ice and rain and wine.—  
Suns and seasons, stars and showers,  
Fung, to turn, these gifts divine,  
Eating blows, Summer glows,  
Autumn reaps, Winter keeps,  
Spring prepares, Summer provides,  
Autumn hoards, and Winter hides  
Come, then, friends, their praises sound:  
Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring,  
As they run their yearly round,  
Each in turn with gladness sing!  
Time drops blessings as he flies—  
Time makes ripe and Time makes wise.

## Reviews, &amp;c.

*The Canadian Journal and Record of the Proceedings of the Canadian Institute*—Maclear & Co., Toronto: May 1854.

This monthly scientific Journal continues to be ably Edited and supported by numerous contributors; and affords substantial proof of the progress of the valuable society of which it is the exponent. The present number contains among its original papers, a very interesting description of Vesuvius and its neighbourhood, by the Rev. Dr. Scadding of Toronto; on the establishment of simultaneous Meteorological observations throughout British America, by Major R. Jaehlan, of Montreal; on the intrusion of the Germanic Races on the area of the older Keltic races of Europe, by Daniel Wilson, L.L.D., Professor of History, &c., in University College, Toronto; on some genera and species of Cystids from the Trenton Limestone, by E. Billings, of Bytown; Sykes' Steam Hammer with an engraving, &c.

*The Anglo-American Magazine*—Toronto: Maclear & Co., June 1855.

An excellent number, embellished by four well-executed engravings, containing several interesting articles in addition to the continuation of the more systematic and substantial papers which have been given already to this purely Colonial production, in a respectable position among the periodical literature of the age. The Editor's Shanty, is as usual, full of interest and kindly humour, and by no means devoid of such matters of practical utility as belong to the utilitarian every day world. The present number completes the 4th vol., affording a good opportunity for new subscribers to commence with the party of July. The work can be forwarded to subscribers at any distance by post, or by Messrs. Maclear's travelling agents. Price \$3 per annum.

*Norton's Literary Gazette*.—Published fortnightly at \$2 a year.—New York: C. B. Norton.

The recent numbers of this periodical fully sustain the high opinion we formerly expressed. It is a valuable and instructive paper to the general reader, which to the man of science or lettered clergyman, schoolmaster, and indeed to all engaged or interested in the purchase of books, or the formation of libraries it is quite an essential. Besides a full list of all new works published in Europe and the United States, with sober and impartial critiques on many of them, it registers the proceedings of literature and scientific societies, and continues more written original papers, illustrated engravings when necessary, on literary subjects. We are glad to find that this well conducted periodical is gaining a circulation in Canada, indicating thereby progress of taste and the diffusion of literature among us.

*Annual Report of the Normal, Model and Common Schools, in Upper Canada, for 1854.* Quebec, printed by order of the Legislative Assembly by G. Lovell, Mountain Street, 1854.

This voluminous Report on the state and progress of Common Schools in Upper Canada by the Chief Superintendent of Education, affords most pleasing and satisfactory evidence of the rapid advance which a sound and unsectarian education is making throughout every part of this extensive Province. A general education, based upon the great moral principle of a common christianity, is the only system that can be brought into operation and sustained in a community, separated into different sects and parties, like our own; and the Report before us shows that much more has already been accomplished than a few years since, could have been reasonably anticipated. We shall probably refer to some portions of this valuable and important document in a future number.