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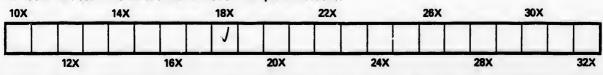


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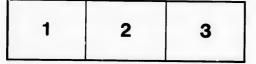
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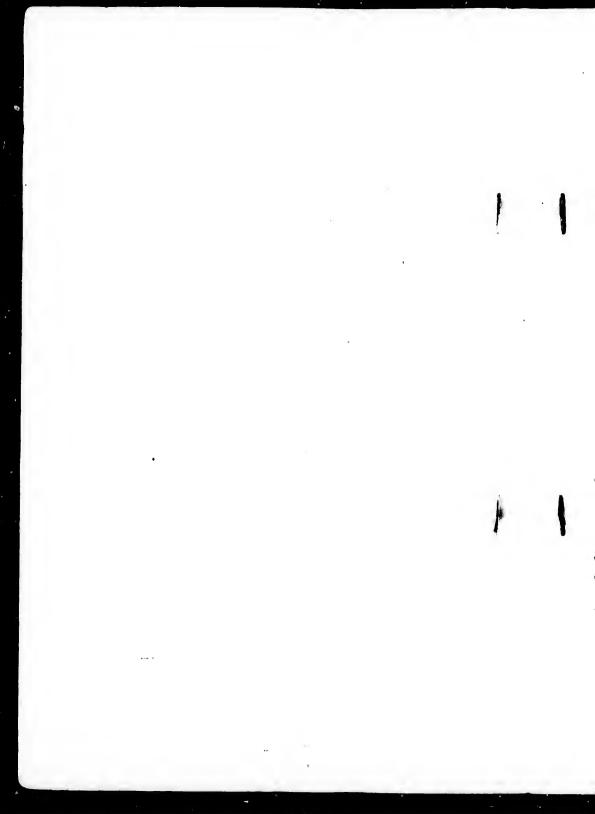
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"God makes a Poet, touches soul and sigh! And lips and heart, and sends him forth to sing. — John Boyle O'Reilly.

" Poets are strange,--not always understood By many is their gift, Which is for evil or for mighty good,

To lower or to lift.

The Poet is great Nature's own high Priest, Ordained from very birth, To keep for hearts an everlasting feast—

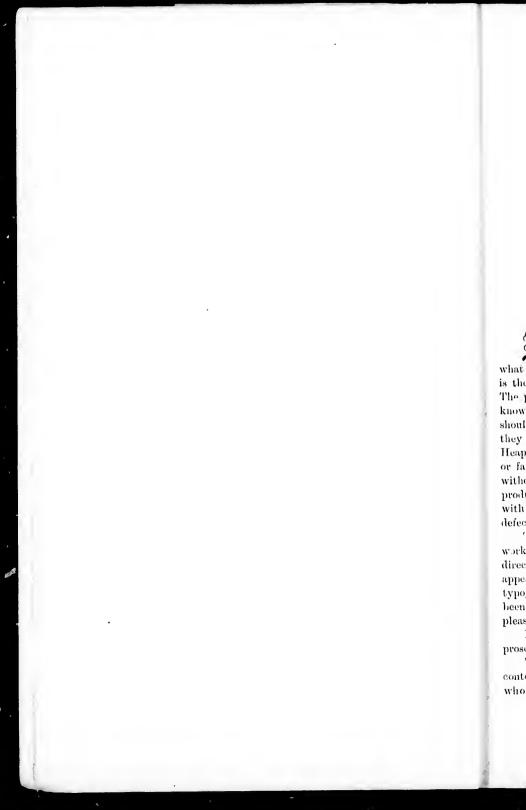
To bless or curse the earth.

They cannot help but sing ; they know not why Their thoughts rush into song,

And float above the world, beneath the sky, Wor right or for the wrong."

--Father Ryan.

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

N ATTION usually finds, I fancy, the preface or introduction to a work the most difficult part of the whole performance. Just what to say and how to say it is a difficult task indeed. I think sincerity is the touchstone of all true thoughts, words and actions in this world. The person who is sincere generally speaks the truth. Many authors, knowing that their works possess merit, are afraid to say so lest they should be accused of pride or presumption. With this idea full upon them they are apt to rush into the opposite extreme, that of striving, like Uriah Heap to be 'umble. I shall do neither. As I have written without fear or favor, without hope of reward, "without money and without price," without passion or prejudice, art or affectation, so I shall present my productions to the public, in the manner I believe they should be presented, with conrtesy of course, with due modesty, conscious of their many grave defects, but with candour and confidence.

The following Poems and Songs are not the result of literary "hackwork," but were generally suggested by some incident that appealed directly to the author's heart or imagination. Most of them have already appeared in print, but, owing to hasty composition, careless revision and typographical errors, in very bad form. As they now appear they have been carefully revised by me, and 1 hope they shall afford interest and pleasure to the general reader.

I do not pose particularly as a poet and hope some day to present my prose works also.

The contents of the following pages are not the mere clap-trap of a contemptible copyist, but the original and genuine productions of a man who has a mind of his own.

I have been accused of copyism in high and low quarters, privately, but never publicly. It is false. I am no copyist.

How could I be a copyist, when my works have appeared in the press from Miramichi to Minnesota? in the papers of Miramichi, St. John, Toronto, London, Montreal, Canada ; Boston, New York, Stillwater and St. Paul, Minn., and surely the editors of those journals should be as good judges of literature as most of my critics, many of whom canuot even read !

I have never copied anything in my life, from any author or poet, living or dead, except an air or a quotation, both of which have always been duly marked and credited. So far am I from being a copyist that my works have received the highest praise from some of the foremost papers of New Brunswiek.

I hope the contents of these pages will be found to sustain the high eulogium passed on me by "Progress," that of "one of the sublimest singers of this or any age."

Moreover I have snng for the whole people. There is nothing sectional in any of my poems, no class or creed distinctions, save and except the impress of my own individuality.

Anything political, personal, or that could offend the most fastidious taste has been rigidly excluded.

Some of the poems, however, may seem to need explanation. Some readers are so terribly realistic that they want everything to be "true" as *they* understand truth. For the benefit of such I may say that the poems, "St. Angela," "Beyond the Bars," "Clara Gowan," "Mollie Darling," and "The Poet's Drean," have no foundation in fact, but are merely written as an artist will paint a picture, a sculptor mould a model, or a novelist write a novel—from fancy and 'for love of the cause.' The rest of the poems are realistic enough, the subjects of most of them being matters of history, local and otherwise. The fact of these poems being merely ideal, does not detract from the beanty of the sentiments or the sweetness of the songs, some of which will be found equal to anything in the language, equal if not superior to the great originals from which the tunes have been taken.

With this very modest declaration, I take my leave of the public for the present, assuring them that this little volume is only a foretaste of the future, God giving me opportunities for greater usefulness.

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ELAN.

My First Poem, 1878. In Memorium.

Mr. Bernard McCormack, Senior, of Blackville, who was almost a centenariam when he died.

From the Emerald Isle beyond the sea, Came our old friend to Miramichi, In the days when settlers here were few, And all the country was but new ; Just when the great Fire of 'Twenty-five Had sacrificed so many lives, And Iaid waste the land in that dreadful time, He came to our shores in his manhood's prime.

> From that until the present day, For over half a century, Through good fortune and adversity, A resident by the Miramichi.

Well nigh unto a hundred years Was his term of life in this vale of tears ; But his long, long life is o'er at last, Struggle and strife are gone and past,

> And now in peace has passed away, His soul from her abode of elay.

God rest thy sonl, my dear old friend, Venerable and old, peace was the end.

To a Child Ten Years Old.

Aerostic.

My dear little friend, may life's sun brightly shine, And life's roses bloom gaity for thee, God's blessings the dearest, the choicest, be thine, God gnide thee o'er life's troubled sea; In every sense may thy pathway be bright, Ever free from all trouble and full of delight.

1880.

The Exile of Miramichi.

Lines suggested by a poem entitled "Miramichi."

(Air; "Exile of Erin.")

To the home of his youth was the wanderer returning, Twas long since he stood on that dear native shore;

In his boson[®] I ween was a passionate yearning To gaze on the scenes of his childbood once more,

The friends of his boyhood again he was greeting,

How he ardently longed for the hour of their meeting ! And fondly in fancy ugain he was greeting

His beloved by the banks of the Miramichi.

And where is the one who will blame him for loving *That* spot which to all should be dearest of earth?

Let us honor the true heart that, wearied of roving, Impelled him to turn to the land of his birth,

The land where lay buried his father and mother, The dear native land of his sisters and brothers,

Why should be not hold it more dear than all others, His dear native Miramichi ?

But, alas ! for his sanguine and fond expectations, Nearly all the dear friends that he fondly supposed

Would meet him and greet him with congratulations Long since in the slumber of death had reposed !

And little was left him but sad recollections Of the days that were gone, and the bitter reflections

That fled were his hopes and the fondest affections

That once filled his young heart by the Miramichi.

Yes! of all whom he loved but a few are remaining, All severed the ties that once bound him to home;

Of hope all frustrated and sorrow complaining, Once more he resolves from his birth-place to roam.

How the parting word grieved him the exile can tell, As to home and the friends he loved fondly and well.

He uttered " forever a mournful farewell,

Dear friends and loved Miramichi."

To his fatherland the wanderer never returned, He died in a strange land, from home far away,

Among strangers, unknown, unhonored, unmourned, Unmarked, perhaps, the lone grave where he lay,

No friend of his own, (they had all gone before him), When his spirit had flown, was there to deplore him,

In a strange land, alone, thus the cold grave closed o'er him, Peace to his dust far from Miramichi.

Nov. 17th, 1878.

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James McLaughlin.

Lies cold and still to-day ! ore : ng f 1 ? 18 ;

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(A schoolmate who died August, 1879, aged 13 years).

The Creator claimed the life He gave, The pure soul passed away, And a warm young heart in the dark grave

How suddenly the death-stroke fell Upon that warm young theart, Closed is a life that promised well By death's unsparing dart.

Little thought we when last we met, A short month since, dear friend, That we should soon have to regret Your bright life's early end !

Long shall we miss the dear schoolmate Whose school days now are o'er, Long shall we mourn his early fate Whom we'll meet here no more.

Sadly the time shall pass away, Because you are not here, An'l c'en our usual happy play Will lose much of its cheer.

Then, dear young friend, a last good bye, Sweet, peaceful be your rest, And may the green sod lightly lie Upon your gentle breast.

And may the good God grant us all, When that last hour d wws nigh, The grace to answer His last call, As well prepared to die.

To a Dead Friend, Elizabeth.

Acrostic.

Entwined by friendship round her name, Let these few lines be sacred ever, If faults she had that some might blame, Zeal for the right outweighed them ever, And as in death she lies at rest, Be all those minor faults forgiven, Endeared to all who knew her best, The life she lived, her death, attest How well she wore a crown in heaven.

1885.

The Queen's Jubilee, '87.

"Thunders moaning in the distance, Spectres moaning ghastly, dark?" Asks Lord Tennyson, the poet, Who has lost his 'vital spark,'

(Ah ! no wonder he has lost it, He has piled it on too thick. He has flattered kings and princes Till he has himself 'took sick').

There are thunders in the distance, Noble Alfred, do yon hear? And do not the distant rumblings Grate upon your titled ear?

There are spectres in the darkness, Take your eyes from off your book, Rid you of your 'staring starkness,' Lift your noble eyes and look,

See the spectre of dissension Stalking through the troubled land, Challenging a world's attention Though you may not understand.

See you not the livid lightnings Flash across the murky sky? Hear you not, more loud than thunders, Freedom's ringing battle cry?

See you not the dread hand-writing Of grim Vengeance on the wall, All snobocracies indicting

And presaging their downfall?

Then, from all these muttered warnings, Mark the closing of the day, During which, the people scorning, Might has held the Right at bay.

Mark the opening of the morrow, When the People shall prevail, Or the land be steeped in sorrow When stern Justice lifts her scale.

God preserve our Queen and country From all flattering fools and knaves, Who would have the Queen a tyrant, And her noble people slaves.

While such minions, craven-hearted, Pour base flatteries in her ear, Her wronged subjects loyal-hearted,

Queen Victoria cannot hear.

Faithful millions to her calling To reclaim them while she may, To redeem her Empire falling Through dissension to decay.

They appeal to Magna Charta, Blotted with a people's tears, Who have vainly sought for justice Through long centuries of years.

Blame her not, onr aged sovereign, For this burning wrong and shame, Rather blame the titled tyrants Who misgovern in her name.

Let us hope the sun of justice May dispet the gathering gloom, Let us pray that gracious heaven May avert the threatening doom.

Providence protect the people, From dissension set them free, Bless our aged, honor'd Sovereign, Crown with joy her Jubilee.

George Washington.

. Acrostic.

God's own anointed king was he, Enthroned in hearts of millions free ; Of nature's truly royal line, Reigned he indeed by "right divine," George Washington's immortal name Exalts Columbia's pecrless fame.

While time shall last, age after age, All history shall his praise proclaim, Soldier, Statesman, Christian, Sage, He won frem heaven his highest fame. In mind, in manners, modest, grave, None more desired the paths of peace, God to his hand the sceptre gave, The sword, a Nation's life to save ; Onr Hero, bravest of the brave, Ne'er shall his fame decrease.

January, 1889.

My Father, died Sept. 16th, '79.

Far from the dear old land that gave him birth, Buried he lies in uncongenial earth, While the broad Atlantic's restless waves Roll between his eradle and his grave.

Early in life from fatherland exiled, Never again to see his native isle, Like millions of her children, doomed to toil, To live and die far from her sacred soil.

O, noble spirit ! warm and generous heart ! Tis hard, indeed, from such as he to part. Ne'er shall we look upon his like again, Who was indeed, one of the best of men.

Farewell, farewell, God grant your spirit rest, Light lie the tarf upon your honoured breast. You go to meet those who have gone before,

To meet and greet them on the sailless shore.

O, reader, grant this one earnest request. That you will kindly pray for his soul's rest, And God will grant you faithful friends to pray For your repose when you have passed away,

Music.

(To an Organist.)

Hail, gifted daughter of the art divine ! The glorious art of Music, that refines And elevates the human heart and mind,

The gift of Heaven, how fitly given

To spirits such as thine.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," To cheer the mind by ernel care distressed, And even the soul by every sin oppressed

May, for a while, forget her guile,

And taste of blissful rest.

'Tis said that sufferers on the bed of pain When listening to the sacred, soothing strain, Even if it be, not sacred, but profane,

Forget their grief, and find relief And happiness again.

May the God of goodness long prolong thy days To sound the organ to His holy praise, And thy sweet voice in sacred song to raise,

And may He impart unto thy heart His bounteous peace always.

St. Bridget's at Renous.

l am gazing on a picture to my memory ever dear That reminds me of my boyhood's by-gone days,

That recalls the sterner struggles of my manhood's later years, And those dear and valued friends now passed away.

This the picture of a little church that stands upon the hill And upon its chaste remembrance 1 muse,

And, as I recall the vanished past my soul is sadly thrilled By this picture of St. Bridget's at Renous.

I see its slender spire pointing up to heaven's dome

With the sign of man's salvation raised on high,

Reminding every passer by of his eternal home,

Of happiness and hope beyond the sky;

What crowded congregations knelt within those sacred walls And filled to overflowing all the pews,

What sunny, smiling Sabbath days fond memory recalls At St. Bridget's little chapel at Renous !

I see the pure white altar with its dim, religious light, Where the sacrifice was offered up to God,

Where the pictures paint the story of our Saviour's sacred life And the weary way to Calvary He trod.

How He, the man of Sorrows, held this world as merely dross And taught mankind a better world to choose,

Behold the little graveyard where repose the honor'd dead Beneath those many tombstones tall and white

That stand like silent sentinels above each narrow bed To remind us that their souls have taken flight ;

Upon those marble monuments that tell us where they lie, Our friends beloved names we may peruse,

And breathe the passing tribute of a prayer and a sigh For those dear, departed spirits of Renous.

Upon another eminence the presbytery stands,

While beneath, beside the wayside is the school

Where the teacher's law of love controlled the wild and wayward band. Who bowed beneath her strict but gentle rule ;

in life's rough school its vast and varied lessons we may learn Where duffness and delay are not excused,

But we'll ne'er forget the lessons that in childhood we have learned 'Neath the shadow of St. Bridget's at Renous.

Roll on, thou rushing river, with thy wild and tossing tide, Dear is thy murmuring music unto me.

Sing on thy song of requiem for those who sleep beside

Who often sang these joyous songs to thee ! The skeptic and the critic, too, may scoff at me and jeer

And their tribute to religion may refuse,

But my heart shall ever cherish as a sacred Souvenir

This picture of St. Bridget's at Renous.

1889.

"Wee Queen Maggie !"--deceased.

Aerostie.

Maggie, angel bright in Heaven, Angelic wert thou on earth, Clorious form to thee wert given, Gentler, fairer ne'er had birth, In life's morn death closed thine eyes, Early faded parents' prize.

When the cold grave closed above thee, Happiness seemed to say farcwell, Even more than life they loved thee, Life they loved not half so well, Ah : may they to glory rise Near their saint in paradise !

1879.

The Pope's Jubilee, '87.

Lion of the fold of Judah ! Leo, prophet, priest and king, Vicar of the King of heaven, From whose lips His mandates ring.

Chief pastor of the church unchanging, Keeper of the heavenly keys. Pilot of the barque of Peter O'er the world's tempestuous seas.

Many hands have clasped the helm Of this bright and gallant Barque, Many storms have raged around it In the bygone ages dark.

But this noble Barque still bounding Sweeps the stormy waves of Time, And her Captain's voice, still sounding,

Speaks the words of truth sublime.

Many ships of state have perished On destruction's rocks obscure, But the ship of Jesus saileth

For the port of Heaven sure.

