











POETRY.

OVER AGAINST THE TREASURY.

Over against the Treasury this day The Master sits; whilst unaware Of that celestial presence still and fair, The people pass or pause upon their way.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

WM. CRAWFORD. While we feel deeply the loss and mourn much over the death of the good, yet our sorrow is greatly departed when we know that they have departed this life in the full assurance of a resurrection unto immortality and eternal life.

WILLIE B. BENT. Died of diphtheria at Nictaux on the 7th of Sept. Willie B. Bent, eldest son of Mr. H. N. Bent, in the eleventh year of his age.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BROTHER MACKIRK'S NOTIONS.

I had preached at Pleasant Grove, the congregation was dispersing, and I was in the act of mounting my horse, when Brother Mac, one of my members, came along on "Old Gray."

but you see the presiding elder told me to give you a lift when you was in our neighborhood, and I've done it. Do n't you go to hymnin' and pagin' any more if you don't want to hear from me again.

THE DESTRUCTION OF ELM.

Long years in this high, sunless Swiss valley, surrounded by peaks and snow-fields, had surely made the Elm villagers acquainted with the danger of the mountains. A hundred times they had seen the Serf torrent rise and destroy everything in its path.

COAL GAS.

A melodrama not included in the order of services was provided last Sunday in the North Church, of Lynn, Mass. The furnace fires had been lighted that morning for the first time this season, and the fumes of coal gas gradually escaped into the church.

THE FIRST IRON VESSEL.

In 1809 it was proposed that large ships should be built with sides, beams and decks of plate iron and with masts, yards and spars of iron with telescope joints screwed together.

A WISH GRATIFIED.

A child's pathetic wish was granted in a remarkable manner recently. A contemporary says: "Mr. Wm. L. Bonner, of Syracuse, has recently lost three daughters by diphtheria—Hattie A., in her fourteenth year, Lillie M., in her eighth year, and Mattie, in her fifth year.

of tons, and it fell from a height of nearly two thousand feet above the village.

OUR SPRUCE FORESTS.

Maine's lumbermen—and, therefore a large part of the rest of her citizens—are much disturbed by the destructive insects which are killing the spruce trees not only in that State, but in the adjacent British Provinces. The pine has lost its pre-eminence, and the spruce was getting in a position to be the representative tree, but the Urocerus Abietinus, if the thing has been correctly identified, the Augusta Journal says, is killing off the spruce faster than the lumbermen could take down it, and greatly to their detriment.

DANCING.

Here is what a purely secular paper, the New York Journal of Education, says about dancing: "A great deal can be said about dancing; for instance, the Chief of Police of New York City says that three fourths of the abandoned girls in this city were ruined by dancing. Young ladies allow gentlemen privileges in dancing, which, taken under any other circumstances, would be considered as improper. It requires neither brains nor good morals to be a good dancer.

THE LATE DR. HOLLAND.

The late Dr. Holland, the author, would seem to have met the usual experience which authors undergo. "Titcomb Letters" were refused by two prominent Boston publishers, and a New York publisher refused even to look at them. He carried them to Mr. Scribner, who asked him to read specimens of them. At the end of the third he agreed to take them, and they attained an issue of 60,000.

VACCINATION.

Vaccination, as practiced in China, has two peculiar features. The subject is not operated on in the arm or leg, but in the nose; and the Government, while it does not compel people to submit to the operation, practically reaches the same end that it would by doing so by offering to parents for every child vaccinated a premium of 100 copper cash, which amounts to about 40 cents—and, for a poor Chinaman in his own country, a sum not altogether to be despised.

A VERY GOOD STORY.

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BREVITIES.

The Commercial Bulletin says the man who does not advertise has it done for him finally, under the head of "failures in business."

Half the sorrows of women would be averted if they could repress the speech they know to be useless—nay, the speech they have resolved not to utter.—George Eliot.

When one of the finest preachers in our country has to stop every five minutes during the delivery of his sermon to ask the people to cease talking, it indicates a bad state of morals and manners.—Western Recorder.

The creditors of Mrs. Howe's Ladies' Deposit will receive five cents on the dollar. This will be something of a disappointment to the creditors, as they were led to believe, when depositing their money, that they would receive five dollars on the cent.

A penny makes more noise in the contribution box than a five dollar bill and the man who gives the penny usually makes more noise than the giver of the bill when it comes to say "amen" or voting on church management.—Chris. at Work.

The Pullman Car Company's earnings have been larger than ever this year. In time the company will make enough, perhaps, to pay the porters' wages. The travelling public will continue to pay them for the present.—Boston Transcript.

Lewis, speaking of Goethe, says: "To his opponents, generally, he said, 'If they could judge me, I should not be the man I am.' 'The barking of the curs,' he said, which follows us as we leave the stable, proves nothing more than that we are on horseback."

An architect met one of his patrons who had just returned from a tour in Greece. Said the architect: "Were you not immensely pleased at Athens?" "Yes." "You saw the Parthenon—what did you think of it?" "Bah! It is too awfully dilapidated!"

Johnny's mother was reading to him about cleanliness. "In Africa," she read, "it is dreadful to think there are many benighted tribes who do not wash what soap is, and who do not wash from one year's end to another." "Wise I was a 'nighted tribe,'" said Johnny.

The leaders of mankind had had to suffer a blackened and scorched path of suffering, and we enter into their labors without their sorrows. White robes of earthly saintship, like those of heaven, are only gained through much tribulation. Every thing good costs self-denial.

An elderly Scotchwoman went one day to an apothecary's shop for two grains of calomel for a child. Seeing the druggist weigh the medicine with scrupulous exactness, and not thinking he did this from anxiety not to get an overdose, but from penurioseness or desire to give as little as possible for the money, she said, "Dinna be aae mean wi' mon; it is for a pair fatherless bairn."

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It has been estimated that 10,000 trees scattered over the original States, are still regarded with sacred joy because General Washington partook of food beneath their branches. When it is considered that, in the course of nature, many even of such hallowed growths as these must have surrendered to time and the elements, it is apparent that the Father of his Country had an extraordinary fondness for dining al fresco.

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