So We Grow Old.

A broken toy; a task that held away A yearning child-heart from an hour of play; A Caristman that no Christman idels brought, A tangled lesson, full of tangled thought, A homosick boy; a senior gowned and wise; A glimpse of life, when lo ! the curtains rise ald over fold.

And hangs the picture, like a boundless son-The world, all action and reality-So we grow old.

Awedding, and a tender wife's carese, A prattling babe the parents' life to bless; A home of joys and cares in c just part; A drearing watching with an aching heart: And death's droad angel knocking at the gate, and hope and courage bidding sorrow wait Or loose her hold : A new made grave, and then a brave return

To where the fires of life triumpuant burnso we grew old.

A fortunate and a gen'rous meed of fame. warefur ruin and a tarnished name: A slipping off of week and month and year, patter and faster as the close draws near; Agrief to day, and with to-morrow's light. Apleasure that transforms the sullen night om load to gold : Achilling winter of unchanging storm

spring replete with dawns and sunsets warmwe grow old.

Old to ourselves, but children yet to be In the strange cities of eternity.

Lessons of the Field.

Lo, the lilies of the field, How their leaves instruction yield! Hark to Nature's lesson, given By the blessed birds of heaven, Byery bush and tufted tree Warbles sweet philosophy, Mortal, fly from doubt and sorrow: God provideth for the morrow

Say, with richer crimson glows The kingly mantle than the rese? Say, have kings more wholesome fare Then we poor citizens of air? Barns nor hoarded grain have we Yet we carol merrily. Mortal, fly from doubt and sorrow God provideth for the morrow!

John Calvin.

Calvin was not of large stature; his comderion was pale and rather brown; even to his last moments his eyes were peculiary bright and indicative of his penetrating genius. He knew nothing of luxury in his outward life, but was fond of the greatest names, as became his thorough simpliciiv: his manner of living was so arranged that he showed himself equally averse to siravagance and parsimony, he took little nourishment, such being the weakness of his stomach, that for many years he con-unted himself with one meal a day. Of seep he had almost none; his memory after many years those whom he had once sen; and when he had been interrupted several hours in some work about which he was employed, he could immewhich he was employed, he could himbo-diately resume and continue it, without reading again what he had before written. Of the numerous details connected with the business of his office, he never forgot even the most trifling, and this notwith-standing the incredible multitude of his stairs. His judgment was so acute and affairs. His judgment was so accur-correct, in regard to the most opposite conerns about which his advice was asked, hat he often seemed to possess the gift of ooking into the future. I never remember to have heard that any one who followed his counsel went wrong. He despised fine speaking, and was rather abrupt in his larguage; but he wrote admirably, and no theologian of his time expressed him-telf so impressively and accurately as he, and yet he labored as much probably as any one of his contemporaries, or of the latters. For his fluency he was indebted to the severe studies of his youth, and to the natural acuteness of his genius, which had been still futher increased by the practice of dictation, so that proper and dignified expressions never failed him, whether he was writing or speaking. He theologian of his time expressed himwhether he was writing or speaking. He herer in anywise altered the doctrine which he first adopted, but remained true to the last—a thing which can be said of few the

Although nature had endowed Calvin with a dignified seriousness, both in man-ler and character, no one was more agreeble than he in ordinary conversation. He could bear in a wonderful manner with he failings of others, when they sprang som mere weakness; thus he never shamed any one by ill-timed reproofs, or dis-corraged a weak brother; while, on the obserhand, he never spared or overlooked a wilful sin. An enemy to all flattery, he hated dissimulation, especially every dis-bonesi sentiment in reference to religion; be was, therefore, as powerful and stormy the many to vices of this kind as he was a evoted friend to truth, simplicity and upighiness. His temperament was natural-pholoric, and his active public life had ided greatly to increase this failing; but he Spirit of God had taught him so to adderate his anger that no word ever Still less did he ever commit ought unjust oward others .- Henry's Life and Times

THERE'S no music in a "rest," but there's the making of music in it. And people are dways missing that part of the melody, al-Tays talking of perseverance, and courage and fortitude; but patience is the finest and worthiest part of fortitude, and the rarest

Ir any young man has embarked his life in the pursuit of knowledge, let him go on without doubting or fearing the event; let him not be intimidated by the cheerless be-liming the cheerless beminings of knowledge, by the darkness sumings of knowledge, by the darkness om which she springs, by the difficulties which hover around her, by the wretched abitation in which she dwells, by the want and sorrow which sometimes journey in the risain. But let him ever follow her as a head that will have a shead that we will have a shead that will have a shead that we will have a s angel that guides him, and as the genius this life. She will bring him out at last to the light of day, and exhibit him to the light of day, and exhibit him so be world, comprehensive in acquirement, stille in resources, rich in imagination, frong in reasoning, prudent and powerful bore his fallows in all the relations and in ill the offices of life.

Home Courtesies

"Will you?" asked a pleasant voice. And the husband answered:

"Yes, my dear, with pleasure."
It was quietly but heartily said; the tone, the manner, the look, were perfectly natural and very affectionate. We thought: How pleasant that courteons reply! gratifying must it be to the wife! Many husbands of ten years' experience are rea-dy enough with the courtesies of politeness to the young ladies of their acquaintance, while they speak with abruptness to the wife, and do many rude little things with-

out considering them worth an apology.