Many thrones have risen, fallen, Many sceptres passed away, But the Rock-built throne, still standeth, Peter's sceptre holdeth sway.

Many flags of many nations In defeat have long been furled,

But the church's cross-crowned banner Floats aloft o'er all the world.

To My Brother, '83.

With the golden pen yon gave me ere we parted at the train As a token of affection, (though the token gave me prin), Do I pen these lines muto yon, brother in the distant West, While the wintry stars are shining, ere I lay me down to rest.

Then here's to you dear brother James wherever you may go, All to increase your happiness may choicest blessings flow. May every joy be yours my boy that heaven has in store, If I wished from now till next July I could not wish you more.

Here's to you a merry Christmas and a happy, glad New Year, With hogsheads of Jamaica rum and lots of "lager beer," You "shust bet your boddom tollar" you'll hurrah for Unele Sam, While the Eagle he will holler you "can sink me and be tam'd."

Here's the memory of George Washington who chipped that cherry tree,

Likewise of "Massa Linkum" who set de darkies free, The Father of his country and her tried and trusted son, The former was too grave to lie, the latter lied *for fun* !

Here's to old Uncle Sam, himself, who ever fondly dreams ()f making lots of boodle whate'er the Eagle screams : "Liberty !" the Eagle cries, "hard cash" cries Uncle Sam, "J or liberty to starve, my bird, is all a cussed sham."

Here's to that noble hunter lad, I'll call him "Bufflo Bill," And all the other fellows, their names a volume fill, The Miramichines and the Yaukee boys, the bondmen and the free, The renegades who ran away from dear old Miramichi.

So now dear "Yim" I'll finish my "rayther" comic rhyme, The hour is far past midnight, "dear knows" it's nearly time, My golden pen 1 will lay down, I'll say "good arternoon," For I must be up this evening, by "the rising of the moon."

To a Deceased Friend, Mary.

Aerostic.

May Heaven's queen, whose name you bear, And whom you've oft invoked in prayer, Receive, where all is pure and blest, Your soul to everlasting rest, Mary.

1883.

Pius the Ninth. (Acrostic.)

Prophet and Priest and Deputy of Heaven, Illustrious for thy life and lengthy reign, Unnumbered years of life to thee be given, Soon be thy own restored to thee again.

1879.

The Sorrows of Mary.

Hail, crowned Queen of Sorrow, so loving, so pure, What anguish of spirit you had to endure, When first in the Temple with Jesus you stood, When flowed for mankind the first drops of His Blood.

Then Simeon the holy, your sorrows foretold,— How a sharp sword of sorrow should enter your sonl; When far into Egypt with Jesus you fled Till Herod, the slayer of children, was dead.

And when in the Temple you lost your soul's joy, The Teacher of teachers, thet beautiful Boy On whose peerless forchead divinity shone, O, Mother, what grief to have *lost such* a Son !

Again, when you met Him on Calvary's way, O, who, dearest Mother, your sorrows can say? The wounds of His sconrging, the thorns' cruel dart Gave an answering pang to your virginal heart.

When nailed to the cross and exalted on high, Thy Jesus, the just One, did languish and die, Thy soul seemed to pass with His spirit away, Thy sad heart was rent on that sorrowful day.

When the spear pierced His side what a sword pierced thy soul ! O, Mother of sorrows, who could thee console ? None, none but the Father of merey above, Could comfort His Mary, His beautiful dove !

When Jesus was laid in the dark, silent tomb, Thy sun light was darkened, thy sun set in gloom; O, Mother of Jesus, of mourners the chief, By thy mmnberless sorrows sustain us in grief.

My Birthday, April 27th, '58.

This is the day that I was born, A sweet and smiling April morn, God grant my life may be like this In sweet, in secret, silent bliss To serve Him as He lists, with love On earth below, in heaven above.

April 27th, 1892.

My Epitaph.

Aerostic.

My heart has always longed for truth, I always loved the good and true; Childhood's days and my lost youth Have passed before my saddened view, And I am not what I would be, Each passing day and year finds me Longing to be and do what I should be and do.

Where virtue reigned there I revered, Her beauteous face to me endeared, E'en when I went myself astray, Loved I religion's blessed ray, And those who 'round her altars stood Ne'er scemed to me aught else but good.

God's Gifts.

(lod's gifts are each man's dower, His life is not his own, Lives not by his own power, And lives he not alone.

By God's grace preach the pastors, God's songs the poet sings, God's genius lights the masters God's music only rings.

God's music sounds in heaven, His music trills on earth, To every creature given, His life, his joy, his mirth.

And though it be corrupted By sinful man's conceit, It still is heaven's music And shall be made complete.

By God the speaker speaketh, By God the singer sings, By God the poor and beggar Reign on the thrope of kings.

Autograph Album Verse.

To----

The dearest wish I have for you That any can address you, It is comprised in these dear words : May God the blessed One bless you,

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Father Morrissy.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING 1885-ACROSTIC.

Father to the siek and needy, friend alike to rich and poor, All find cheerful, generous welcome at your hospitable door. The gratitude of all the people truly have you won, Heaven bless you for the noble work of merey you have done ! Every heart has known your kindness, well may those you have relieved Raise their hands on high to bless you for the good they have received.

We may boast our noble Priesthood, we may point with honest pride, In chaste, Christian exultations, to our Pastors true and tried, Loving God first, holding His "well done" all other praise above, Loving those entrusted to their care for His most blessed love. In sumshine or in storm, in summer's heat or winter's cold, At all hours, in all seasons, oft through sufferings untold, Ministering unto His children in and out the Church's fold.

Many are the grateful hearts that fondly for your welfare pray, O, how kindly they salute you on this blessed Christmas Day ! Reverently around your honored name this tribute I entwine, Reecive, dear, Reverend Father, this poor offering of mine. If heart or brain or hand could frame aught worthy, Sir, of you, Surely should I render honor to whom honor's richly due. Christmas greeting Renous sends you ! pray we all that you may see Years on years of ministration by the noble Miramichi.

Father Egan.

LINES SUGGESTED BY A PHOTO OF THE VENERABLE FATHER EGAN. WRITTEN AUGUST, 1886. HE DIED SEPT., 1887.

Venerated priest of God, hail ! patriarchal one, Esteemed, beloved throughout the land, your work is nearly dore; Revered where virtue is revered, renowned for manly grace, Your splendid record illustrates the virtues of 4 race.

Royal Erin's gifted son, whose grand, historie sod Enshrines the consecrated dust of countless saints of God, Vowed you your lifetime early to the service of the Lord Entering the holy Priesthood, going forth to preach His Word, Relinquishing the dear home ties, you left your native land En.barking on the ocean, bound for our western strand, Never to see again, perchance, that sainted, sea-girt isle, Devoted to the care of souls, a willing, free exile.

Faithful hearts were here before you on this wild and foreign shore An hundred thousand welcomes to accord you o'er and o'er, They, like you, had left their country, coming o'er the ocean wave, Here in these primeval forests to found homes and find their graves, Enduring all the hardships of the early pioneer, Rewarded by the blessings of their "Soggarth" ever dear.

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Missionary to our fathers, most of whom are now no more,---In the peace of God they're sleeping, let us hope, for evermore— Cherished link that fondly binds us to the dead and vanished l'ast, Heaven still has left you to us, you, the greatest and the last ! Ah, may Heaven still preserve you, spare you to a people's tears, Endeared by ties most holy, full of honors, full of years, Long to sojourn here among us, Father whom all hearts revere.

Ever hallowed are the memories of your confreres goue before, Horious host of saintly workers in the toilsome days of yore, And so shall you in benediction be remembered day by day, Named as now with veneration when you shall have passed away.

Three Pictures of Stillwater.

"Look first upon this picture and then upon that." (As it was) I. — Billy Shakespeare.

Hail, Stillwater, eity of bluffs
By the stagnant Lake St. Croix,
Hail, Stillwater, eity of tonghs,
From the graybeard to the boy;
You laugh at Miramichi,
O, eity of saloons,
But your own faults cannot see,
O, home of the bloated buffoon,
Yonthful in years, (though old in erime;)
But young in fair Wisdom's way,
Yon're away behind the times
And hastening to decay !
Arise from your sluggard's sleep,
O, eity of whiskey and debt,

Or you'll awake some day to weep With a bitter but vain regret.

(As it is.)

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Hail, Stillwater, beantiful eity By the beantiful Lake St. Croix, Your sons are generous and gritty, Your daughters a song of joy ! Hail, Stillwater, eity of steeples That point up to Heaven's blue dome, Reminding your various peoples Of their eternal home, You are young in years and in crime, But old in fair Wisdom's way, You are marching abreast of the time And surely shall carry the sway, You're awake and you're watching too,

And you're getting fast ont of debt, To yourself, Stillwater, be true And you may be an Athens yet.

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Hail ! Stillwater, happy and great,

By the lovely Lake St. Croix,

Hail ! Queen of the North Star state,*

In your glory there's no alloy.

Hail ! eity of golden domes

That glow in the noon-day sun, Hail ! happy and prosperous homes, The victory you have won !

You have banished the cause of crime, The gilded but Godless saloon,

You are far in advance of your time,

You have given your state a boom, Your children are happy and healthy,

Your schools are first in the land, Your people are sober and wealthy,

And your citizens all clasp hands, For God, for country, for home,

For liberty, order and law,

Comes exile from Minnepault come, See this city without a flaw.

Stillwater, July 25th, 1890.

* Minnesota is called the '' North Star State." † '' Minnepaul," the proposed name for the supposed united citics of Minnenpolis and St. Paul.

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John Murdock. (Died '91.)

O'er him in his life's bright bloom, In his manhood's morning, Came the dark, the dreary gloom, Closed the cold, the silent tomb, Came the hour of mourning.

Although his life was very brief It was bright with fairest promise, And we mourn with deepest grief

For the loved friend taken from us. Still, we know full well that he

Now so lowly lying

From life's cruel cares is free And would not have us sighing,

But would have said in dying :-

Weep you not for me."

Parents, brothers, sisters gone, They have beekoned him to come

To his rest beside them; He who feared not death's dark frown, Gently, sadly lay him down In the cold but kindly ground,

In the grave beside them,

God in Nature.

Who grasped creation with a span ? What Master mind conceived its plan ?

And gave this wondrons world to man? For infidels tell us there is no God, That mind is matter, and man a clod, No more nor less than the senseless sod !

But if mind is matter and man no more, In vain is his genius, in vain his lore, In vain the universe he explores.

In vain his soul to the sublime soars.

In vain is religion, that law of love, Law, liberty, justice, stand reproved, And life is a lie, with no God above !

But when they argue "no Bod on high," The world around us confutes the hie, For we see the work of an Infinite Hand On earth, in heaven, by sea and land.

The sun, the moon and the starry sky, This teeming earth that delights our eyes, The thousands of pojects on which we look

Are the open pages of Nature's book, From which he who runs may easily read The evidence of the christian creed.

The varied voices that greet our cats, The matchless melody of the spheres, The storms' wild rage and the thunders' roll, (The lightning flashing from pole to pole,) The torrent's roar and the sighing breeze, the winds low minimum among the trees, The winds low minimum among the trees, The sweet sad song of the dying years, All nature's music, her sighs and tears, The hymn of her harp as it proudly rings When the wild winds sweep o'er its countless strings, The great, glad song that the seasons sing As seed-time and harvest they joyfully bring, All speak of heaven and heaven's King.

And man himself, who is lord of all, Feels the deathless spirit within him call For a better life and a brighter day, Than he even could dream of were he but clay, The good man's hope and the wretch's fear When life is closing and death is near, The still, sweet voice to the son! so dear,

All these things whisper us "God is here."

Sir John Macdenald, '91.

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Dead with his harness on him,	On
The gallant, the good Sir John, The grand old man, the statesman	His
Forth to his rest has gone !	Do
The father of his country,	No No
Old Scotland's noble son,	No
Has fought the good fight,	No
Has finished his course	Bu
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Crowned with honors and years,	
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Dead 'mid a l'eople's tears.	W1
Canada mourns the statesman	
Who gave her union and name,	Ju
Who lifted her up among nations	Ab
And crowned her with lasting fame.	Au
Our citizens mourn for a father	
Beloved by friend and foe,	
Whose nonest tears below the hier	
Of the leader lying low,	
O, Canada, honor your hero,	
And mourning tributes bring,	
And amid the gloom strew his honored tomb,	
The tomb of your uncrowned king.	
My Uncle, John Keary.	
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(Died at Bangor, U. S., of brain fever, many years ago.)

From the rock-bound coast of the State of Maine, where Atlantic billows roll,

To the coast of Chlifornia, to Pacific sands of gold, From the flowery land of Florida to Arctic ice and snow, From the fertile fields of Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, Where the Mississippi's mighty-tide sweeps onward to the sea, They have founded homes and found their graves—the sons of Miramichi.

I sing of one who left his home his fortunes to pursue, But to the land he left behind his heart was ever true, Upon his handsome, hoyish face the beauteons bloom of youth, And in his clear and kindly eyes the look of homest truth, His smile was sweet as a sunny morn, his langh was gay and free, He was beloved by all his friends, this man from Miramichi.

But fever fed on that bold form and blighted its bright bloom, And now the grass of the State of Maine grows o'er his early tomb ; Far from his own dear native land he laid him down to die, On a conch prepared by stranger hands he breathed his farewell sigh, His dying thoughts were with that home his eyes no more should see, Down by the wild Atlantic form, in far off Miramichi.

No father sat beside his bed to soften death's dark frown, No mother soothed his aching head or smoothed his pillow down, No brother cought his dying sigh or heard the words he said, No sister stood with tear-dimmed eye o'er this beloved dead, But friends there were beside his bed as fond as friends could be Who wept his passing spirits flight into eternity.

The soft green grass of that friendly soil now shields his bonnie breast, And the flowers of that lovely hand adorn his place of rest, The winds of heaven softly sigh above his peaceful grave, While, the Nankao flag, the stars and strives along his tangle that

While the Yankee flag, the stars and stripes above his tomb shall wave,

Just as the union jack may wave its folds so fair and free Above some gallant Yankee's grave in dear old Miramichi, August, 1891.

Parnell. '91.

Low lies the mighty chief, Poignant is Erin's grief Monrning for Parnell dishonor'd and dead ! Monrning her double loss, Clasping her cruel cross Close to the breast that for ages hath bled.

Wearing her thorny crown, Bending in sorrow down To we-p her tears of deep grief o'er his grave, Placing a floral wreath O'er his form cold in death Who to her service his great genins gave.

He who is stricken down Placed on her head a crown, Struck from her limbs many shackles and chains, But with a traitor's art Pierced he her gentle heart, Staining her white brow with sorrow and shame.

Still, with a mother's love, Weeping his grave above, She shall remember the good he has done, She shall forgive him all, Viewing the sable pall Shrouding the form and fame of her son.

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Liberty.

"O, Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name." —M. Roland. "The forests, with their myriad tongnes, shouted of Liberty. —Longfellow.

> O, Liberty ! God-given right First bestowed on the Angels of Heaven, Where Lucifer lost thy blest light By the pride of his soul and was driven From the brightness of heaven to hell, An angel no longer, nor free, From light unto darkness he fell Because he had simed against thee, O, beautiful Liberty.

Then God sent from heaven to earth The beantiful goddess of Freedom, When humanity first had its birth In the beantiful bowers of Eden ; But Adam transgressed God's commands And ate of the fruit of the tree, Hence Adam from Eden was bann'd Because he had sinned against thee O, beautiful Liberty.

For Jehovah had meted the bounds That Freedom itself may not pass, He had girded ('reation around With His power infinitely vast, And He said to the angels above, And repeated to mankind below ;--" In a certain bright sphere you may move, " But further you may not go,--" Obey and 'æ blessed by My love, " Rebel and be enrsed with My woe !"

O, Liberty ! gift of a God. The moral is clear and strong; That Liberty is not a license And man has no right to do wrong. For the Master hath meted the bounds That angel or man may not pass, He has girded the Universe 'round He hath formed the small blade of grass.

Therefore, no special pleader nor thinker Can make that which is wrong appear right, And neither runseller nor drinker Shall be blest with sweet Liberty's light; For an infinite Being has measured The limits that law may not pass, And no human power can give license

To sell the forbidden glass,

Nov. 1891 ;

The Dead Prince.

¹¹ Darkness that cometh ere morn hath fled, Bonghs that wither ere fruits are sined, Death bells instead of a bridal's pealings,"—D. F. McCarthy.

O, Life what is thy glittering gold, What is thy pomp or palace splendid, Too soon thy fleeting tale is told, Too soon thy fitful dream is ended.

The hand of death strikes high and low, In every rank and every station, The slave must feel the fatal blow And so must haughty heads of nations.

The peasant in his humble cot, The prince within his splendid palace : -It illustrates man's common lot, For all must drink this bitter chalice.

One common fate awaits us all, The hearts of each and all are human, Life's shadows o'er the pathways fall Of every man and every woman.

The human heart with woe will thrill In breast of princess as of peasant, Grim death hurks o'er our pathway still, A spectre with us ever present.

But, death, you cannot kill true love That spirit like the soul, immortal, Born in the blessed realms above, O, death! you dare not cross *that* portal.

O, love, that lights the lowly cot And warms the heart in lofty palace, Like grief, you seek the soul unsought And rob the heart of half its malice.

We mourn with this fair princess May, Old England's lovely mourning daughter, The grief that rends her heart to-day Is shared by hearts beyond the waters.

But dry your tears fair princess May, And cease to mourn great English nation, Your cross may point a better way — The crown is won by tribulation.

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In Memoriam-Davis P: and D. Palmer Howe.

"Our country, where is it ?—where the wild play. Of the sea wakens up from its dreaming the day, Where the sun on swift pinion arises to greet The fretful Atlantic that foams at his feet; On, on amid visions that thrill with delight Till the peerless Pacific unfolds to our sight."

