### Spring.

He who, from some dreary mountain, watches o'er it a dusky doep
For the coming of the dro-god, ilsing from his rosy

Sees the darkness slowly riven, and a line of sil

very gray. Glimmer—gle um—then change, and scatte, all the heavons with golden spray.

Sees the hidden voice of waters, over maracrans through the night,

Nove around the dim herizon, one great are of rolling light—
While amid a hundred ensign , in the orient for

Cuward comes the central severeign, sels sustainer of the world.

go, throughout the winter weary, I have walked through the night,

And have seen the dead earth tremble into music,

warmth and light; feen the barren hawthern ridges brake and bram-

ble, bush and tree, Braid the sonny lanes with verdure, skirt with

living green the leat

Seen the farrows of the con-field fringed with bands of emeauld bloom; In the harobell halls a splendor spread, cerulean

through the gloom;
In the glen the streamlet quiver into motion, into

Orchards bountiful with blossom, meadows gur-

landed with white. Perlume rises from the woodlands, fragrance

floats along the meads; Far above, the larks sing high, the thrush a grateful anthem leads-

For a voice awakes the heav'ns, and a footstep shakes the hills, And a low, delicious breathing, each enchanted

valley fills. Eyes of viciot look southward, waves of gold are

backward blown,
Rainbow hues are lightly falling from an azurebelted zone;
And she moves, imperial goddess-Spring, her

virgin triumphs won-Like a bride to meet the bridegroom, she advances

to the sun. -Once a Week.

Mohammedanism, Past and Present. The speaker, after referring to the malignity with which the memory of the Arabian prophet had been pursued by Christian writers, said that recent researches and more liberal thoughts had placed a different construction upon his acts. Mohammed was, in truth, a greater reformer an! a was, in that, a great relocated at all a purer man than was generally supposed. For more than 1,409 years one hundred and eighty millions of people, constituting one-fifth of the human race, had adopted and cherished his religion with more zeal and observance of its tenents than the converts of any other belief. Christianity never made such rapid advances, or, for the time, held its place so tensciously. Mohammedanism must have some vital truths underlying its system, or else some great moral truths were blended with its errors. Was it an improvement over the old Arabian system? Was it better to have provalent a corrupted system, containing some important truths, or Paganism? The religion of the land was originally a graded polytheism. The "Black Stone" at Mecca, the chief of Pagan temples, was to its possessors, the priests, like the shrine of Delpin, a source of profit. The people were split up into numberless hostile sects, and Mohammed's great reform was the coalition of the opposing and like corrupt forces and the restoration of a belief in the unity of God. Mohammed was born in the year 570, and was one of the family of Korish, the keepers of the "Black Stone." He became a merchant; travelled extensively, and, probably while in Syria, became ac quainted with the Christian religion, par-ticularly the Old Testament. He was wealthy, cultivated and sothetic in his nature, and when he became united in mar-riage to one of the richest widows in Arabia, found in her a companion fully capable of appreciating his loity aims. He first talked with his uncles, the Pagan priests, concerning his desire to promulgate the new religion, but, receiving from them little sympathy, spent a number of years in contemplative solitude, varied by travel, and during this period probably wrote the greater part of the Koran, the book without beginning or end. He believed he had been visited by the angel Gabriel, who commanded him to go forth and preach the word of the Lord. At the age of forty

he entered upon his mission, teaching a re-

ligion which combined nearly all the great truths of Christianity, and possessed none

of the errors of what is now known as mo-

hammedanism. But he used only moral

means to create converts; he appealed only to the mind; his strange teachings were in

direct opposition to the customs and de-

praved appetites of his hearers, and he was

met first with scorn, next with derision, and

finally with a persecution which drove him in danger for his life from Mecca to Me-

dina. He had preached three years be-fore being compelled to five from his home,

and had then made but thirteen converts. In Medina he built a mosque and labored

thirteen years longer, and yet, though aided by the influence of the Jewish religion,

increased his followers by a score. Up to

this time he had relied upon moral force alone. He preached the unity of God; the

virtue of chastity, justice, forbearance, humility, benevolence, solt-abregation, and above all the personal responsibility of man to his Maker. But after all these years of

unrewarded labor, his life threatered, his wife dead, his days and nights passed in

solitude, only relieved when preaching to unwilling ears, it may well be supposed that the Prophet became a visionary fana-

tic. His brain turned, and goaded by a restless ambition for success, he at last de-

termined to adopt a new form of spreading his great ideas. His people were wild, fierce,

warlike, passionate. To appeal to their love of martial glory he called upon them to take up the sword for his religion, and promised the victors and the slain eternal

promised the victors and an about the sin bliss in a sensual paradise where the air was fragrant with roses, the soil luxariant and aircams run-

with fruits and flowers, and streams run-

ming in crystal water, milk, wine and honey; where the people lived in sumptious palaces, dressed in silken garments, reclined on soft divans, and where black-

