

POETRY.

[From the London Metropolitan.] THE TREE OF DEATH.

LET the king of the grave be asked to tell The plant he loveth best; And it will not be the cypress tree,

But where the green rich stalks are seen, Where ripe fruits gush and shine, "This, this," cries he, "is the tree for me—

O, the glossy vine has a serpent charm, It bears an unblest fruit; There's a taint about each tendrilled arm,

Fill, fill the glass, and let it pass; But ye who quaff, O think That even the heart which loves must loathe

The woe-hiding grass and the willow wreath, For though shading the tomb, they fling not a gloom

PROCESSION OF THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETIES.

One of the largest public processions witnessed for many years, was that of the members connected with the various total abstinence societies of Dublin and its vicinity; it took place on St. Patrick's day, through the principal streets of the metropolis.

For several weeks past the greatest excitement prevailed, in consequence of the extensive preparations which were making to render the "demonstration" as imposing as possible.

According to a previous arrangement of the general committee, the members of the various societies were to assemble separately previous to proceeding to the general rendezvous, which was in the gardens at the Rotundo.

Shortly after eleven o'clock the members of the "Irish Total Abstinence Association," headed by their patron, the Very Rev. Dr. Spratt, and accompanied by a band, appeared in sight, and was received with loud cheers by the assembled thousands who had congregated round the gardens.

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Next came the Mariner's Total Abstinence Society, with the union jack in front, consisting of 200 members. This Society had a tea party the same evening, at 17 Anglin-street.

The National Total Abstinence Association, with the Rev. Mr. Doyle as its president, followed with a banner borne before it composed of green silk, and surmounted by a crown and harp. On one side was a full length figure of Hibernia, with an Irish wolf dog reposing at her feet; on either side an arid figure proclaiming "God will do all classes and creeds," and underneath a bee-hive, with the motto "Industry."

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a magnificent banner, representing on the front St. Paul preaching at Athens, and at the top a tablet with these words "Drunkards shall not possess the kingdom of God."

This society amounting to 6,000 persons, was headed by the band of the 88th Regiment, stationed in this garrison, a tribute of respect paid to the worthy President by Colonel O'Hara.

The St. Paul's Total Abstinence Society was founded on the 2d of November, 1839, in St. Peter's Church, Phibsborough, the Very Rev. Dr. Yore, President; Mr. M'Namara and Mr. Hand, Vice Presidents.

Next after Saint Paul's, came the Society of Saint Nicholas of Myra, with the Rev. M. Flanagan, P. P. at their head, containing 600 members. This Society held a meeting in St. Nicholas's Church, Francis-street, in the evening, at seven o'clock.

After which followed the Metropolitan Total Abstinence Society, preceded by the Rev. A. O'Connell, Mr. Thomas Reynolds, and others, with the fine band of the 96th, and a grand blue silk banner, on the front of which was a representation of St. Michael contending with Lucifer; the angel just succeeded in overcoming him, and white placing his foot on the writhing body, is in the act of giving a thrust with the sword.

This body composed of upwards of 6,000 persons, was followed by the Dublin Total Abstinence Society, with a beautiful white silk banner, executed with great taste, and bearing on the front the temperance arms, with a man and woman (one with a boy, the other with a girl) as supporters.

The rear of this society was brought up by a humorous drawing of the tee-totaller and the plumb-pudding. The Kingstown Total Abstinence Society, consisting of about 500 members, the National Temperance Society with 250 members, followed by the Juvenile Association, and the Dundrum and Palmerston Societies, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. O'Connell, accompanied by two bands, closed up this imposing procession.

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tempted to get out of the way by going down Eustace-street, but finding that inconvenient, and wishing perhaps not to disappoint the curiosity of many who were anxious to see him, remained until the procession passed, the bands of each society playing "God save the Queen."

The different societies met at their different localities in the evening, and were presided over by their presidents.

ELEVEN YEARS IN CEYLON.

Comprising Sketches of the Field Sports and Natural History of that Colony, and an Account of its History and Antiquities. By Major Forbes, 78th Regt. 2 vols.

The first appearance of the British in the island of Ceylon (perhaps the most important island in our possession) took place in 1782. Upon that occasion, as upon most similar occasions, we appeared with arms in our hands.

It is worthy of note, that the ancestors of these very people, who, as Major Forbes observes, we long regarded as savages, and for some time treated as slaves, were not only numerous as a population—estimated at no less than five millions of souls—but were comparatively a civilized nation before Great Britain was discovered.

It appears, that during the interval of time betwixt the visit of the inspector and the arrival of the mason who was to close the vault, Monsieur Duchene, clerk to his brother-in-law, at No. 5, Rue Portefoin, having occasion to visit the priory, did not perceive the hole, badly guarded by the boards which were probably disarranged by the inspector, and fell into the vault.

At length, at the end of seven days and seven nights, the cries of agony of the unfortunate Duchene were distinctly heard by one of the lodgers, who ran in haste to inform M. Lebrun, the keeper of the house.

They hastened to open the vault, and two men descended; in a short time they returned, bringing with them the unfortunate Duchene, in too horrible a state to describe, but still breathing.