--- D. Palmer Howe.

A dear old man of the dear old days, The genial and generous DAVIS P. Howr.

The kindly man of eccentric ways,

Lies low at last, the turf on his brow.

But back through the mists of the vanished years That kindly face with its smile shall come,

And call up in memory's eyes the tears For the vanished hand and the lips now dumb.

I never knew him but by his fame As a writer, editor, teacher true, As a honsehold word that familiar name,

As household words were those writings too,

But more than a word is that son's bright fame, Who sang some of Canada's sweetest songs,

D. Palmer Howe from his country claims A crown, a wreath to that brow belongs.

O, Canada, land of the lake and stream,

Of the field and forest, of frost and snow,

Of the genial spring, when the poets dream, Of the gleanning summer and autumn's glow.

O, land where the storm in splendor breaks, Niagara's cataract wildly roars,

Of the mighty mountains and misty lakes, Three oceans sweeping around thy shores.

What have you done for the dear, dead bards? Small meed of praise have your singers won,

They have soared and sung, like the sweet wild birds And drooped and died when their songs were done.

All still and silent the cloquent tongue,

And the glorious muse of the great McGee,

Whose genins a glory around thee flung, And spread thy sceptre from sea to sea.

But God shall remember the glorious song, He shall reward the brave duty done, He shall place the crown where it best belongs

And give the guerdon most gloriously won.

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Dear, lovely land of the maple leaf, ()f the rosy apple and the golden sheaf, Thou art young in years and thy history brief, But the day will come when thon shalt be chief, When the nations around the all bowed in grief Shall hear thy loud "bazza !"

When thy sons shall be heard and thy songs shall be sung, Beneath the world's banners wherever flung, Thy songsters shall sing and thy wild harp be strung,

To the tune of "My Canada."

June, 1895.

MICHAEL WHELAS.

Cardinal Manning. '92,

"So when a great man dies, For years beyond our ken, The light he leaves behind him lies Upon the paths of men."—Longfellow.

O, brilliant light that brightly shone In church and state, O, stately star,

O, beacon light, thy gleam is gone,

That kindly light that shone afar.

O, priest of God, whose lovely life

 $\hat{\Lambda}$ holy lustre o'er thee threw, Who stilled the storm, who calmed the strife

That from dissensions grew,

O, spirit rare and tried and true.

(), bishop of the princely soul, Whose sympathies no limits knew, Who loved all men from pole to pole, Christian or Pagan, Turk or Jew.

(), statesman, greater than the great Who guide the Empire's mighty fate Or hold its banners high,

Lost pillar of the church and state Thy fame shall never die !

That fame is in the church of God. The thorny path this martyr trod Is strewn with roses now,

His feet with blessed peace are shod And glory lights his brow.

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The Dear Little Daisy.

(Air.--" The dear little Shamrock.")

There's a dear little flower that blooms in our land, 'Twas the Almighty Himself sure that sent it,

It spread like a smile from His infinite hand, And with dew from high heaven He wet it, It grows in the meadows and valleys of our land And we call it the dear little daisy of Flowerland, The dear little daisy, the sweet little daisy,

The dear little, sweet little daisy of Flowerland.

Like a beautiful virgin it blooms in the fields, 'Mid the buttereups and the sweet clover, To none shall the daisy in loveliness yield, For beauty 'tis famed the world over. And it grows, etc.

With its heart of soft gold and its petals of snow, Like a crown all our hillsides adorning, It is called the "day's eye," for, as everyone knows, It opens its sweet eyes in the morning. And it grows, etc.

Sweet Newcastle Shore.

Farewell Song to Philip Cox, Esq., A. B., B. Science, 1892.

Farewell, farewell ! 'tis hard to part with one we loved so well, Who twined himself about our hearts while he with us did dwell, He goes to friends and faces dear where he has been before, But he will not forget us here on sweet Newcastle shore,

He was a man of noble mood, v ho well fulfilled his part, Who loved to sow the seeds of good in every human heart, How much we miss his kindly face whom we meet here no more, Another teacher takes his place on sweet Newcastle shore.

Hew swiftly speed the passing years ! we all have older grown, Those vanished days recalled with tears have all too swiftly flown, Those happy hours we'll not forget though they return no more, In spirit they are with us yet on sweet Newcastle shore.

The kindly Address to him read, endorsed by one and all, The loving words, so kindly said, shall hold his heart in thrall, And all that could sweet solace lend to a heart with sorrow sore, He owes to yor, his faithful friends, on sweet Newcastle shore.

May God bless thee, my Miramichi, now and for evermore, And on thy sons and daughters fair His choicest blessings pour; This farewell song Fil not prolong, Fil add but one word more, God bless the dear ones far away from sweet Newcastle shore.

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June.

All Nature seems in tune, In leafy, lovely June, And harmonizes with the heart of man, Singing birds and humming bees On the blossom, in the trees. Are making all the melody they can. O, our souls are filled with song, As June walks with joy along And crowns the creation with bloom ; The flowers of sweet May Have had their brilliant day And are followed by the roses of June. This sweet month is set apart To the Saviour's Sacred Heart, Though all the months and years are His own ; To His Sacred Heart most dear, Sweetest month of all the year, Crowned with roses Juno sits upon her throne. Her mornings' brilliant ray Hath already passed away, And is hastening to its perfect noon ; Ah, we cannot let you pass Like a smile across the grass, Without a salutation, sweetest June. All too soon you will depart, June, the joy of every heart, And leave all our spirits out of tune ; When you go we'll say "good bye," With a murmur and a sigh, But we'll meet you in a year, gentle June. Placing leaves upon the trees, Bringing flowerets to the bees, And giving to the roses rich perfume ; Ah, thank God you'll come again With the sunshine and the rain, With the richness and the roses of June.

And should you next return With the flowers for our urns, And no more with your rich sweetness we commune, May His holy will be done Who is Lord of rain and sun, And who marshals all the year, queenly June.

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Rev. John Joseph O'Lcary, P. P.,

Of Grand Falls, N. B., died June, 1892.

(Air. -- "Shandon Bells.")

Words we would borrow to voice our sorrow Since we have heard your deep funeral knell ! In deepest monrning our thoughts are turning To days departed remembered well,

When first your preaching, your carnest teaching, Your thoughts far reaching our spirits stirred;

As on God's altar you ne'er did falter, But boldly preached his most holy word.

Sad hearts are thrilling, sad eyes are filling With deepest sorrow, with tenderest tears,

For the priest who slumbers, whose days are numbered By noble actions and not by years ;

We well remember the heart most tender That ever rendered our pastor dear,

The noble nature, the friendly feature That filled our spirits with lofty cheer.

With deep devotion, with fond emotion, Across the ocean your spirit roamed,

To scenes endearing in holy Erin,

That lovely island, your native home, But now you're sleeping, your flock are weeping, Sad vigil beeping for Father John,

Whose modest merit, whose kindly spirit

Won deep affection from every one.

Your death deploring, its torrent roaring, Sweeps our Niagara, your own Grand Falls, Whose waters falling like voices calling,

In vain to you in death's slumbers call ; Their mystic splerdor, their music tender,

Their voice of thunder, are naught to thee,

Ah, the Bells of Shandon sound not more grand on The pleasant waters of the river Lee.

With deep affection and recollection

You often sang those sweet "Shandon Bells," The while you wandered and deeply pondered

Amid our woodlands and native dells ; Ah, no more you'll wunder, or fondly ponder

Where sweeps in splendor your native Lee, Peace to your slumbers where gently murnurs

In placid numbers, our Miramichi.

June, 1892.

Margarita. (Margaret.)

I take this wreath of song and gently place it on the deep, Dark grave wherein my sister, Margarita, lies asleep, In the old grave-yard at Nelson, where they laid her years ago, Mid a father's sighs of sorrow and a mother's tears of woe.

Ere three brief but happy summers had passed o'er her golden head, Like a lovely faded flower, she was laid amongst the dead; In that eity of the sileut lies her little grave unknown, All forsaken, all forgotten and unmarked by any stone.

But her parents' hearts were buried in that little new-made grave, And time alone could heal the wound that bitter parting gave, But, though they mourned as those can mourn who lose their dearest one, They murmured in their sorrow : '' Heaven's holy will be done !''

All through life they ne'er forgot her, that sweet vision pure and fair With the lovely form and features and the wreath of golden hair, And their hearts were drawn to Heaven by their darling gone before, And their spirits held communion with that bright, celestial shore.

() the holy grief of parents who have lost a lovely child ! 'Tis a '' sorrow's crown of sorrow" but a sorrow undefiled, For they know their darling's happy in the mansions of the blest, And wears a crown of glory in that holy place of rest.

Being mindful of the word of Him who taught in Galilee, ¹¹ Permit the little children, one and all, to come to me, For of such is Heaven's kingdom, undefied by stain of sin, And unless your lives are like to theirs ye shall not enter in." Sept., 1892.

The Devil's Back.

(Air-"Swinging in the Lane.") +

Know all men whom it may concern, this is the "Devil's Back," The humberman his "chnck" must earn who treads this dreary track, The "Indian-devil" used to dwell within the woods around, But since the Indians said farewell, the devil ean't be found.

No council-fire blazes bright around the sylvan scene, No birch canoe now glances light upon the bounding stream, The "whooper's" dreadful yells exchanged for the lowl's dull "toc-hoo," And where the Indian devil ranged now roate the cariboo.

To-day the sun is shining bright, the air is calm and still, The snow lies like a mantle white o'er all the wooded hill, The winds are hushed, the echoes mute along the silent shore, The indian-devil— ugly brute – shall trouble us no more.

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But we sustain a deeper loss, we feel a keener pain, For friends who have death's river crossed, who come not back again, Their rained homes, deserted farms, where plenty smiled before. These sadden all the scenic charms that grace the silent shore.

But still we climb the "Devil's Back," although it's hard to do, And still we follow in the track of the wild cariboo, Take my advice, don't try it twice without a bridle chain, For if you do you'll surely rue, you'll never smile again.

Clare Gowan.

(A romance of Renous River.) "And her ghost was seen to glide Smiling o'er the fatal tide."

Moore.

PART I.

'Twas a beautiful day in the sweet month of May, And the fresh, fragrant flowers were in bloom, When the pupils poured out with glad, joyous shout

Through the door of the old schoolroom.

The air, sweet and cool, filled that old-fashioned school With the order and sweetness of spring,

And the teacher, young Clare, lingered lovingly there To list to the sweet birds sing.

She was beautiful Clare, of the long golden hair And forehead so broad and white,

And eyes of deep blue, most tender and true, That held in them heaven's own light.

Her lovely cheek glows with the blush of the rose, Her lips as two rosebuds red,

The beautiful teeth that gleamed underneath Lent a churm to each word she said.

Her marvellous voice made the hearer rejoice In its cadences soft and slow,

Each eloquent word like the notes of a hird Or as music melodious and low.

Arrayed all in white, like a vision of light, The loveliest vision e'er seen,

Like a beautiful dove, or the goddess of Love, She appeared like some fair, young queen.

She held in her hand her wand of command, The teacher's much dreaded ferrule,

But she needed it not, and its use she forgot, For love was the law of her school.

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Like a sweet summer dream lay the calm, placid stream, As she crossed it that morning bright, Her light hirch canoe o'er the bright waters flew And danced in the golden sunlight.

But now dark clouds arise on the soft, spring skies And obscure the bright light of the sun As with a dark pall and the first rain drops fall On the sward and the storm has begun.

The torrents pour down, the datk heavens frown, And all now is darkness and gloom,

The lightning's bright flash and the thunder's loud crash Seem to Clare like the call of doom.

But still she toils on till her task is quite done, While the thunderstorm roars over head, She lifts her sweet eyes to the threatcoing skies, Through her heart runs a thrill of dread !

For a loud torrent roars past the sounding shores That lie between Clare and her home, The threatening tide looks darksome and wide And the waters are crested with form

O, what shall she do? will that frail birch canoe Ever live in those waters so dark? But young Clare is brave though her face is quite grave, She puts forth in that frail little bark!

She has left that green shore to return there no more, No more shall she teach that old school ; By the tide swift and strong, she is carried along

Straight into the awful whirlpool !

But gallant young Clare, with the strength of despair, Bravely struggles to reach the far shore,

Ah, vain is the strife, for that lovely young life, The struggle too soon shall be o'er.

The canoe gives a bound and spins rapidly round, Then trembles a space on the tide,

Then plunges straight down with a gurgling sound And death claims its beautiful bride !

So perished young Clare of the long yellow hair, Unaided, unseen and alone,

But her pure spirit hrave from that dark watery grave, Went up to the great white Throne,

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Mary, Our Queen.

(Air. -- " God Save the Queen.")

Hail to our gracious Queen, Hail to our glorious Queen, Mary, our Queen; Lily of Palestine, Princess of David's line, Foretold by Word Divine, Virgin and Queen.

Mary was named of old Ere Prophet Bards forctold Predestined Queen ; She is the glorious Eve Who brought the world reprieve, Whom satan ne'er deceived, Victorious Queén !

She in lone Bethlehem's cave Birth to the Saviour gave, Mother and Queen; Soon by His cross she stood While His Most Precious Blood, Streamed o'er the saving Rood, Martyr and Queen.

She heard His dying sighs, She saw His blessed eyes Beaming with love As He bequeathed her John, The well beloved one— "Mother, behold thy son Whom I approve."

She saw her dear son die, She heard His parting ery ; "Father 'tis done !" Then, when the Lord was dead, Laid in His narrow bed, Mary with heart that bled Wept for her Son.

She by His cradle smiled. Watching her blessed child, Mother serene ; Now by His tomb she wept, Sorrowing vigil kept Where the Redeemer slept, Sorrowful Queen !

Soon her most blessed soul Flew to its native goal.

Heaven's bright Queen ; Jesus did crown her then, With brightest diadem, Of angels, saints and men Most glorious Queen !

Ne'er shall her sceptre fail, Ne'er shall her foe prevail, Christ crowned her Queen; Ne'er shall her throne decay, None dare dispute her sway, Realms of eternal day

Own her as Queen !

The Shamrock.

St. Patrick, 1892.

When Patrick preached to Erin's sons The blessed word of God,

He plucked a little shaarook green That grew upon the sod, And from the three leaves on its stem He proved, that happy day to them,

The mystery of mysteries, One God in Persons three.

And this is why the Irish prize The darling little gem,

The emblem of their native land The shannock is to them Because it was the instrument By Patrick used, by heaven sent To illustrate the Mystery Of the Most Holy Trinity.

Ah, well may Erin's sons revere The memory of their saint,— Well may they love the shannock dear, That modest little plant That nestles fondly to thy breast Thou sainted Island of the west ! Land of the shannock, harp nd cross, That holy faith you have not lost, Forever shall your faithful host Bless Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

Tennyson. (Impromptu.)

Tennyson, Tennyson, tender and true, Many the hearts that are mourning for you,

Many the mourners, with tear-swimming eyes Who stand by the tomb where our Tennyson lies.

Low lies the laurel on Tennyson's brow,

Where's the one worthy of wearing it now ?

Who shall succeed him who sang for ns all In his great love poem "Locksley Hall ?"

In his fair '' Princess'' and lovely '' May Queen,' In his '' Memoriam'' and '' Idyls serene ?'' In his great '' charge of the brave Light Brigade''

Laurels he won that are never to fade.

Tennyson's glory stands ont all alone, Carved not in marble, in bronze nor in stone, But in the works of his hand, heart aud brain

Lives the great Laureate, singing again.

At last he has yielded up sceptre and crown And to the dark valley of death has gone down, One shall succeed him well worthy to wear The leaf of the laurel entwined in his hair.

For tood is not wanting to His great designs, He is not wanting in men nor in minds, Freely He gave them and freely He gives, One is scarce dead when another one lives.

For each has a mission to fill here below, And singers should sing as the bright waters flow, Others will follow, but none like to you Tennyson, Tennyson, tender and true.

Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, '92

(Sonnet.)

He needs not the laudation Of Pulpit, Press or Pen,

Whose honest reputation

Is in the minds of men. Then strew the fairest flowers

Upon his honored tomb,

To chase the weary hours, To light the dreary gloom,

The noble chief, Mackenzie

Now with Macdonald sleeps, And Canada, our country,

For her dead statesmen weeps.

A Pastoral,

Or The Poor Man's Valentine.

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"The rich may bonst of wealth secure" While thousands lie in awe, But happier is the peasant poor Beneath his roof of straw." - Old Song.

Let the rich and proud their wealth display, Their vain and vulgar pride, The poor are happier far than they, Though poverty betide,

Though they have to toil for daily bread, Bid wild ambition cease, Kind Heaven around their hearths shall shed Its everhasting pence.

They may wander in the meadows gay And by the winding stream, And life may be to them each day A gentle Poet's Dream.

They breathe the forest fragrance sweet, Borne on the gentle breeze, Or seek the shady, still retreat, Beneath the spreading trees.

They breathe the odor of the rose, The seent of new mown hay, Or pluck the ripe red fruit that grows On the bush beside the way,

They listen to the carols clear, Of the song-birds in the skies, Or welcome robin-redbreast dear, When to their door he flies.

And when the winter storm may rave Around their cottage doors They give the meed their fathers gave To the traveller and the poor.

They kneel at the shrine where their fathers knelt, They pray where those have prayed, And feel the blessed peace those felt Unto their souls conveyed,

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Where the awful, mystic Sacrifice Is offered up for all, And the Lord, unseen by human eyes, Comes at His servant's call,

And gives His body and His blood In the form of bread and wine, To be their souls' most precious food In the sacrament divine.

They deck their Lord's and Lady's shrine With the rose and evergreen,

And sweet wreaths of prayers their tongues shall twine For the glorious King and Queen.

They breathe the prayer dear Jesus taught On the mount of Galilee, And that roselud prayer with graces fraught,

Sweet Mary's Rosary.