Though words seem little things, and slight attentions almost valueless, yet depend upon it they keep the flame bright, especially if they are natural. The children grow up in a better moral atmosphero, and learn to respect their parents as they see them respecting each other. Many a boy takes advantage of the mo-ther he loyes, because he sees often the rudeness of his father. Insensibly he gathers to his bosom the same habits, and the thoughts and feelings they engender, the thoughts and feelings they engender, and in his turn becomes the petty tyrant. Only his mother! Why should he thank her? Father never does. Thus the home becomes a seat of disorder and unhappiness. Only for strangers are kind words expressed, and hypecrites go out from the hearthstone fully prepared to render justice, benevolence, and politeness to any one and everyone but those who have the justest claims. Ah! give us the kind glance, the happy homestoad, the smiling wife and courteous children of the friend who said so pleasantly: "Yes, my dcar, with pleasure."

Letters in Friendship.

Letters are an invaluable sustainer of friendship, but no friendship can live on them. It is a delusion that a mere correspondence, whether daily, mon. ily or week-ly, can supply the aliment for a lively, tenacious thorough friendship; there must be a personal intercourse. For one reason be a personal intercourse. For one reason the letters, to be intimate and unrestrained, and written in any mood and upon the spur of the moment, cannot fail now and then to jar upon the receiver. When two people talk they are alive to each other's state of temper and feeling. No one can guess the condition of his friend at the time he receives his letter. It may be written on impulse and read in weariness or in a testy mood. Or if cheerful a jest falls on a sore place. A snub may be defalls on a sore place. A snub may be detected where none was meant, a thought written under the presence of strong feeling may be understood. Letters cannot attempt to supply the place of conversation between two vigorous minds without making room for some of these hitches; and if the topics of the letters never touch on delicate themes, never approach points where there may be a difference of opinion, then they do not keep friendship alive at the proper heat. All great friendships live in personal intercourse, and therefore it is that there are so few of them; and there-fore that they do not remain unimpaired and in full strength to old age .- Black wood.

Larger Telescopes Wanted.

When we consider the enormous distances which the astronomer has to pene-trate, ere he can bring himself within the range of observation of the nearest even of the celestial bodies, and when we think of the infinite depths beyond, filled with un-told wonders, it is manifest that instruments of far greater light-grasping and space-penetrating power than we now posspace-penetrating power than we now pos-sess must be employed. Everything has already been done by small instruments which can be done. They are, many of them, of exquisite workmanship, and ad-mirable in their details; but they are no more fit to give the revelations, and pene-trate to the distances required, than a drinking-cup is to measure the Atlantic. What is now needed is instruments of six What is now needed is instruments of gigantic size and great perfection of workmanship, which will give us some specific and reliable information in regard to the solar system, and which will open up the inter-ateliar spaces around it. It can hardly be regarded as creditable to astronomical enterwise that such a planet as the omical enterprise that such a planet as the moon, only some 240,000 miles away from us, and most admirably planned for observation, should be so little known; or that an object the size of St. Paul's Cathe dral should be seen only as a discernable point on her surface; while of the condition of life on such planets as Mars and Venus we should be profoundly ignorant, it remaining a debatable point whether animal or vegetable life exists on their surface at all. The reason simply is, that the toys (as they must soon come to be regarded) hitherto employed in their observations are altogether inadequate to cope with the distances they are removed from us. However fine their quality, they cau-not bring those celestial bodies so near us as to enable us to see them distinctly; and our knowledge of them will never be increased until we have instruments which can. Every astronomer knows that with the increase of the size of telelescopes the difficulty of moving and observing with them increases. But the overcoming of such difficulties is just the thing to be done, in order that astronomical observation may advance as it ought to do. There is no impossibility in the way, for, fortunately, there is no limit to the size of perfection of the telescope. Manipulsory different properties of the telescope. can. Every astronomer knows that with fection of the telescope. Manipulatory dif-ficulties may increase, but the theory of the instrument, both in its reflecting and refracting form, admits of an infinite en-largement.—Good Words.

Which Shall I; Take?

are recommended as certain cures for his peculiar ailment. He reads the pepur. and in the wool, adding weight and instread and the same short of the wool, adding weight and instread and the same short of the wool, adding weight and instread and an analty of the wool, adding weight and instread and the same short of the will and thrive. No fock austained by the same because the same short of the will be without it. The same and the same short of the will be same bout 20 sheep or 30 lambs Soldeverywhere. HUGH MILLER & CO..

those claimed to have been wrought by another. In his perplexity and doubt, the sufferer is sometimes led to reject all. But it should be borne in mind that this condition of things is one that cannot be remedied. In a land where all are free, the good—the truly valuable—must come into competition with the vile and worthless, and must be brought to public notice by the same instrumentality, which is advertising. In such a case, perhaps the only absolute proof that a cemedy is what only absolute proof that a remedy is what it claims to be, is to try it. The "test of s pudding is in the eating of it." "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good, is the apostolic injunction. There may, however, be stronger presumptive evidence in favor of one remedy that there is in favor of unother and this should be of another, and this should be nowed its due weight. A due regarl to thi may save a vast amount of experiment, and a uscless outlay of money. As pr umptive evidence in favor of Dr. Pierce a Family Medicines, the Proprietor desucs to say, that they are prepared by a new and soi-entific process by which the subject the ortho process by which the intract of the ortho plants and roots are extracted without the tree of a partial of alcohol. Not a partiale of this destroyer of our lace enters into the composition of either his Golden Medical Discovery or Favorite Prescription. This consideration alone ought cortainly to rank them high above the vile compounds saturated with alco-hol, Jamaica rum, sour beer, or vinegar, which are everywhere offered for sale. Again, they are of uniform streigth, and their virtues can never be impaired by age. They are also made from fresh therbs and roots, gathered in their appropriate season, when they are fined with medicinal preperties. In suppose of these claims, the following testimeny is offered:

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