preserved their feast and fast days; taught preserved then tesst and not days; taught the efficacy of prayers, absolutions and pilgrimages; but in this mass of error pre-served intact the great traths he had first preached. It was the old plan of expedi-ency, a repetition of the political life of all ages, "The end ju-tifies the means." Wil-ling converts agency to his side and in ling converts sprang to his side, and in cleven years a great nation had accepted the new religion, and in accepteen years from the Prophet's death had conquered to Mohammedani m Syria, Egypt, Persia, India, and ponetrated into Europe. In that time 86,000 cities, towns and cartles surrendered and 14,000 mosques bad been erected. The Letterer, while admitting that few a mice could hope for success against a fee to whom destin offered tar more delights in Mohammed's Paradia than life, said that the new religion mant have contained some marvelous truths which appealed to the heart and consoiwhich appealed to the heart and consei-ence, and, if so, it could not be scorned, but must ever remain an august mystory. Though he differed from Carlyle, who made a hero of Mohammed simply be-cause he was successful, though he depler ed the miscrable and corrupting means Mohammed had used to gain his end, Dr. Lord argued that the Prophet was himself a pure-minded man, who yielded to sophiem for the sake of what he had no doubt be-lieved was for the benefit of his people. The Caliphs who followed in his footsteps were men of simple habits and asthetic tastes. In comparing the rapid advance of Mohammedaniem with the slow but surer progress of Christianity, the speaker said that we were driven to the ultimate deduction that it is not truth which prevails, but the Divine assistance given to the truth.—From a Lecture by Dr. Lerd.

#### Heat of Rooms.

The investment of a shilling for a ther-The investment of a shifting for a thermometer will make paying returns in health. The great tendency in winter is to keep rooms too warm. The foundation of pneumonia, pleurisy and pulmonary consumption is frequently laid in overheated, ill ventilated apartments. The inmates become accustomed to breathing hot, close air; the system is toned down and relaxed, and a slight exposure to cold and wet results in serious illness.

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"Some years since," says a medical writer, "we called one winter evening on a friezed, whom we found in a cosey sitting room, with a large fire, a low ceiling, and the heat raging about the eighties. She was suffering from a severe cold, but could give no account of how she took it. A month later she was prostrated with passumonia, and she and her sister died within a week of each other, and were buried in the same grave. The intelligent use of a thermatter would deaphlear here saved thermometer would doubtless have saved both of those lives."

The mercury in the tube should never be permitted to stand above seventy. If that temperatue is not sufficient to give warmth, it is an indication that the person does not take sufficient exercise, and the cure for it is more miles and more flannel. In the coldest weather, when the ground is like stone under the feet, when there is no drip from the eaves, and when snow lies on the roof, rooms should be ventilated. Pure air should be admitted through open doors and windows, so that the oxygen consumed by flame and by respiration may be replaced, and the effete and poisonous matters thrown off by the body thoroughly driven away. As one of our best writers on household science remarks, ventilation is a graphic of recover. But how much is a question of money. But how much wiser is he who, while willing to pay a large coal bill, yet enjoys fresh air in his winter sitting room, than he who keeps everything shut up that heat may not be lost, and has a long doctor's bill to settle in spring, and mayhap a grave to be cut through the frozen turf.

### Progress of Geography.

At the annual meeting of the American Geographical Society, held in New York, January 16th, Judge Daily gave a review of the progress made in geographical discovery for the year. Considerable progress has been made by Stanley and others in the exploration of Central Africa. Some new knowledge has been obtained by the Arctic expedition of Captain Nares, in regard to the North Polar regions. Judge Daily said that Archeological researches have during the past year been active and attended with interesting results. R. T. Wood, who spent eleven years exploring the site of the city of Ephesus, contending with brigands, and working in pits and trenches almost con-stantly under water, has during the year published the account of his labors. The German erchæologists, Drs. Hirschfold, Weil, and Mr. Botticher have been engaged during the year in making excavations at Olympia, in Greece, which, besides clearing the ruins of the temple and laying bare ts marble pavement, have led to the discovery of numerous inscriptions, sculptures, and other objects of interest. The site of the celebrated ample, which for centuries was a dreary waste, cas now, in consequence of these discoveries, become a resort for tourists. Mr. L. P. di Cesnola, who has been absent for three years continuing his researche, in Cyprus, ended his labors last autumn, and is now upon his return to New York. He has discovered the site of Kurium, mentioned by Strabe, of which no trace existed, identified the great temple of Apollo, and discovered the treasure chambers of another unknown temple, filled with innumerable votive offerings. He says that his last three years excavations have surpassed those of the seven preceding years. Dr. Schliemann has followed up the excavations upon the site of Mycense, the most ancient city in Greece. It is identified with the poems of Homer, and Dr. Schliemann supposes that he has found the tombs of Agamemnon, Clytemnestra, and other Homeric personages. But whether he has or not, he has found But whether he has or not, he has found and opened tombs which, from their cyclopean structure, belonged to a very early period of Grock civilization." The United States coast aurvey has been busy, and has developed important facts relating to our coast and the adjacent islands, and considering all things, the year has been an unusually active one in matters relating to geography. eyed hours revelled in perpetual charms of beauty and grace. To accommodate his religion to the enstoms of the people, he geography.

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