They bless the Lord for the gentle spring, For summer breezes warm, Fair Antumn that fruition brings And winter's howling storm.

They bless Him for the ro; y dawn And for the golden noon, And when the shades of night are drawn, When shines the silver moon.

PART II.

When Sol, the golden god of day Sinks slowly to the west, And casts a lingering, parting ray Just as he goes to rest.

When Luma, lovely Queen of night Arises in the east,

And by her soft and splendid light She seems to whisper "Peace !"

Who has not felt the nameless charm That o'er the landscape lies ?

O'er hill and dale, o'er field and farm, Breathed from the brooding skies ?

Who has not felt the holy rest That o'er the spirit falls? The musings sweet, the visions blest

That hold the heart in thrall?

O, splendid sights that meets our eyes, Sweet sounds that charm our ears, You fill our hearts with happy sighs. Our eyes with tender tears !

This mystic musing of the soul The power of words defies, The spirit leaves its native goal And to its anthor flies.

And as we raise our reverent eyes Unto the starry dome, We feel our hearts to heaven arise, For yonder is our home.

And when our barque of life long tossed By many storms distressed,

Death's gloomy river shall have crossed To seek the port of rest,

May Jesus grant, hfe's race being run, Its burdens all laid down, That we may win what saints have won ; The everlasting Crown.

My Shamrock.

ST. PATRICK, 1893,

I wore a real shannock on last St. Patrick's Day, A shannock from old Erin, dear Erin far away, Ah, when the grave shall fold me how happy I should be To know the lovely shannocks were growing over me.

A friend had dug some shannocks from Erin's saëred soil, And brought them o'er the ocean with loving care and toil, And here they have been tended by loving hearts and hands, These lovely little emblems of the dear old land.

Though the shannock loves to nestle close to dear old Erin's breast, It grows up tall and slender in this our wilder west, O, I love the little shannock that speaks of faith in God, Although I'm not a native of the dear old sod.

Although I have not seen it and never hope to see, The lovely little Emerald that gleams upon the sea. I love it for my father's sake, the dear land of his birth, Next to my native Canada, the dearest spot on earth.

We should love all lands and emblems, for God has formed them all, The shamrock of old Erin, the Scottish thistle tall, Fair France's lovely lily, old England's blooming rose, And the maple leaf, the emblem of our own dear land of snows,

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John Boyle O'Reilly, '92

In Memoriam. (Air-" My gentle Harp.")

Awake, my harp, thy sloth forsaking, I sweep my hands across thy strings, The sweetest notes I know awaking

For the singer who no longer sings. His life's dear dream on earth is ended,

No more we hear his trumpet tones,

His voice is with the chorns blended That swells around the great white Throne.

He sang for his dear mother, Erin,

For her he suffered nameless pain, Each deep heart-wound her name endearing,

For her he ne'er shall sing again, Except in those grand songs immortal

Which he had let her here behind, Ere he had crossed the shining portal-

The tribute of his master-mind,

Likewise for thee, his second mother, This prince of poets, man of men, Who was to all thy sons a brother,

Who was to all mankind a friend--He sang for thee thou Queen of nations

The peerless songs of liberty, His songs were heard with approbation Around the world, from sea to sea.

But O, he kept a sweeter measure For thee, then blessed Queen of love,

Who hore the world's Redeeming Treasure, Who reignest in the courts above ;

To 'lod his heart was early given, For him he sang his sweetest song,

His choicest thoughts were those of heaven And Him to whom the world belongs.

Peace to his rest beneath the banner That floats above the fair and free,

Far from the world's disturbing clamor He rests for all eternity.

Then deck his tomb with fairest flowers, There let the everlastings bloom,

And let the nation's Poet's bower Be built above O'Reilly's tomb.

Sweet Sacred Heart.

"Son, give Me thy heart,"-Our Divine Lord.

(Air--" My Gentle Harp.")

Dear Sacred Heart, so sweetly pleading With sinful hearts to come to Thee, Sweet Sacred Heart, so sorely bleeding For sins of poor humanity. We offer Thee this reparation, For whom Thy Precious Blood did flow, For those whose awful descerations Have filled that Sacred Heart with woe. Sweet Heart of Jesus ! deign to listen, Look on their prayers, their sighs and tears, Bright tears of Love and Sorrow glisten In eyes that have not wept for years : Vain are the words we fain would borrow To speak the grief our hearts should feel, The sifent tear of secret sorrow More fitly may that grief reveal, Dear Heart of Christ, forever dwelling In Thy eternal Home above. And on Thy earthly Altars swelling With blessed, boundless, burning Love, Our hearts with tenderest thoughts are thrilling Whene'er we turn, Sweet Heart to Thee, Our eyes with tenderest tears are filling When Thy Sweet Heart all pierced we see. Sweet Son of God, we humbly offer Our hearts, our souls, ourselves to Thee, Have merey on the sinful scoffer, The blind of heart who cannot see," Save us dear Jesus, or we perish, Hear a despairing seaman's cry, O, let us Thy dear wishes cherish, For Thee we live, for thee we die. Hear the Sweet Heart of Mary pleading To Thine offended Majesty, To Thee the wretched captive leading, Heart of the Holy Trinity !

Let her sweet prayers to Thee ascending Call Thy divinest blessings down, On human hearts like dew descending,

To be their everlasting crown.

Oct. 1892.

Be Still, Sad Soul.

Berrer, sade oil and cease repiding, A. (1), s. He world was made for you, For you Cod's Hessed sun is shining, For you the skies are painted blue.

For you the 'liquid flame' is flashing From yonder storm cloud's murky pall, For you the thunder loud is crashing, For you the rain drops swiftly fall,

For you you lovely bow extending The arching dome of Heaven spans, Its seven lines and colors blending Proclaim God's covenant with man.

For you you silver moon is rising, For you the stars in beauty shine, Those lovely orbs of your despising Were formed by Hands that are divine.

For you those bright auroral curtains Were flung across the starry sky, Those lovely Lights, whose gleams uncertain In glancing beauty shine and dic.

For you the gentle breeze is blowing, For you the limpid waters flow, For you all vegetation growing, For you the lovely roses blow.

For you the birds of air are flying, For you those feathered songsters sing, To tell you of His love undying

Who gave to them their airy wing.

For you the fish of seas are swimming, For you the herds in pasture low,

For you the earth and air are brimming, For you the seasons come and go.

For you these crystal flakes are falling, Replacing summer's robe of green, All Nature's voices to you calling,

Awake ! behold the lovely scene !

Then raise your eyes from earth to heaven, For you the skies in glory glow, For you yon heavenly home was given

When you have ceased to dwell below.

for you the gentle love of woman. For you the stronger love of man.

For you the ties divine and human

That blessed you since your life began.

For y + the love of God, surpassing J raitely all human love,

That Love divine all love compassing On earth below, in heaven above.

Then cease, ungrateful soil, repining, Your pilgrimage shall not be long, Behold the cross in lieuven shining, De that immunity of the transfer

By that sign conquer and be strong.

Sweet Christmas Bells, 1892.

Rejoice, Provide of the blest, Rejoice, weet souls in exiled rest, Rejoice, you nations of the earth, Sainte your Saviour's august birth ?"

All glory be to God on high, "We bring yon tidings of great joy, The Christ is born in Bethlehem, Peace on the earth, good will to men !"

This song the blessed angels sang, As loud their harps with music rang, While circling round on shining wing The cradle of the new born King.

This song the saints and angels sing Before the Throne of Heaven's King, This song the bright immortals hear Lond ringing through the rolling spheres.

This Christmas chant we wake again, We sing once more the sweet refrain That angels sang long years ago To Heaven above, to Earth below.

On Earth below, in Heaven above, All glory to the Lord of Love, Shout ! Heaven and Earth's united voices : " The Christ is born, Rejoice ! Rejoice !"

The Last Night of the Year 1892.

All hail ! most lovely Night, all hail ! departing Year, The wintry moon shines bright, her radiance mild and clear Upon the cross-crowned Church that tops the little hill, The radiant, heavenly light fell soft and sweet and still ! Upon the lofty tower where swings the chapel-bell The radiance of that hour in brooding silence fell, Upon the graves and tombs, fair Luna cast her beams, Half lighted, half in gloom, O, what a night for dreams ! The stars shone bright above in heaven's dark blue dome, To tell us of God's love and of our future home ; O, God ! what hand but Thine could paint a scene like this ? So thrilling, so divine, so full of nameless bliss !

Farewell, O lovely night, farewell, departed Year ! That vision of delight, to memory ever dear, Upon my mental sight shall long stand clear !

Home and Heaven.

(Air-" Home, Sweet Home.")

"There's no place like Home."-I. Howard Payne. "There's nothing bright but heaven." -- Thos. Moore.

We may sing of our homes and our havens of rest. But there's no place, my soul, like the home of the blest. The home of the happy beyond the blue sky, The home of Our Father in Heaven on high.

O, Heaven ! sweet home of the ransomed and free. Be it ever so lovely there's no place like thee,

Poor exiles from Heaven, we labor in vain, If that home of Our Father we strive not to gain, Where the angels and saints for eternity sing The praise of their Author, Redeemer and King. O, Heaven, etc.

We gaze on the sun, on the moon and the stars, And we sigh for that beantiful City afar, And we pray to our Father in heaven above : " Receive ns, O God, in the Home of Thy Love.

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The Poet's Dream,

or The Old Elm Tree, 1893.

	It was the close of a summer day, slow sank the setting sun, Unto his rest in the glowing west and the long June day was done ; That evening as I wandered forth down in a meadow gay, I sat me down upon the ground beneath an elm tree.
ear	Its giant branches o'er my head were spreading far and wide, The babbling brook beneath my fect speed to the river side, The river winding by the bend, meandered far and free By field and farm and forest fair, beyond my elm tree.
: .,	And while I mused the moon arose in splendor calm and still And flooded with her lovely light the valley and the hill, On babbling brook, on winding stream, far as my eyes could see, She cast a lovely silver gleam beyond my elm tree.
his ?	And as I gazed upon the scene, the mead and moonlit stream, I fell into a sleep profound and dreamed a lovely dream ; This was the vision that I saw, the words she said to me, That lovely night in leafy June, beneath the elm tree.
	A lovely lady seemed to stand, in robes of driven snow, A crown of roses in her hand, a crown upon her brow, A diar and cross blazed on her breast, her girdle shone like gold, A ray of light encircled her in majesty untold.
Home.")	A light far brighter than the sun's and milder than the moon's, A lovely odor breathed around, surpassing earth's perfumes ; The holy radiance seemed to cast its calmness over me, My sonl was held as in a spell beneath that ehn tree.
t, blest,	A smile was on the lovely lips though tears bedimmed her eyes, And when she essayed her sweet speech the words came forth in sighs, "Fear not, start not, young man" she said, " at thus beholding me, " I have a message for your soul beneath this elm tree."
l free, 3.	"O, marvel not that Mary weeps for this unhappy world, When brazen Vice holds high her head, her banner base unfurled, O, marvel not that Mary sighs at the sad sights she sees, When lovely virtue droops and dies beneath your elm tree."
,	"Why do you murmur at your fate, why do you weep and pray That what you call your heavy cross from you may pass away, O, murmur not, but watch and wait and sing this song for me, And you shall yet be good and great far from this elm tree."
	¹⁴ I bid you sing the Psalm of Life as that Psalm should be sung, With all a poet's heart and soul, his lips and brain and tongne, O, let your song be clear and strong, and bold and firm and free As the winds that waft those lovely leaves from this fair clim tree."

" Let Prudence on your words attend, place Justice by your side, Make Temperance your firmest friend, and Fortitude your bride, So shall you sing the song of Faith and Hope and Charity, And blessed Peace shall be your lot far from this elm tree."

"Awake, arise ! the dream is past, the battle has begun, And by the holy help of God this battle shall be won, Go forth, my son, and sing the songs that I shall teach to thee, And God will bless your future fate beyond this chn tree."

I awoke, arose and gazed around on earth and air and sky, While all around my sylvan seat sweet spirits seemed to sigh, But ah! I looked and longed in vai!, no Mary could I see, Ah, would to God she'd come again, beneath my chu tree.

An Elegy.

In Memoriam -my deceased Father and Mother.

Each in his narrow cell forever laid The rule forefathers of the hamlet sleep."--*Gray*.

(Air:--" Rock of Tallamore.")

1 have stood amid the tombstones when the simlight warm and tender Fell in rays of golden glory on the grass above the dead, 1 have stood again beside them when the moonlight's softer splendor Lay in dreamy, brooding sadness on their cold and lowly bed.

When the sweet and gentle spring time all her crown of green was weaving, And all the trees on all the hills put forth their thonsand leaves, When the burning sum of summer Nature's noble heart was grieving, When the golden grain of autumn stood in pyramids of sheaves.

I have stood once more beside them when the autumn leaves were dying And the autumn winds were sighing a sail requiem of rest; I have gazed upon their summit when the wintry snows were lying Like a heaven-woven mantle drifted high above their breasts,

And I thought that not in marble nor in stone the heart remembers, But by love that lasts forever and the prayer that oft ascends, By the silent tear of sorrow far more fitly may we render The true and tender tribute that we owe to our dead friends.

(), dear dead so softly sleeping where the stars are vigils keeping, And the kindly heaven's weeping dewy tears above your tombs, A sad lesson you are teaching, a sweet sermon you are preaching As your spectre-hand outreaching beckon us amid the gloom.

That where you have gone we're going, that, though youth and health be glowing,

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side, Tide,	Still the stream of life is flowing ever onward to the grave, That some thought we should be giving to the friends around us living, That our foes will need forgiving and our souls we have to save.
90,	This the lesson you would teach us could you speak O silent teachers ; That we love our fellow creatures for our Savioun's blessed love, That we pray for those departed, that we help the weary-hearted, That, as we have joy imparted, we shall meet with joy above.
ι,	 Dear dead fathers and dead mothers, dear dead sisters and dead brothers, You our own and those of others, for your rest we breathe a prayer, Dear departed sons and daughters who have crossed the shining waters, We pray tool that as you sought Him you have found His mausions fair.
	Living fathers, living mothers, living sisters, living brothers, You our own and those of others, of your conduct have a care, Living sons and living daughters, heed the lesson those have taught us, Heed the message they have brought us and prepare to meet them there.
	 Dead sweethearts, whose lives were blighted ere your tender vows were plighted, Or whose loves, perhaps, were slighted, by some cold and cruel heart, Let us hope that up in Heaven, where the hearts by sorrow riven Are united and forgiven, you have found the better part.
ore.'') I tender endor	Living sweethearts who have plighted vows from lips by true love lighted, You whose hands have been united at God's holy altar here. You whose yows were heard in heaven, you whose trust was wisely given, You whose hearts have not been riven, to their sorrows give a tear.
vas weaving, es, ieving, s.	O, sweet smilight warm and tender, O, pale moonlight's softer splendor What a glory do you render to the forest and the field ! Hail ! sweet springtide, time of sowing, ardent summer, time of growing, Mellow autumn, grandly glowing with the happy harvest yield, Hail ! wild winter old and hoary, with your snowy crown of g'ory, You complete the season's story and by you the volume's scaled.
vere dying ying	Just so varied are life's turnings, sweetest springtide marks its morning, Soon its summer's sun is burning and we reach our life's noon-tide, Soon the autumn grain's filling, soon the autumn winds are chilling, Soon the winter frosts are killing and our lives have passed away !
ubers,	In its many forms and features, in its varied voices. Nature ls a preacher, is a teacher to us all, my fellow-creatures, That we should our tribute bring : Hear it in the breezes blowing, hear it in the waters flowing,
ing, 28, ing	 Near it in the breezes moving, hear the forest echoes ring ! See it in the forest glowing, hear the forest echoes ring ! Yes and though our eyes may glisten with bright tears for dear ones missing, If we hush our hearts to listen, we may hear God's angels sing.
and health	Let us join, O man immortal ! standing on the shining portal of an ever lasting spring,

Let us join with all creation in a shout of exultation, In a song of acelamation, in a hymn of jubilation, In one mighty percention to the throne of God our King.

Man's Life.

A poem dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Patrick Bergin of Blackville, who died Jan. 8th, 1893, aged 83 years.

> An aged man, beloved, revered, A patriarch he was in years, Has closed his honor'd, long career, His tale of life is told; 'Mid dearth of sighs and sorrow's tears, This heart, to kindness long endeared, In death at last lies cold,

That noble heart so warm and true, Whose genial depths were known to few, Whose kindness every traveller knew

Who sat beside his hearth, Where swiftly past the hours flew As pictures sad or droll he drew In sympathy or mirth.

No more we'll hear the old man tell Those tales of times, remembered well By him to whom we say farewell,

Of scenes, ot days gone by ; 'Tis hard to say to him farewell, This dear old man we loved so well A last, a sad good bye !

Cold blew the bitter winter blast, The winter snows fell thick and fast As to his grave the patriarch passed,

That grave so cold and chill ! In death's long sleep he lies at last

All calm and still.

The wintry sun shines coldly bright, The wintry moon's screner light

Falls on his narrow bed ; The winter snow lies pure and white Above his aged head.

White was his life, as pure and fair

As that snow mantle lying there Above this grand old man : White as his locks of heary hair, White as his brow, on which dull care Had laid a heavy hand.

Light may the turf lie on his breast, God grant his parted spirit rest, This very dear old friend W2. , was a man of men the best To his life's very end.

The life of man is like a day : How brightly beams its morning ray, How grandly glows its noon ; How swiftly steal night's shadows gray, The twilight and the gloon.

We mark the rising of the sun, His morning course has but begun, From east unto the west, When, lo ! his race is nearly run, The night is here, the day is done, Sol swiftly sinks to rest.

Or like the swiftly rolling year, Whose spring and summer, full of cheer, Pass gently, gaily on ; The antumn comes, the winter drear, The year has passed and gone.