On examining the body of the unfortunate Duchene, it was found, that in his fall he had fractured his skull, and the wound was followed by an instantaneous congestion of the brain. This circumstance shows that he must have remained for a long time insensible, and, consequently, had not the power, when the workmen were sealing the vault, to make known his presence by his cries; and when, at the end of three days, he came to himself, his voice was too much enfeebled to be distinctly heard by those outside.

Turning from the historical details, which occupy only a small portion of the volumes, we find ample details of Cingalese antiquities, institutions, and remains; elaborate descriptions of the habits and manners of the people, of the productions and natural history of the island, of the religious festivals and superstitions, cities, plains, and usages, and some admirable and graphic pictures of the grand sport—which is here practised in perfection—of elephant hunting.

Sidney, N. S. Wales, Dec. 1st, 1839.

"The missionary brig Camden" left Upolu the day before our ship sailed, and arrived here last evening, bringing news that two of the missionaries who sailed in her, during a visit to the Island of Ewomango, one of the New Hebrides, were killed and eaten by the natives. They were Messrs Williams and Harris; I knew them both at Upolu, Mr. Williams quite intimately; he was a highly intelligent and gentlemanly man, and one of the most indefatigable of all Christian missionaries.

flight, and I have the painful intelligence from his own lips.

Mr. Harris was in ill health and could not make his escape, while Mr. Williams was rather advanced in life. Mr. Cunningham, who heard the war cry raised, turned and saw Mr. Harris pursued by the savages; in an instant after, he saw him fall, pierced through with many spears. Mr. C. then urged Mr. Williams to run for the boat, which was at some distance. The latter misunderstood him and ran into the water to swim off to the brig, but was overtaken and murdered.

It may be well to add that Mr. Cunningham attributes his own preservation to the fact, that a stone thrown by him struck the foremost savage, and so retarded him in the pursuit that Mr. C. had time to reach his boat. In great haste,

Yours affectionately,

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT. Suffocation of a Young Man in a Priory at Paris.

The following is translated from one of our late Paris papers:—The following horrible details of homicide, through negligence, was brought before the 6th Chambre, and for two hours, has struck with horror the magistrates and audience.

The vault of the priory, at the house 574 Rue St. Denis, and forming a passage through to the Rue du Ponceau had been cleaned, and before closing the mouth with the large stone, it was necessary to await the visit of the health inspector. Meanwhile it was temporarily closed by two boards placed crosswise over it.

Three days and nights passed without any noise, or a single groan, betraying the presence of a living being in this horrible abyss. At the end of this time, the inhabitants of the house thought they heard smothered cries, apparently issuing from the ground.

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On statement of these facts, Monsieur Lebrun, the keeper of the house, and the porter Langlois, were brought before the 6th Chambre, and accused of having been, through negligence, the cause of the death of Duchene. It was extremely affecting to hear the brother-in-law of the deceased give, in a voice broken with sobs, the character of him who had been snatched from them by so horrible a death.

EARTHQUAKES.

Earthquakes may be said to be universal, there is no country entirely exempted, and not a week passes without some part of the earth's surface being more or less agitated; while a few districts, sometimes, experience

a continual series of concussion. Confined to no particular season of the year, or state of the atmosphere, they occur at noon as well as at midnight, and without a moment's warning precipitate thousands into eternity in a few seconds. The shocks at first appear like perpendicular heaving—then as horizontal undulations or oscillations—the effects of these are terrible; but the most dreadful of all are the rotary motions, during which large masses of rocks or houses are whirled about, sturdy palm trees are twisted around one another like willow—the most substantial buildings are instantly shattered to pieces and the inhabitants buried beneath their ruins.

During one of these awful scenes, the violent agitation of the sea shows the extent, as well as the power of these tremendous agencies. The sub-marine land seems to be thrown out of its bed by the struggling and bursting of the pent gasses; and the waters, as if affrighted, rush to the shores and overflow their bounds even on distant continents.

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If the earthquakes of Syria have often prostrated Antioch, Balbec, and Acre, those of South America have overthrown Lima, Cumana, and Caracas, for magnitude, number, and duration the latter are not inferior to the former. We shall give an extract from the description of the one which destroyed Caracas in 1812, and refer our readers to the work for the rest.

The Cazerne of Quartel vanished almost entirely, and a regiment of soldiers stationed there disappeared along with it: only a few individuals escaped. The sky was clear; there was no forewarning; and the duration of the shocks, which produced this awful ruin, was thought to be less than a moment.

Emigration to America.—There is scarcely a village in the northern part of the county of Mayo in which there are not from five or six to ten or twelve families, who are about emigrating to America; principally to the United States. These consist chiefly of small farmers, labourers, and mechanics.

The Rev. Mr. Mathew, at Nenagh, highly eulogised the Rev. Mr. M'Affee, a Wesleyan clergyman, in Cork, who is a firm supporter of the Temperance cause, and who said to him (Mr. Mathew) "every good work is the work of God—you are only an instrument in his hands. If I could I would not convert you, for if you were a Dissenting minister you could not accomplish the good work you are effecting."

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any just claims against the estate of DANIEL YERXA, Esq., late of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested, within SIX MONTHS and all those indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment to

MOSES PICKARD Sole Executor 6m.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the estate of the late ARCHILUS CARPENTER deceased, are hereby required to send in their accounts, duly attested, within three months from the date hereof. And all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment to

ELEANOR CARPENTER Sole Administratrix.

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