Or like a lovely blooming tree On which the glowing fruit we see, So ripe, so rich, so rare : We pluck the fruit, we leave the tree With buds and branches bare.

Or like a fair and fruitful field That with the happy harvest yield In antumn grandly glows; Anon by winter's frosts congealed It lies beneath the snows.

But unlike each and all of these, The days, the years, the fields, the trees,

Man's life shall never ccase ; Beyond the circling sums and seas, Beyond the dying centuries, The just shall dwell in peace.

When heaven and earth together roll, And both are withered as a scroll,

Man's body and immortal soul, Surviving suns and spheres, The justified in heaven shall dwell, The reprobate shall live in hell Throughout eternal years !

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An Historical Pallad. From Adam to Columbus.

"And God said : " Let there be light and light was made." - - Genesis,

The great Creator formed the light when went His fiat forth That it might shine throughout all time upon this fruitful earth ; The sum he made to rule the day, the moon to rule the night, The countless host of twinkling stars to give their lesser light : He marshalled all the rolling years, the seasons one by one ; In order shall the planets roll, the days and hours run Until the final Trumpet Call proclaines that Time is done. But greatest of His earthly works, He formed His creature, Man, The noblest of His handiwork in this terrestial plan. He called him forth, He gave him life, He breathed in him a soul That he might love and worship God as ages onward roll, That he might be the glorions light to shine for evermore When sun and moon and stars shall pale, on the celestial shore. And down the ages as we pass from the primeval man, We see, as in a wizard's glass, the world before us stand ; From Adam's to the latest age we mark each mighty name, As, one by one, like other sons, their lights before us flame.

ADAM AND EVE. 1.

+ whom God did call, We note the name of Adam first, the We note his helpmate, gentle Eve, v Behold the lovely Paradise where our more parents dwell, Their perfect peace and happiness before from grace they fell. Behold the wily tempter coming hither to deceive, To whisper disobedience in the listening ears of Eve. Behold the fall, its consequence, the awful punishment, The blessing and the curse of God, the life long banishment, An angel with a flaming sword is placed at every gate To see that they return no more, O, most unhappy fate ! But God's great Mercy is not strained, He gives his only Son To save mankind and to undo the evil they have done ; "O, happy fault," the saints exclaimed, "which brought us such reprieve." "A Jesus for an Adam and a Mary for an Eve !"

ENOCH, 1000 A, M. 11.

"He walked with God in holy joy while yet his days were few, The deep, glad spirit of the boy to love and reverence grew, Whether the mighty stars to count, the ancient hills he trod, Or sought the flowers by stream or fount, the patriarch " walked with God," And calmly, sweetly, that pure life faded from earth away, Thron No cloud it knew, no parting strife, no sorrowful decay, He bowed him not, like all beside, unto the spoilers rod, But joined at once the glorified, where angels walk with God. Till al So let us walk, the day will come to us that comes to all, We through the darkness must go home when sounds the trumpet call. O, ble

(The above stanza quoted from Mrs. Hemeans.)

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And soon dehovah's anger dread shall on mankind be hurled. The sons of God, the race of Seth and the base brood of Cain Have intermixed and made the laws of the Ureator vain, So much that it repented Him Who made man on the earth. And God in anger curses them and sends the Deluge forth, For forty days and forty nights the rain in torrents falls Until the Ark is lifted high above the mountains tall. And man and beast and bird of air with one another vie For refuge from their awful fate, where all are doomed to die. Ah, God, beheld the awful scene, list to the thundering sounds As the wild waters of the Flood sweep 'round the world and 'tound, And nothing but the Ark is seen upon the nighty wave That sweeps in awful najesty o'er mankind's common grave, The Ark that holds nonther Adam whose progeny shall spring Forth from that mighty mountain's base to make earth's echoes ring !

Full fifteen hundred years have rolled o'er this revolving world,

THE REDREWS : -200 Fto 4011 A. M. 11. Now full two thousand years have swept across the dial stone, And Babel's Tower and fateful hour, like mists laste come and gone, And Abraham, the called of God, comes forth and stands in view, The father of a mighty Race -to-day's despised dew ? Again five hundred years have passed across the sands of Time, And Moses cometh, called of God, the lawgiver sublime, And stands on Sinai's awful mount with the great God alone And brings mankind the Decalogue on tablets made of stone : Again five hundred year, have swept like sunshine o'er the grass, And Solomon the wise appears as in a wizard's glass, For grandeur and for glory and for wisdom famed of all Who ever rose or reigned or fell and passed beyond recall ; The next five hundred years we see the sceptre passed away From Israel and from Judah too, the kingdom in decay, And by the streams of Babylon, upon the willow trees, The Hebrews hang their silent Harps, to woo the passing breeze, Saying 'Zion's children shall not sing the sweet songs of the free, But chant in cruel captors' cars their drear Captivity.

V. JESUS CURIST: A. D. I to 33.

Again five hundred years of time have passed from earth away, And full four thousand years have rolled o'er ruin and decay, When Jesus Christ Himself appears, the Light of all the World, And on Golgotna's gloonly heights His banner bright unfurls, The blessed banner of the Cross that all mankind might see The Light of Heaven streaming forth from tragic Calvary, And here we pause and gaze around beneath this blessed light And view the concourse of the World, as from some mountain height ; This Light shines back to Adam's birth, throughout the vanished years Through all the doon and dearth and dearth that through that space appears And lot ' its lit with stars of gold, this canopy of tears ; And forward, too, this blessed Light shines through the coming days Till all the earth is lighted by its uncreated rays, And earth and heaven join together in Christ's eternal praise, O, blessed Light, it is by thee we read the World aright, Without Thee all the world is dark, on earth there is no Light !

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THE ROMANS--CONSTANTINE (-A. D. 300 to 500.

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Apostate Julian rises up to give Our Lord the lie, To falsify His prophesy, His power to defy, But Christ confounds the guilty wretch his plan is overthrown, Aud Julian dies confessing that the Galilean won.

450 A. D.

Then comes Attila scourge of God against the gates of Rome, His boast that green grass never grew where his wild steed had flown, But great St. Leo goeth forth to meet this mighty Hun, The Pope prevails, the King retires, Peace hath a victory won.

476 A. D.

Then sweep the barbarons northern hordes like vultures on their prey. And the great Empire of the West is trampled to decay; But greater than a Constantine guides on the Church's barque, And the great Light of all the World shines through that epoch dark.

VII. THE MAHOMETANS :--- A. D. 600,

Mahomet's baleful influence arises in the East And like a pestilential cloud spreads swiftly to the West; But there's a light that ne'er grows dim on Rome's eternal hills And there's a voice that never dies, but lives and speaks and thrills, And Rome's great Vicar there enthroned sends forth the Master's Word And Christian Europe rises up against the Moslem Lorde, And from the hills of sunny Gaul back the invaders fall As later from Lepanto's Gulf and from Vienna's walls.

VIII. THE FRANKS—CHARLEMAGNE. A. D. 800. This marks the august period when the great Charles reigned And founded a new Christian state where Paganism waned,

And never greater monarch in any land held sway, Than Charlemagne, the erowned of God, on that good Christmas Day When Leo's hands the golden crown upon his bold brow pressed, And Leo's lips proclaimed him the great Emperor of the West. On the great throne of Casardom a noble state he planned, The mandate of our Blessed Lord he seemed to understand, To "give to Casar Casar's due, to God His just demand." A cen And I He de To tro But A And t And f

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AV. THE ANGLO-SANONS :-- ALFRED, A. D. 900.

A century and in England the Saxon Alfred reigns And battles with his country's frees the common foe —the Dane : He does not drive them wholly forth, a residue remains To trouble future English kings—on England's throne to reign, But Alfred leaves his country a great commerce and good laws, And the memory of the battles fought and won in England's cause, And for a thousand years his name throughout Christendom rings, For learning and for piety a model among kings.

- X. THE IRISH :- BRIAN BORF, A. D. 1014.

Another century and we stand on Clontarf's battle plain, Where Ireland unfurls her flag against the savage Dane, And brave old Brian gives his sons and grandsons to the field, Who fight and bleed, as heroes should, and die but do not yield. While, like another Moses, the saintly Brian prays That the great God of hosts may be upor their side arrayed. His prayer prevails, for that dread day ere sinks the setting sun, The foe are flying from the field, the firsh arms have won ! A flying Northman passing by beholds the monarch there, His hands upraised to heaven in the attitude of prayer, The savage lifts his battle-axe, he smites the monarch down, And Brian goes to meet his God, and to wear a martyr's crown.

XI. THE CRUSHDES: -RECHARD LION HEMRT, A. D. 1100 to 1300 Starcely a century do we pass, the griss Crushders rise To battle 'neath the Cross of Christ - His Sepulchre the prize, They preach, they fight, they bleed and die, and pass from earth away, But Islam holds the sepulchre e'en to this very day; But they have shown forth the Faith in colors clear and strong, Those gallant soldiers of the cross, whom history loves to wrong They fought that His dear sepalele, e from Islam might be free, Those heroes of the Eight Crushdes those Knights of Chivalry

NIL MAGNA CHARTA. STEPHEN LANGTON, A. D. 1215. In those dark ages (so miscalled) men struggled to be free, Old England led the vanguard with her Chart of Liberty, Her priceless Chart of Freedom, more precions far than gold, Won from the eruel coward John by barons fierce and bold, O, hold it sacred, Englishmen, this Charter you have won. This gift from feudal fathers unto their freeborp sons.

NILL THE SCOTCH : EXNNOCREEN, A. D. 1314. Behold the banners waving by bonnie Bannockburn, Behold the Scotch preparing for battle grin and stern, Behold these herces kneeling to God, but not to man, Behold the royal Robert as he assumes command, Behold the course of Wallace, the martyred hero, there, Hear the great shout that at the sight with rapture rends the air, Behold the tyrint Edward advances his mighty host, Behold the horse and rider in those deep ditches tossed, Behold the horse and rider in those deep ditches tossed, Behold the awful conflict, hear the Scots' lond huzza, As vanquished Edward turns and flies from Scotland "far awa !" Behold the banners waving by bloady Bannockburn, Behold the course of Wallace a conqueror return 1

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XIV. PRINTING INVENTED :---JOHN GUTTENBURG, A. D. 1450.

And now we reach a period faaught with mighty good and ill, The impress of whose deeds and thoughts is full upon us still, A modest, nighty figure moves on the stage of Time, Whose influence stands clearly out in Characters sublime, The founder of the Printing Art, the friend of all mankind, By means of which we reach the thoughts of every master-mind.

XV. AMERICA ; CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, A. D. 1500.

All hail ! great Christian hero, hail, sage and sailor brave, The bearer of the Christ across to mighty ocean wave, The finder of a hemisphere, the founder of a state, Great with the growth of justice, big with the whole world's fate ! O, let us leave Old Europe's shore and follow in his path As he sails o'er the stormy seas and dares the storm king's wrath And plants upon our verdant shores the figure of the Cross, That he might win those souls to God in heathen darkness lost. Ah, high and holy was his aim and God-like his design, When first on Isle San Salvador he placed the holy sign And kneeling down upon the samds he wept for very joy, Crying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, we bless thee God most high, We bless Thee holy Jesus Christ and in Thy sacred name, To these, the Islands of the West we lay a christian claim, We plant this cross upon the sands, we raise our Altar here And offer Thee O, living God, our Sacrifice and tears ! And thou dear Virgin Mary, our Mother ever dear The prayers of thy devoted son-, thou, too, didst deign to hear, And when the night was gathering dark, when hope seemed almost gone, Beside our frail and tragile barque, Thy peerless presence shone,
We saw thee walk the stormy seas beside thy blessed Son !
O, thank Him, Mary for us all, Whose head leaned on thy breast, And ask him, dear "Sanctissima," to bless this neighty West !"

O, Genoa, the beautiful, O, Genoa the proud,

You gave the great Columbus birth, Spain gave him but a shroud, And you O, prond America, have slighted e en his name, But this you cannot keep from him : -a world's applause and fame ! While time shall be, while mankind breathe, through all recorded time, The name of the great Genoese shall bright and brighter shine, And on Columbia's marble brow shall gleam like stars of gold, And on Columbia's hightest page as age on age is roll'd, Till mankind's mission is fulfilled, its troubled story told, And the great Volume of the World is withered like a scroll.

The Lost Warship, "Victoria."

* Toll for the brave, The brave that are no more," Compar.

Mournfully the bells are tolling For the buried brave, Moarnfully the waves are rolling O er their sea made-grave ; Mournfully the winds are sweeping, All the land is filled with weeping For the voiceless victims sleeping Neath the sail sea-wave.

Brave Britannia's fathers, mothers Mourning for their gallant sons, Wives and sisters, sons and brothers Wailing for their lost loved ones ; Ah, the havoe and the slaughter ! Well may Britain's sons and daughters Weep for those beneath the waters, Sleeping by those silent guns.

It was not on field of battle Where the camon, boon, It was not where muskets rattle That they met their doom : But where waves of the blue ocean Bore them on with peaceful motion, That arose the wild commotion, Yawned their ocean tomb.

Yes, alas ! brave Tryon blundered He was but a man And while gallant Markham wondered At the wild command, Rushed the warships on each other, Rushed like brother on a brother, The recital makes us shudder, Pale with horror stand !

Deep into the vast "Victoria," Crashed the "Camperdown," And those two great ocean monsters At each other frowned ! Ah, that moment, awful, thrilling, The "Victoria's" hull is filling, Soon the mighty ship is reeling.

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Swiftly sinks the vast "Victoria" With well nigh four hundred men !

Such a tale of sublime horror May we never hear again ; Boilers bursting, waters scalding Drowning wretches screaming, calling, Amid such sights and sounds appalling

Came the fearful end.

Why prolong this tale of sorrow
Which we all have learned too well?
Vain the words I fain would borrow This deep dirge to swell;
O'er the grave where they are lying,
See, the white sea birds are flying,
And the winds and waves are sighing Mournfully, farewell !

Senator Burns.

Departed namesake of the Scottish Bard, You, too, have pass'd unto your last reward, Your spirit, summoned, unto God returns, Dear, honored namesake of the glorious Burns!

Well and wisely have you that name borne, The white flower of a blameless life have worn, Well have you acted your allotted part, Of keenest intellect, of kindest heart.

God gives no many men of many minds, And various duties unto each assigns, Each man must work as God to him has given, And life's great end and aim is nome and heaven.

God gives to each one his peculiar gift, The poet's poem and the tradesman's thrift, He gives to each one his allotted part, The statesman's wisdom and the artist's art.

Your country called you to the highest place, Amid the swiftest you had won the race, Amid the strongest you the fight have won And reached the Senate with your work well donc.

May God have called you to a higher crown, A grander Senate may yonr soul have found, Though place and profit the proud spirit spurns, I place this tribute on the grave of Burns.

The Bells of Heaven.

When human hearts are happy, When life looks bright and gay, When smiles the blessed sunshine Upon our paths each day ; When speeds the chill December, When comes the joyous June, O, joyful hearts remember Life's sweet bells are in thme. When true love's course runs smoothly, When loving hearts are true, When far the green-eyed monster Is kept from me and you ; When eyes look up to heaven To bless it for each boon, How sweetly chimes the music, The sweet bells are in tune.

But when the skies are frowning, When loving hearts are cold, When happiness is drowning In misery untold : When hope beside the hearthstone Sits like a crone and croons, O, then sad hearts, remember Sweet bells are out of tune.

But, hark ! the Bells are ringing From heaven unto earth,
The joyful message bringing Of the Redeemer's birth :
O, listen, sad bearts riven,
To their celestial rune,
The hlessed Bells of Heaven
Are never out of tune.

Sonnet.

To a girl with a Pieture of a Rural Scene.

Dear Mollic : -

May your future home be like to this

May the birds sings sweetly on the branches beside it, May the roses bloom in your garden and upon your

Cheeks all the day long ; May no clouds appear in the blue dome above you, May the song of the breeze, as it sighs through the trees,

Be, "Mollie, my darling, I love you."

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The Golden Silence.

Air-" The Lost Chord."

"Sweet speech is merely silver, but silence is pure gold," The truest, tersest proverb that ever has been told; For nothing but the shadow of thought through speaking flows, But the *soul* of deep emotion sweet Silence only knows. Ab, far from the loud world's riot my spirit yearns to be Where the spell of the Golden Silence is falling over me.

Great is the speaker's power and grand his thoughts may be, But the spell of the Golden Silence has sweeter charms for me; O, dear is the golden silence unto the dreamer's soul When thoughts too deep for language across his spirit roll. O, far from the world's commotion my spirit longs to be When the spell of the Golden Silence is stealing over me.

Sweet is the twilight hour, when daylight dreaming dies, The magic of its power upon my spirit lies, Sweet is the sound of music that falls upon the ear, And the voices of loved ones singing are even yet more dear. But O, they are all discordance and afar 1 fain would be. When the spell of the Golden Silence is brooding over me.

As when in some vast cathedral the sonl in silence prays. Afar from the ontward riot, the world and its wicked ways; And there before Christ's Altar, our spirits speak to Him Who dwells within His temples in the shadows deep and dim. O, far from the ontward riot my soul delights to be When the spell of *such* Golden Silence falls sweetly over me.

A Mother's Lament.

O, where is my bright little fairy, Where is my innocent dove, Where is my beautiful Mary, Where is she? Sweet little love !

Cold in the grave she is sleeping, O'er her the tall grasses wave, While here in the silence I'm weeping For my sweet little girl in the grave.

No more shall we wander together My sweet little darling, and sing, No more the sweet flowers we'll gather, No more the dear echoes shall ring.

Farewell to you Mary, my treasure,
Farewell love for many a day,
My life, love, has lost all its pleasure,
Dark grief has tilled up the full measure
Since you, dearest heard, went away.

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Lament of the Fair Geraldine.

Lines written after reading "The Chronicles of Windsor Castle," containing an account of the Lady Elizabeth Fitzgerald, who was betrothed to the Earl of Surrey, but whose muptials were forbidden by King Henry VIII.

The Duke of Richmond was also a suitor for the hand of the fair Geraldine.

O, Surrey we are parted sore,
Good-bye, n.y love, good-bye,
I long to lay my aching heart
Upon your breast and die, my love,
Upon your breast and die.

Brave Richmond he hath acted well, As noble knights should do,

Unto his suit hath said farewell And left my heart to yon, my love, And left my heart to you.

King Henry he hath parted us By his vindictive will, But O he cannot part our souls And we are lovers still.

O, I will leave this English land And sail to Erin's shore, And when I reach that lovely strand Perchance FII weep no more.

I long to lay me down in death Beneath the shamrocks green; I'll bless yon with my parting breath, Yonr faithful Geraldine, my love,

Your faithful Geraldine.

Ah, would to God that I were dead. For death I daily sigh. I long to ky my aching head.

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James Murdoch.

In Memoriam, 1893.

I'd scorn to place a borrowed wreath Upon the grave of any man, But that which I, myself had formed

With my own heart and hand.

I'd scorn to place a borrowed wreath Much more to place a stolen one, This is my wreath of song I place

Upon the grave of your dear son.

I cannot say I knew him well, But what I knew of him was good, From what I saw I well could tell He would do justice if he could.

He needs not praise from me nor blame, 'Tis not to praise him that I come, 'Tis but to give a tribute due To kindly lips now dumb.

Those kindly lips spoke kindly words, That indicate a kindly heart, His tongne was not like pointed sword

To rend the quivering flesh apart.

A truly modest man was he, As men of worth should always be, And destined to a better fate Than toiling here in misery.

God rest his soul, this kindly friend, God bless his parents' loving hearts, May God be with them to the end And bid their griefs depart.

Desires.

I do not wish for honor, I do not seek renown, False fame, I frown upon her, I ask the poet's crown.

I do not seek a patron,

I ask but to be free,

I do not mourn what I have not, God's gift's enough for me.

Dame Fortune I should cheat her, She shall not enter in, My songs to me are sweeter Than the wealth the worldlings win.

The poet's crown of glory, By suffering made sweet, The true unvarnished story

The Psalm of Life complete.

I'll sing as God shall show me Of heaven and of earth, I care not who may know me, Or what may be their worth.

I'll asl: for grace from Heaven For light to sing aright And when the call is given I'll gladly say " good night."

Good night but not good bye, friends, Good night but not good bye, May Jesus Christ be with you, At the moment when you die.

The Madonna and Child.

Gazing today on "Madonna and Child," Beautiful, innocent, modest and mild, The question I ask "Is it worthy to be Blest Light of the World, a true picture of Thee? Some beautiful youth with his summy locks curled But not the sweet Face of the Light of the World. Some beautiful maiden before me 1 see But not the sweet Face of the Star of the Sea. Jesus and Mary forgive the poor souls Who painted those pictures for bread or for gold, For passion or pride, or perhaps for their art, But 0 they were lacking in genius or heart. Ah, man cannot paint your sweet face divine, For vanity holds him too long at her shrine.

No other faces like those faces shone, Surpassing the sunset, surpassing the dawn, Surpassing the noontide in splendor by far, Surpassing aurora, surpassing the stars, Surpassing in mildness the beautiful moon, In richness and beauty the roses of June, Surpassing the lily for purity sweet, In those matchless faces God's beauties all meet. No man's hand, nor angel's, could e'er hope to trace Such heavenly purity, beauty and grace. Ah, man cannot paint those sweet faces divine, For vanity holds him too long at her shrine.

Mollie Darling

"The smile and the tear, the song and the dirge, Still follow each other like surge upon surge."

Mary had a noble nature,

Sweet and gentle, pure and fair, Mary was a lovely creature, Fair of form and fair of feature, Sweet blue eyes and golden hair.

But my darling now is sleeping In the cold and silent grave, O'cr her head the stars are weeping,

Lonely, nightly vigils keeping For my Mary true and brave.

Alt, my love, I well remember When the leaves began to fall, When your dear eyes, dark and tender, Veiled from me their loving splendor, And your figure, light and slender Lay beneath the sable pall,

All my life in gloom was clouded When your gentle form was shrouded

With white lilies on your breast, When you vanished from my vision Into that bright land elysian,

Unto your eternal rest.

Often have we roamed together In the lovely long ago,

In the radiant summer weather, Where the hawthorn bushes grow, In the lovely, sunlit meadows, Where the elms cust their shadows

And the marinaring waters flow.

Stood we by the smiling river In a sweet, cestatic dream,

Blessing God, the gracious liver, For our happiness supreme :

Sang we songs of sumny gladness, (Changed, alas ! to sighs of sadness) Floating down the shining stream.

Ah, my love, no more we'll wander Where the balms of Gilead grew, Near the dear old homestead yonder, Happy hours no more we'll squander, By that bank no more we'll ponder

While the doves around us flew.

Nevermore with langhter merry Shall we wander far afield Where the fuscious fruits and berries, Where the hazel nuts and cherries, Gave us their delicious yield.

Nevermore as evening closes Shall the odor of the roses Growing in the garden fair, Or the sweet scent of the clover Greet us when the day is over, Filling all the fragrant air.

Nevermor, beside the hearthstone Shall my Mollie darling sing. Songs of hearts by sorrow riven, Songs of love and sin forgiven. Songs of mothers, home and heaven, Songs that made the old house ring.

My sweet, singing-bird is silent, Her sweet voice no more 1 hear, Ringing through the evening gloaming, When my darling, tired roaming, Sat and sang so sweet and clear.

Ah, no more my love I'll tease you, Did you know I'd die to please you

Mary of the curling hair? Did you know my heart was aching, Do you know that heart is breaking In its silent, deep despair?

Here beside her grave I'm sighing Whose sweet spirit is with God ; Little love who kissed me dying, Little dove so lowly lying

Fast asleep beneath the sod !

Vainly now my heart is calling To my Mary fond and true, On her grave the snows are falling, On my heart a chill appalling That before it never knew.

Rest in peace, sweet Mollie darling, We shall meet on earth no more. O'er your grave the storm is snarling And the snows in drifts are whirling And my heart is sad and sore.

When the Spring returns with showers To adorn your early tomb,

I shall strew it o'er with flowers, Making it a lovely bower Where to pass the weary honrs, How my darling's grave shall bloom !

I shall pray for your sweet spirit To the gracious God above, I shall imitate your merit, In my inmost heart I'll wear it, Mary, dear and gentle dove.

Farewell, Mary ! -must I say it To my priceless, peerless one ? But God's will, we must obey it, Ah ! my love would not-gainsay it, She would comised me to pray it : God's most holy will be done !

Hon. Thos. F. Gillespie, M. P. P.

O far away where the light of day dawns on the dreaming seas, Where the shamrock grows, where the bright Lee flows by Shandon to the sea,

In that lovely land was born the man whose death we now deplore, The genial grace of whose kindly face shall greet our eyes no more.

Brave, honest Tom to his rest has gone in the dear old mother, Earth, He has haid ann down to the sleep profound far from his place of birth; While the ocean waves between his grave and his cradle grandly roll, Singing requiem for this man of men, of the pure and upright soul.

What shall we say in his praise to day whose head is lying low, Who was true as steel to the people's weal in the late and the long ago; He fought the good fight, he kept the faith, while others went astray, He has haid him down with a true man's crown which none shall take away.

He spent his life in a noble strife with the country's bitter foes, A modest man when the strife began, but a hero at its close ; He stood for Right when the bitter fight waged on the side of wrong, He was quick to speak when the poor or weak were outraged by the strong.

He has gone to rest! on his honor'd breast may the turf lie light and green,

Let the roses bloom on his honor'd tomb, let the lilies there be seen ; Let his honor'd name, all free from blame be his county's honest pride, "An honest man,"—so his record ran, and as such he lived and died.

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The Late Governor Boyd.

¹⁴ The work men do is not their test alone, The love they win is far the better part." O'Reilly.

¹¹ The work he did is not his test alone, The love he won is far the better part," So should we say of him for whom we moan, For whom we stand aghast, with stricken hearts.

His long and great career is at an end, And Fame shall crown him with a wreath well won, But Love lies bleeding for the people's friend So sorely stricken ere his work was done.

No truer tribute could a people give To the great man so lately at their head Than that he in their hearts by love did live, And that by love therein he still survives though dead,

In vain the poets tune their lays or sing their saddest songs, Or orators proclaim the praise of him, the great one gone, Vain are the words we say, we cannot tell the void That is in all hearts to-day for our own John Boyd.

Fair womanhood's pure tears and childhood's gentle voice Lament the noble man who bade their hearts rejoice ; Ah, they shall mourn him most who his friendship have enjoyed, But all a friend have lost in the late John Boyd.

On this subject, sadly sweet, it seems sacrilege to dwell, Though with sympathy complete even stranger hearts might swell, Every heart with sorrow beats to the throbbing of the bells, A response their echoes meet as they toll his funeral knell, Crying out o'er tower and street : "farewell ! farewell !! farewell !! We are tolling for the hopes and the happiness destroyed, But blessing on the memory of the late John Boyd.

St. Angela.

Her hair was brown, with a gleam of gold And over her shoulders in ringlets rolled, Her forchead was broad and smooth and white, Her eyes were large and blue and bright And her face wal filled with a holy light. All sweet as a saint's was her holy smile, All light and love and free from guile, Her lips were roses, her teeth were pearls, Oh, she was a rose from the garden of girls ! Her awanlike neck was white as snow, And her voice was soft and sweet and low ; Its tones were clear as those of a bell

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be seen ; iest pride, und died, And upon the ear in music fell. Her beautiful ears like sea-shells small, And her form was slight and straight and tall, Her robe was white and her girdle green, And her step was light as a fairy queen's, Ah, she was worthy a queen to be, This wild white rose of Miramichi, But she coveted not an earthly crown And her lovely life called blessings down, Her look was that of a girl in love, But her thoughts were all of the Lord above. For Him she loved and for Him she sighed And for the Bridegroom she loved she died ! Fairest flowers are soonest dead, The brightest blossoms are earliest shed, The sweetest odors are swiftest fled ! But it were better the grave should close Above this beautiful, budding rose Than that sorrow or shame should may her life As a child of fame, or neglected wife, While her lovely memory, so sweet and pure Among her people shall long endure, Who laid her down to the long, last dream By the beautiful banks of the bounding stream, This fair, young creature with scarcely a flaw, This child of Nature, sweet Angela.

Napoleon I.

Suggested by a picture of the death scene at St. Helena.

Angel forms were hovering o'er him on that darkly dreadful night, Those of Death, Despair and Darkness, those of Life and Love and Light, And above the prostrate sleeper they prolonged the fearful light, Until Heaven's Hand released him and his spirit took its flight; There were angels by his bedside,—angels bright in human form, There were lovely little children, sweet sad souls so pure and warm, As the hero's soul departed on the wild wings of the storm!

Ah, Napoleon, brave Napoleon, it was fighting you should die To the sound of booming thunder and storms lond hullaby ! It was meet your dying murmur was a smothered battle ery, But most meet that little children by your bed were standing nigh. Who might waft your soul to heaven with a prayer and gentle sigh.

Ah, the Christ blessed little children ! they could conquer over you, Whose hard heart, though long a traitor, unto truth was *sometimes* true. Especially when Death dissolved the dark mists from your view ; For, although you were a tyrant, your brave heart was human too, And the doves therein might nestle while aloft your engles flew.

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Canada.

Patriotic Song. Air-" Shandon Bells." Soar high, my song, on poetic pinion, God save our Sovereign, our gracious Queen, God save the heads of our vast Dominion. The Lord and Lady of Aberdeen. Soar high, my soul, on sublimest pinion, Beyond the clouds of the azure dome, God bless our noble, our new Dominion, God bless out country, God bless our home. O, far away where the lovely lily, The pure white emblem of innocence Grows in the land of romantic beauty, From the vine-elad hills of historic France, Cartier and Champlain in ages olden Came to our Canada's sea-washed shore, Both filled with dreams of a region golden, A dream to them, but a dream no more ; From the land where blooms the fair type of beauty, Old England's lovely and blushing rose, Land where the beautiful Avon flows ; The classic land of immortal Shakespeare, Majestic Milton and Tennyson, Came village Hampdens across the ocean To fight the battles for freedom won. From the brave land where the hardy thistle Grows on old Scotland's historic hills, And the sweet songs of Sir Walter thrill; Heroic land of a Bruce and Wallace, Romantie land of a Robert Burns, Of John Macdonald, our country's leader Whose memories live in historie urns. From Erin, land of the lovely Shamrock, Sweet modest type of the Trinity, Land of green valleys and rushing rivers. The emerald gem of the rolling sea ; Land of the gifted and great O'Connell,

Land of the sweetest of singers, Moore, Land of our own dear McGee the martyr, All tich in pathos, of fame secure,

Came pioneers of this infant nation In the dark days of the long ago, Enduring famine and all privations, Exposed to death from the savage foe ;

Land of green meadows and hawthorn hedgerows,

Where through the heather the wild winds whistle

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They stemmed the torrent, they scaled the mountain, They felled the forest, they founded homes,

They worshipped God by the streams and fountains, Beneath high heaven's blue, smiling dome.

They came, they saw and, like Cæsar conquered, They built great citics by lake and stream,

They found a forest they made a nation And realised noble Champlain's dream.

From the green banks of the broad St. Lawrence, Unto the far, swift Saskatchewan,

From wild Atlantie to calm Pacific, From golden sunset to rosy dawn.

From fair Prince Edward, dear isle of beauty, Onr western Ireland, fair and free,

Whose shoes are washed by the wide Atlantic, Whose Liverpool is our Miramichi,

Whose hardy sons were our boon companions In field and forest, by lake and stream,

Who love their law with a love romantic, Whose simple songs are a poet's dream.

From fertile valleys of Nova Scotia,

The lovely land of Evangeline,

Whose sweet, sad song makes the land romantic And puts to blush false Romance's queens :

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From the fair vales of our own New Brunswick The land of noble Madame Latour.

Whose deeds heroic shall be remembered Long as the love of the good cudures,

To Stadacona-Qu shee historie,

(Crowned by her roek-founded citadel,) Where gallant Montealm and Wolfe heroic

In battle fought and in battle fell ;

To Ville Marie, on the Royal Mountain, Where stands the City of Montreal

A gem of beanty, of flashing fountains -Whose sunkissed waters in music fall ;

Unto the banks of the dark "Utawa," Where stands the City of Ottawa,

The capital of this vast dominion,

Our seat of statecraft of wit and law : Still further on to where great Toronto

Stands by the shores of Ontario, Where stood unbroken primeval forests

Scarcely one hundred short years ago.

To the great West, where the rolling prairies Unfold before us like seas of gold, Their noble wheat fields, as if the fairies

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Had blessed this region with wealth untold ; Beyond the mountains, where fair Columbia Sits on her throne by the ocean strand, From East to West on the wings of fancy We have traversed most of this lovely land

Now bring the Rose and the lovely Lily, The hardy Thistle and Shamrock true, The Maple Leaf and the Pine's green branches The Clover sweet and the Violet blue, And bind them all in a bonnie Bouquet And lay it down on our Country's Shrine, Our fair young Canada our Queen of Beauty,

Reign in our hearts by your right divine.

Renous River Valley.

Remember Renous River valley. The scene of our school-going days, Of many a riot and rally, Dear theme of our loving praise; When on the dear, dead past 1 ponder, By tarus I am grieved and annised And of the dear valley grow fonder, The beautiful vale of Renous,

Chorus—O, remember the beautiful river And on its dear memories muse, God bless it forever and ever. The beautiful vale of Renous.

> Remember the beautiful meadows, The stately and tall elm trees Where off in the sweet summer shadows We heard the dear hum of the bees; Remember dear elass-mates so elever, Life's sunshine in shadow is fused, We have parted, it may be forever,

By the beautiful banks of Renous.

Remember the school by the wayside, It stood on the brow of the hill,

Though the scholars are scattered far from it. The old school is standing there still ;

It was there that we learned our first lessons, It was there the old books we perused,

It was there we got many a dressing In that little old school at Renous,

Remember the teachers who tanght us, The most of them now in the grave, We laughed at the wisdom they brought us, The beautiful counsels they gave :

The most of their teaching and thrumming But tended our minds to confuse,

They gave us the devil's own drumming In those little old schools of Renous.

They taught us to read, write and cipher, To work by the great "rule of three,"

O, boys, how we all had to '' hyper" When stung by the big '' Spelling Bee ;" Our antics would anger the master

God help the poor fellow accused, Our hearts and our pulses beat faster

When the ruler came down at Renous !

But now they are dead we forgive them,

They worked for the best I am sure, And we who succeed, who outlive them,

Have many worse follies to cure ; Though cruel they still were kind hearted,

Their foibles then freely excuse With a sigh for the faithful departed From the beautiful vale of Renous.

AND MALES AND ADDRESS OF A DESCRIPTION O

Daniel O'Connell.

(Lines suggested by a picture of the great Liberator.)

I see before me a handsome hero

Standing beneath a wide spreading tree, And as he gazes far into the future, What in that wonder-land does he see?

As there he stands in his splendid beauty, The gaze of his dreaming eyes far away, Does he dream of Love or of Fame or Duty, Of home or Heaven? O, who shall say !

Blue are his eyes as the skies above him, Dark is his clustering, curling hair,

Ah, wonder not that the whole world loved him, This handsome hero so brave and fair.

Blue is the mantle that falls around him, Folding his form of majestic grace,

White as the snow is the hound heside him, Gazing up to his master's face.

Behind him rise his own Kerry mountains, His home lies low in the lovely vale. His ears are charmed by the murmuring fountains,

But his soul is sad at his country's wail,

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For the weeping genius of lovely Erin Followed ever her hero young, He hears her cry o'er the hills despairing,

And his brave heart is with anguish wrung.

His arms across his broad breast are folded,

His bright, blue eyes are bedimmed by tears, For his country's thradom who could behold it Unmoved, —that thradom of long, long years.

Ah, 'tis a picture of young O'Connell, Old Erin's chief and her uncrowned king,

Her Emancipator, her Liberator,

Whose glorious praises she loves to sing.

He was a giant in mind and stature, And from the screner heights looked down.

He was a king by the right of nature,

And he won his country's most glorious crown.

This great apostle of Agitation, The world of his day profoundly stirred, This hero—chief of a gallant nation,

His weapons Trnth and her golden word.

Much did he win for his stricken nation, Much he accomplished for God and man, But still the brand of base degradation Is raised to mark his beloved land.

O, silent tongue in far off Glosnerin, Thy long, sad silence is Erin's loss,

For her anguished prayers still ascend to heaven For patience to bear her most cruel cross.

That her heaven-born rights may to her be given, That her ship of State, by the storm long driven,

May find a safer, serener haven,

No longer tempest tost.

Impromptu Lines,

Written after reading Banim's novel-" Peter of the Castle."

With Rosa's flowers on her breast

Fair Ellen tests within the grave,

Sweet be her sleep, her dreamless rest,

This pure heart fond and true and brave :

This broken-hearted one who loved

The man whom Rosalie shall marry. How strange, how sad, her fate has proved

Beside whose grave we may not tarry,

But while onr hearts with sadness swell,

We murniur : " Ellen fair, farewell !"

Beyond the Bars.

Air-" Banna's Banks." The sun went down one summer's eve In lovely meadow-vale, The odor of the new-mown hay Was wafted on the gale ; A youth and maiden wandered forth Beneath the silent stars, They talked and laughed, life's wine they quaffed Beside the meadow bars. The sun arose one sweet Spring morn Above the silent seas, The odor of old ocean's brine Came inland on the breeze : With white sails spread a ship set sail For foreign ports afar, And Willie bade his love farewell And crossed the harbor bar.

While Willie sailed the salt, salt seas For ports in foreign lands

Sweet Mary kept her silent watch Beside the ocean strand ;

At length he reached that foreign port A jovial Jack O'tar.

And stood amid his comrades wild Before a whiskey bar,

For days and weeks, for months and years The sailor boy did roam,

While Mary watched with many tears Within her cottage home ;

At length he came, but oh, how changed, His handsome face how marred,

With fettered hands, alas ! he stands Before the judgment bar.

The crime against the lad is proved, His bright career is o'er,

And Willie, brave and well-beloved, Shall sail the seas no more ;

His sentence passed, he lies at last Where many wretches are,

Sweet Mary weeps while Willie sleeps Behind those prison bars.

O, rum the bane, the curse of youth, Of manhood and of age,

That sways us from the living truth, Bids lawless passions rage ;

Sweet Mary died, her spirit hied To its home beyond the stars,

Now Willie weeps where Mary sleeps Beyond the meadow bars,

The Colleen's Curse.

I have loved you well and long With a passion deep and strong,

Though that love and that passion y a have spurned, All my wishes warm and true, Had gone out, my love, to you,

Had gone out to you unwilling to return.

But now they shall return,

While deep my curse shall burn,
On the head where my blessings used to fall :
In my heart where love did dwell,
Rages fierce the fire of hell
And the bailled love that lond for vengeance calls.

Ah, why did I trust you so :

O, you monster don't you know That my truth is far truer than your own ? How dare you leave me here With your langhter and your success, To shed such bitter tears Draw the groan ?

Ah, your passions unto mine Were as water unto wine, Or as gentle dews of Heaven unto rain,

To love me may be bliss,

But I do assure you this,

That to love *you* is the bitterest of pain. And when from you I shall part

With a sad and breaking heart,

I hope we shall never meet again.

Farewell, a long farewell,

It was heaven, it is hell.

To linger any longer by your side.

I shall say good bye and go

Far away to hide my woe,

Since you say I am not fit to be your bride, If you say I was untrue,

False unto myself or you,

If you say it or have said it, you have lied.

O, good bye, a la t good-bye,

Yon have left me here to die,

But Fll meet you at the awful dudgment Day, And before the dudgment seat.

My sad story I'll repea

And hear what my traitor has to say.

Rev. Father Bannon,

(Deceased.) Air-" Tara's Halls."

The heart that once within those walls The soul of sweetness shed,

Now lies beneath the grave's dark pall Amongst the silent dead ;

He sleeps with friends of former days, His bright career is o'er,

The Voice of God shall speak his praise When time shall be no more.

No more we meet that presence bright, Our hearts with sorrow swell,

For he has said his last "good night," And we our last farewell ;

From death's long sleep again he'll wake, 'Tis Faith assurance gives,

This thought from Death its victory takes, This thought that still he lives.

Late Rev. Wm. Lawlor, of Chatham.

The genins-gifted teacher, the bright young priest is dead ! The student, the brilliant preacher, the grass is o'er his head. The soul has left the body to its cold and lowly bed.

Above that hillock yonder where he the loved one lies The winds at will shall wander, and friends bereaved shall sigh, And pausing there shall wonder that one so young should die.

But murmur not, bereaved ones, nor wonder while you weep That God should call the shepherds so early from the sheep, For know you not those shepherds themselves must sometime sleep.

And who shall dare to tell us that any die too soon When God is pleased to call them at morning, night or noon, For death is life's beginning, a blessing and a boon.

Then rather be you thankful that he is called away From the great Master's Vineyard so early in the day, That he may "est in Heaven while others watch and pray.

A Reverie. (Impromptu.)

O, sad and pensive is my heart As thus I sit and dream of thee, Where is thy home, what is thy part? I ask and thou shalt answer me, The spirit's answer sweet is given : " My part is bliss, my home is heaven." (Li

The Philosopher's Stone.

(Lines written after reading "Hypatia," by Chas. Kingsley.)

Ah, vain philosophy of man And vain his learning too,

Who strives the vanished past to sean With purely human view ! How can he hope with mortal eyes To view a ight the Ages past, When men, the wisest of the wise, Have viewed the scene aghast ! Tis only he who reads aright Can ever hope to see the light. " And by what light ?' the skeptic asks, Would Whelan have us read, We who have bent us to the task In thought and word and deed, We who have learned the ancient lore, the later and the last,-This unlearned one, what light has he To offer such learned men as we. I answer : "There's a light indeed That shines for you as well as me, Without whose ray in vain you read, The truth you'll never see, It is the light of holy Faith The lacking which you're dark as death." It is not Plato's voice so wise Homer's nor Virgil's songs, Nor Socrates, Demosthenes, Nor any of the throng, -For, having studied all the schools The wisest man is but a fool Until he hears the Lord aright, Then all is clear, then all is light. tio learn, then, not from Pagan love Nor Christian lore profane, Whose pages, cursed with mythic store, Is but the student's bane, But go and learn, in light of Love, True wisdom from the Seer above,

Go, sages, take a friend's advice, Go, hear the still, sweet voice of Christ.

Lament of Sir William Wallace.

(Air-" Afton Water.")

Note. The incidents related in this poem are founded on the facts and fancies recorded in the splendid story of "The Scottish Chief."-M. W.

O, Scotland, my country, acute is my pain, My home is in ruins, my Marion is slain ; The Southron, the spoiler, has taken my all And loudly for vengeance my widowed heart calls.

By my lone mountain dwelling I saw her sweet form, While the tempest was swelling and lond roared the storm ; I called to my Marion to come back to me, Back to her lone Wallace and lost Ellershie.

"O, Marion, my darling, fear not those alarms, Return to thy Wallace and rest in his arms," But alas ! her sweet spirit fled far through the air, And Wallace was left to his grief and despair.

¹¹ Rest, Marion, my darling, in Heaven, thy home, While Wallace shall wander, a soldier shall roam; His fond heart is broken, his seel mourns for thee, His beantiful lost one and lon Ellerslie."

O, Scotland, my country 1 weep for thy wee, My loss and thy sorrow too beenly 1 know; O, countrymen, come at my lone bugle calf And swiftly before us the Southron shall fall.

For I swear by the throne of the Master on high To live for my country or for her to die ; No more shall my lost home its lost master see Until Wallace be dead or his country be free.

He blew a load blast on his vast bugle horn That sounded afar on the breezes of morn, The claus gathered round him on lone Ellerslie And Wallace went forth and his country was free. Sept., 1894.

Sir John Thompson.

He is gone who seened so great, Gone but nothing can bereave him Of the force he made his own, Being here, and we believe him Something far advanced in state, And that he were a truer crown Than any wreath that man can weave him.

He is gone who seemed so great. And great he was beyond the seeming. He who led this mighty state. All its promise vast redeeming : He has gone beyond our dreaming, Where the snalles of God are beaming, Where the sheles of God are beaming, Where the greater goev, gleaming, Falls in plender over all. He he presed beyond recall.

Harpy he in living, dying, Who has won applause of all : O'er the Leider, lowly lying, t'riends and 'oes alike are vying?? To see who shall his praise recall. "Goed Sir John," "great Sir John," " Dear Sir John," alike are due him Whose weet memory shall live on, Beloved, revered by all who knew him. He our own, our very own, Reared beside our own hearthstone, Ah, what wonder we malle mean And that one soulful sighs pursue him.

Bitterly his country mourns For her son so swittly stricken,

Many crosses she has borne, But of this blow she did not reckon :

Every pulse with prim is quickened All her soul with sorrow sickens As the shadows o'er her thicken And the phantom figures beckon From the sad, the silent bourne Whither death her son hath taken To the sleep that knows no waking

Till the final Trumpet Call : And her faithful heart is breaking. And the tears in fountains rise From that heart to those dear eyes, Sacred, sad, though silent tears That shall flow for him for years, On his tomb in torrents fall Who has passed beyond recall.

Slowly toll the mournful bells, Sadly sound the funeral knells, O'er his country's hills and dells,

Breathing out farewells ; But a sadder sound prevails, Borne upon the country gales, 'Tis his country's voice that wails ;

"My brave son, farewell !" All my heart my hero mourns, All my heart for Thompson yearns, All my spirit for him burns, All my joy to sorrow turns As I sigh "farewell !"

As I sigh "farewell!" His is one more memory blest Lay him down to his last rest.

On his monrnful mother's breast Whom he served so well, While I turn to God above Who my faithful friend shall prove,

He shall measure my deep love Who in Heaven dwells, And while I in sorrow sigh That my best beloved should die,

Glory he to God on high Who doeth all things well. Slowly, sadly lay him down

To the final sleep profound, Who has worn his country's crown,

With a pure, unsullied glory ; Amid a Nation's nameless grief, Lay him with the dear old Chief – Whose record, brilliant, bright, but brief, Shall live in Camada's fair story,

Dec. 1894.

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Mary, Queen of Scots.

This lovely lady, Scotland's queen, The fairest Europe yet had seen, Who blossomed fairest of her flowers

On Scotia's bonnie hills, Was destined in an evil hour

To fall, the prey of brutal power,

And pine in England's dungeon cells : To perish on a scatfold lone, The heiress to a triple throne,

Beaubair's Isle.

Air : "Dixon's Isle,"

O, hear the whistle sounding, my friends we must away, Along the track 'tis bounding, the train is under way, And as we leave Newcastle shore, the time we shall beguile By singing songs of days of yore and lonely Beaubair's Isle.

Ah, there it stands, that bit of land, while waters round it flow, Upon its silent surface still the stately forests grow. What memories crowd around the scene, what chronicles are piled Upon the dusty tomb of time on lonely Beaubair's 1sle.

Our histories record the fact that in the long ago One thousand souls dwelt on that isle – can we believe it so? One thousand hearts beat happy there, a thousand faces smiled When France's flag flew free and fair on bonnie Beaubair's Isle.

But pestilence came down on them, smote sore on every side, Till most of those one thousand there in desolution died, Ah, let us hope those suffering souls were free from every guile When summoned to the throne of God from lonely Beaubair's Isle.

When later on the sword of flame swept o'er this lovely land When Death and Desolation came and stood on every hand, Ah, who shall tell what scenes befel the lonely hearts exiled Who perished there in dark despair, on lonely Beaubair's Isle.

Upon that lonely little isle our governor was born, Whose honor'd name, endeared to fame, his country's page adorns, When we recall this pleasing fact, how can we choose but smile, To think that John James Fraser was born on Beanbair's Isle.

And later on what deeds were done when Harley there held sway When building ships to ead soft seas was the order of the day; No sound of axe or able is bestid, of anger, saw or file, No fair white flag are feature now from Beaubair's lonely Isle.

The ancient buildings schelong there are tumbling to decay, The ancient glory on the plane forever passed away, While all around the late to the ground the face of Progress smiles With blessings on the dear old days on bonnie Beaubair's Isle.

And days may come when these are gone, when wondering eyes shall see,

The airship and the flying muchine sail over Miramichi, When at the slowness of the trains the aeronaut shall smile And scarcely note the poor remains on lonely Beaubair's Isle.

This prophet-song I'll not prolong, nor sing of ages dumb, But rather ring the glorious change of ages yet to come ; The palsy that we now regret is only for a while And brighter days shall bless thee yet thou lonely Beaubair's Isle.

But come what may in future day, will sing of duty done By one and all when we recall, our country's noble sons ; And may the future age creet a grand memorial pile

To the memory of our Governor on bonnie Beaubair's Isle. April, 1895.

Beaubair's Point Graveyard.

** Each in his narrow cell forever laid The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep, "--Gray,"

On the morning of the 28th of May, 1895, I saw for the first time the far-famed old graveyard at Beauban's Point, commonly called "Wilson's Point," and referred to by the distinguished scholar and scientist, Dr. Philip Cox, as the "Westminster Abbey of Miramichi."

I went down expecting to find a graveyard in ruins, of course, int still casy distinguishable from any other object by its many monuments and wide extent. What was my surprise at beholding nothing but a bit of the densest forest, with a few tombstones and wooden enclosures scattered here and there through the wood, struggling for existence, so to speak among the trees, or straggling on the ground, rotten and decayed, moss covered and falling to pieces, with here and there the faint traces of a mound flattened and hollowed by the tranp of ages !

Reader, imagine if you can a woodman, felling trees in a forest close beside the tombstones standing, slanting, or lying flat on the ground around him, and you have some faint idea of the Westminster Abbey of Miramichi.

The stumps of trees so close to the tombstones that I laid my note book on the former while I deciphered the inscriptions on the latter, inscriptions over a century old, mostly in the old-time "copperplate" and print-script character : the light and heavy tracing, even the curving of the letters, the flourishes, still perfectly legible, even to the characteristic style of the man who chiselled the inscription, his mode of writing, of forming letters, of flourishing, even the tremor of his hand as you would see it on parchment.

What a study those old-time tombstones are ! What a mixture of ignorance and of art, of elegance and inelegance, of sentiment and poetic feeling, of grandeur and simplicity ; the heantifully formed capital, the finely formed curves, contrasting strangely with the primitive and childlike mode of spelling and placing the letters above the lines, or the words helow, as the case scened to the sentptor to require.

As I entered the soleum sanctuary of the departed, this sad and sile at eity of the dead, I was reminded of the dying words of the patriot, Robert Emmet : \neg

"Let my memory rest in oblivion, and my tomb remain uninscribed antil other times and other men can do justice to my character. Then, but not till then, let my epitaph be written." ther the the pose pose

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But more than all, the grand and resounding periods of Gray's magnificent and immortal Elegy kept thundering in my cars ; -

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Some heart once pregnant with celestial fire,

Hand that the rod of empires might have swayed Or waked to cestacy the living tyre.

Some village Hampdon that with dauntless heart, The little tyrants of his fields withstood, Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest.

Some Cromwell, guiltless of his country's blood.

Yet, e'en these bones from insult to protect, Some frail memorial still, erected nigh,

With uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture decked, Implores the passing tribute of a sigh.

Their names, their years, spelled by the unlettered muse, The place of fame and elegy supplied, And many a boly text around she strews That teach the rustic moralist to die,"

It would be usless to emphasize any of the above stanzas, for all of them would seem to be amply illustrated in this old time graveyard. Of the village H unplens, or the "mute, inglorious Miltons," resting there, the writer is not prepared to speak, every graveyard contains, or is supposed to, its quota of them. Even Gray hmuselt was only guessing at the possibility or probability of such a thing.

But of "this neglected spot," the "trail memorials," the "uncouth rhymes" and "shapeless sculpture," the unlettered muse," and the "rustic moralist" there was ample evidence on every hand.

Scarcely were the thoughts suggested by the foregoing stanzes finished in my ninel, when I beheld the following inscription on an old freestone slab, round topped and moss-grown, sharting toward two stumps of treescut possibly twenty-five years ago:

In Memory of

STIPHES ESTES.

Who departed this Life May 26, 1813.

Forbear, dear friends, wipe of your tear⁵ I must lie here till Christ appears As I am now so must you be Prepare for death and follow m⁶.

The lettering, the spelling, the reversed N, the inverted g, the side letters placed above the word for want of room, are all literally as 1 found them. I hope I shall not be accused of irreverence of I append here the answer which some irreverent wit or wag is said to have written to the above lines:

> ¹⁰ To follow you 1 and not content, Until I know which way you weat,"

However the wag, was a little too waggish, as the lines simply mean that the reader is to prepare for death and follow the dead one to the grave only, that is, make his last resting place either beside him or somewhere else on the earth, and does not mean that he is to follow him into eternity, for God alone can give permission to do that. It illustrates, however, the apt manner in which the words of the wisest may be twisted and turned into ridicule, it being, it is said, only a step from the sublime to the ridiculous. But 1 am not here to moralize or thologize, but to marrate what I saw in this silent city.

But that is not the most ancient of the monuments by any means. One of the first things to attract attention on entering the little clearing, where, 'tis said, a church stood some fifty years ago, is a near wood paling, painted white, inclosing two freestone slabs, on the larger of which was inscribed;

In Memory of

JOHN NEWMAN, HE DIED JULY THE 2nd, 1797, AGED 63 YEARS.

On the smaller was inscribed the name of Mrs. Newman, who died in 1807.

On a stone chiselled so as to resemble two monuments, side by side, were the following inscriptions : -

On the left, facing the reader; W. M. M. M., and on the right; -Here lies the body of ELIZABETH MORE, who died, December, 1805, aged 96 years.

On another stone, close beside that of Stephen Estes, was the following ;---

Sarred to the Memory of WILLIAM AND MARY ANNE MARTIN, who departed this Life 9th June, 1810,

> "Now dear friends pray, cease your tears, For here we rest till Christ a pears, Who in glorious pears, Majesty will come To sentence each one to their doom."

Near the entrance to this 'dark valley of death,' on a slab the top of which only could be seen, the rest being buried in the tomb, the top itself imbedded in an ant hill, was the following ; -

Here Lies the Body of RODERICK PEABODY, died May 20, 1805. The rest I did not decipher.

Some tombs were inclosed by vertical palings, others with rough hoards nailed horizontally, and so densely overgrown with trees that it was impossible to penetrate the gloom that surrounded them, or to solve the deep, dark mystery as to who slept beneath. pene be m

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To the north the forest was so dense that I could not and did not penetrate further into this gloomy receptacle of the dead, and if there be monuments and graves in that dense forest I failed to find them.

As I retired from this last resting place of the forefathers of many of the families of Miramichi, the shrill whistle of Sinelair's mill was shricking the hour of noon, while the Angelus bell at Nelson was proclaiming the same fact.

Arriving at Mr. Vye's I was informed that I had not found the most ancient of the monuments, there having been one 110, and another 117 years old. I was also informed that some vandal from Newcastle had carried off a tombstone and placed it as a footstool for his stove, perhaps to attract enstomers or the lovers of the curious to his shop or office.

Returning after dinner, by the kind assistance of Mr. Joseph Vye and his daughter, Miss Eveline, I found the following additional tombs and inscriptions :--

On a slab lying flat on the tomb, ornamented with two hearts, this inscription ;--

In Momory of Joseph Sanderson,

died 6th June, 1797, aged 55 years.

Another close beside inscribed : -

THOMAS GILLISH,

son of William Gillish, died 20th November, 1790, aged 12 years.

Another :---

Here Lies the Body of Jonx STUART, Died December 17, 1805, aged 87 years.

Another : -

Here Lies

EBENEZER WUITNEY, SL., who departed this life 15th August, 1810, aged 65 years.

From one stone, lying flat, Mr. Vye scraped the moss, and revealed the following :--

ANNIE FORSYTH, DIED NOVEMBER . , 1791.

But last and best of all 1 came across the tomb of the late dudge Davidson, which here the following inscription, on a large freestone lying flat upon the tomb :—

Sacced to the Memory of

WILLIAM DAVEDSON, ESQ.,

Representative for the County of Northumberland, Province of New

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Brunswick, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Contracted for masts for His Majesty's Navy. He died on the 17th June, 1790, aged 50 years.

The balance of the inscription I did not obtain. So ended my visit to "The Westminster Abbey of Miramiehi," a visit which has filled my mind with strange memories and conflicting emotions. Those old monuments, mose grown, and that old road, grass-grown, traversed so off by the old "residenters" (as they are called in the vernaenlar,) "in life's morning murch when their bosons were young," of them long since gone to their last silent rest, furnish ample food for reflection, alite for the dreamer, the romancist, the realist, the philosopher and the doctor of divinity.

> "Our lives are rivers, gliding free, To that unfathomed, boundless sea The silent grave,

"There all are equal, side by side, The poor man and the son of pride Lie calm and still.

"Thither all earthly pomp and boast Roll, to be swallowed up and lost In one dark wave."

In Memoriam. The Shades of Miramichi,

I.

It was the morn of a sweet Spring day, The twenty-eighth of the month of May, When I went down thy shrine to see, Thy Abbey old, my Miramichi ; Walled by wide air, roofed by the trees, Stirred scarcely by the passing breere, Sol hid his head behind the elouds

That veiled his face like leaden shronds.

1 stood upon that sacred ground ! Amid the stillness there profound The sounds of the busy life around

Fell on my half attentive ear ; The railway whistle, loud and clear. The throbbing of the busy mill ; Anon its whistle loud and shrill, The clarion note that calls to toil.

To life with all its wild turnoil.

While here how softly sleep the dead ! The trees, the tombs, above each head, Here life and death, growth and decay, Fit place to ponder, pause and pray. From Nelson church tower swings the bell That seems to sound a funeral knell,

Clearly it clangs upon the air, The angelus that ealls to prayer.

Ah, Gray, my Gray, how changed the secne From what thy dreaming soul had seen In that old churchyard far away, Made famons by the name of Gray. There curfew tolled the day's death knell, Here softly sounds the noon-day bell.

There lowing herds wound o'er the lea, No herds nor flocks here do I see; Your landscape faded on the sight, The landscape here is fair and bright; Save that the sun in clouds is rolled, The full noon splendor I behold.

No beetle here wheels droning flight, But June bugs hum the livelong night, No moping owl to moon complains, No ruined towers where owl may reign

Forgive the pun, but humor seems Unconsciously to come in gleams, And light the grave and ruined pile With semblance of a saddened smile.

Ah, reader, far be it from me To mock at such solemnity, To mock, dear Gray, what saddened thee; My soul is sad, my humor's ray Like sunlight on a dark, dull day.

Bright folly flashes, fades and dies And then "the voice of nature cries," That where I stand is holy ground, That "ghaists and witches," may abound.

The night loomed darkly as Gray gazed Upon those mouldering mounds upraised, All still and sacred was the hour, The moon rose o'er the ivied tower; Here is not night, but broad noon-day, Apollo casts a clouded ray, No mounds are here, but trodden tombs, Half hidden by the forest glooms !

My ploughman hies him to the field To sow the seed for future yield, Gray's ploughman homeward hied his way And left the world to glorious Gray ; Who, musing on the saddened scene,

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Where life is not, where death has been, His sad, prophetic, poet soul Proclaimed the thoughts that o'er him stole,

In song that each succeeding age Ranks second to the sacred page, The song that wakes poetic fire And thrills the sonl with wild desire To sing as only Gray has sung Of those o'er whom old earth has flung Its mantle green o'er ashes gray Until the final Judgment Day,

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But futile though this highborn hope To cope with Gray, or polished Pope, One confort to my heart remains That they ne'er reached the sublime strains That Israel's sweet singer sang As loud his harp in anguish rang When wailing o'er his hated sins The Heart of God king David wins.

Nor Shakespeare, Milton, Byton, Moore, Can equal bards prophetic, pure, And what are Burns's base desires To "rapt Isaiah's" heave...born fires? What earthly bard could equal Thine Inspired page, dear Lord divine? Their hest but echoes of Thy page O, God, that sang for every age.

Not even Dante, gloomy, grand, Could such wild wealth of words command Of song and sermon, psalm and hymn, Of wisdom vast, of ruin grim, Or hold such blessed promise high To those who here for heaven sigh, To those who live, to those who die, As that brave Book, of every clime, And from eternal years, through time, Until eternal years again Shall dawn upon the sons of men.

O, holy hope, O, blessed trust, Though man may die and lie in dust, Though grandeur rot and gold shall rust, One joy remains unto the just

That ne er shall pass away.

Ah, God, what human tongue shall say The glories of that wondrons day, When closed shall be earth's fitful years

And Christ with his bright cross appears ? When oped and closed shall be all tombs, And He the Judge pronounces dooms ?

What matters it what words were said Or sung by living o'er the dead? If they be not the words of prayer Their sound but as the empty air; The only words worth hearing then, The sweetest to the sons of men, Will be, "Well done my faithful ones. My will was done, the crown is won, Come, blessed of My Father, "ome And share with Me My heavenly home,"

Ah, would to God the human ear, No other sound than those should hear, And would that I could finish here; But faith and truth compel the rest, And what is true is always best. To those who, from the pathway strayed, Upon the Lord's left hand arrayed, The great, just Judge shall turn and say, "Away from Me, accursed, away, Who followed but your base desires You shall be danned in ceaseless fires, You scorned Me for the Exit One, And you shall wear the crown you've won, Depart from Me, perdition's sons, I know you not, liegone, begone '

Then ope the gates to let them in, The good man and the man of sm, The first in Heaven, the last in Hell Throughout eternal years shall dividy.

111.

Rest on, unknown, unhonor'd dead. It matters not, your earthly bed, If that dear soul in bliss abide For which the gentle Just One died.

Farewell, dear friends, farewell, my foes, I know you not, God only knows, Farewell, dear Burns, dear Moore and Gray, We mayhap meet "some ither day;" Farewell, dear scene that bronght me here, My soul is sad with unshed tears, "As you are now so shall I be," Farewell, dear shades of Miramichi.

St. Raphael's, Blackville.

I stood in that lovely temple One sultry summer day : I had wandered there to rest me From the festive scene and gay, And I found the little children All merrily at play.

The prattle of childish voices The patter of childish feet And the ripple of childish laughter Made a melody most sweet.

It would seem that the fleart of Jesus Had called those children there In order that He might bless them In His holy house of prayer,

As they ran and played together His holy Altar around, Unconscious, dear little loved ones, That the place was holy ground.

And as they gazed on the pictures Or touched them with their hands One would think of the words of Jesus, His dear divine command :

"Suffer the little children To come, dear hearts, to Me, For of such is My heavenly kingdom,

From sin and sorrow free."

A home in His Heart in Heaven The httle hearts have found, And pure as the snow undriven,

They stand His Throne around.

And the bell for the blessed Chalice The little hands shall ring,

And a song to the Heart of Jesus The little lips shall sing,

You would seem to hear Him saying : "I bless those children dear,

I bless the good priest and the people Who have built Me a temple here."

God bless the dear little children Who played that evening there, God bless the good priest and the people Who reared that temple fair.

July 9th, 1895.

In Memoriam-Captain Thomas Quigley.

ACROSTIC.

Called from those he dearly loved A manly man has passed away,

Passed, let us hope, to tiod above, To home and heaven's cternal day; Ah, gallant sailor take your rest, In death's long sleep the last and best, No storms disturb your gallant breast. Farewell,

The helm no more his hand shall hold.

His voice no more shall give command, On mainmast high this seaman hold

May take no more his dizzy stand, And friends shall grasp his hand no more, Save on that stormless, sumny shore, Farewell.

Quiet and modest, tried and true. Unmoved, undannted still stood he,

It mattered not what wind it blew, Gaily he met it, fair and free.

Life's storms are o'er, life's ocean past, Eternally your anchor's cast Your ship is safe in port at last, Farewell,

Farewell.

Una of Kildare.

Lines suggested by the story, "Light and Shade.

When first I saw my Una

She was only a hitle child,

With eyes like those of a frightened fawn, And gold hair, flying wild;

But now she's become a woman, Her face is far more fair.

Her heart seems far less human, My wild rose of Kildare.

The priceless heart of Una She has given it all to me. And when June brings its roses Our wedding is to be ;

I still claim my right to terse her And tangle her golden har,

But she knows I would die to please her My wild rose of Kildare.

The autumn has changed to winter, With its storm and cold and gloom,

And Spring and Summer are far away

When sweet, wild roses bloom ; My sweet, wild rose has fallen,

My soul is in despair,

And broken the heart of Strathallen For•Una of Kaplare.

Thy matchless form, my Una, Is nowhere to be seen,

In mansion or in cottage,

On lawn or village green ;

For down where the snow-white chapel Lifts high its cross in air,

Beneath the tender shannocks Lics Una of Kildare,

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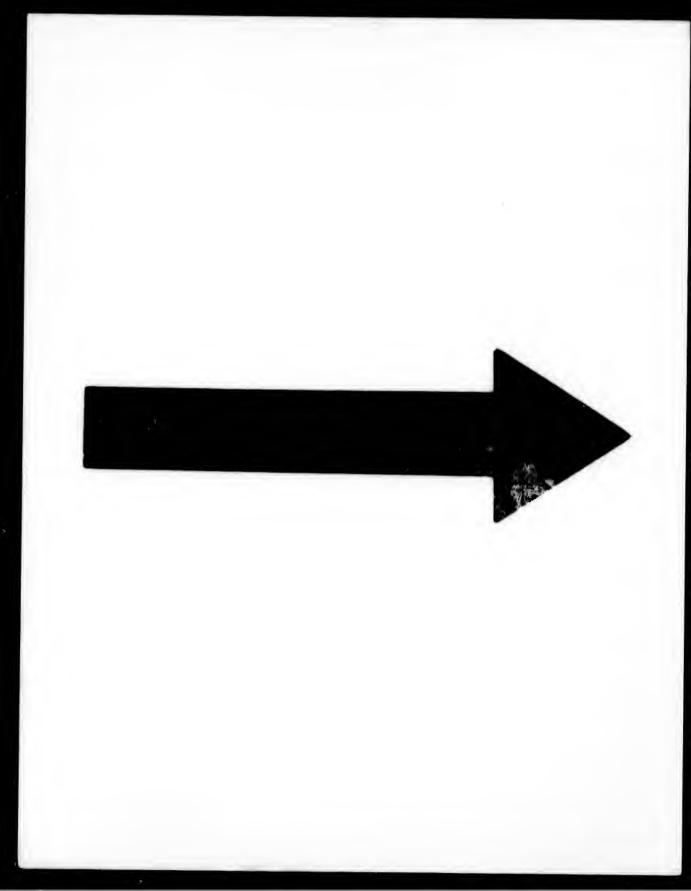
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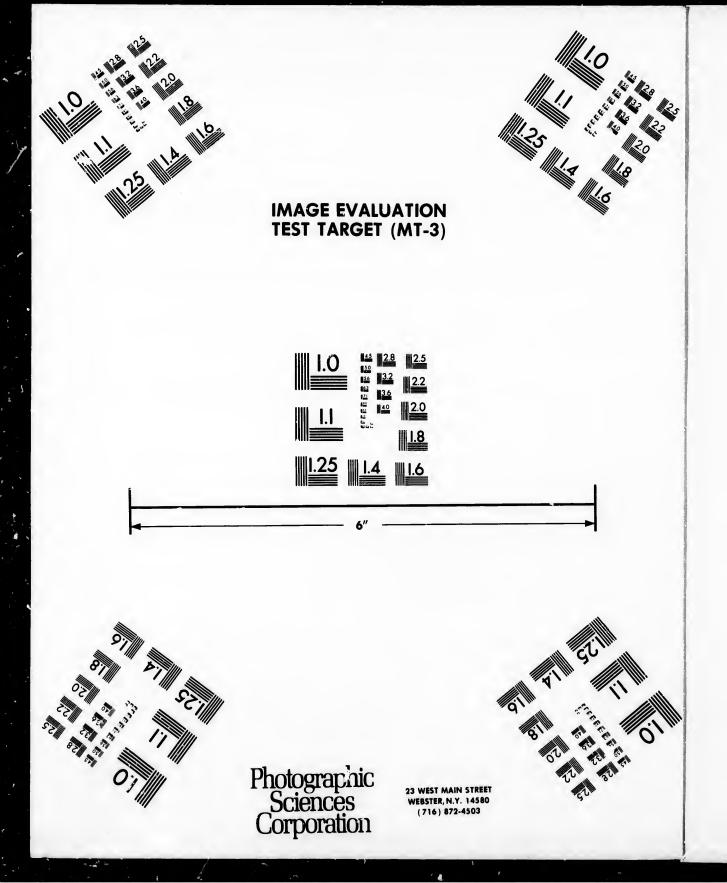
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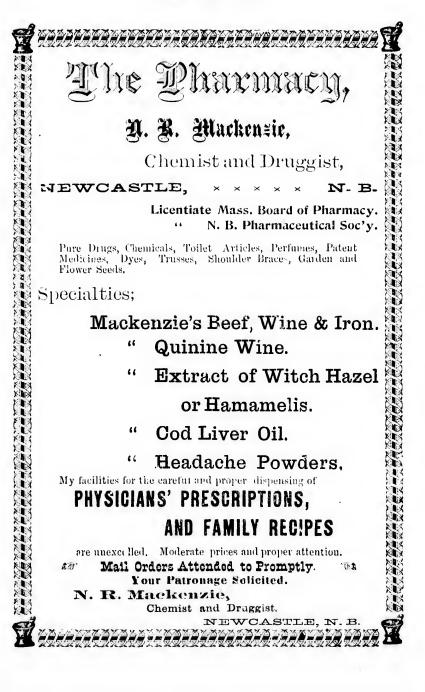
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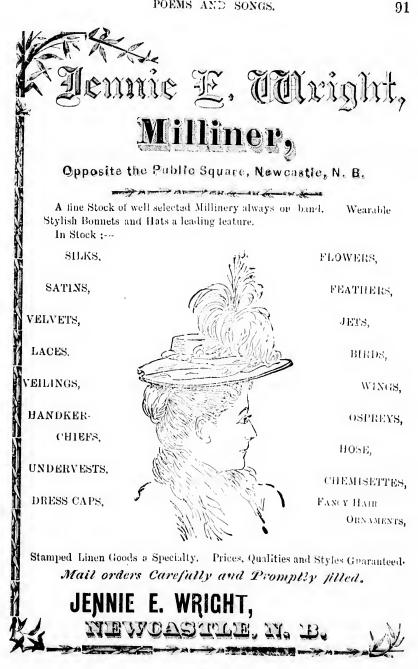
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