THE DEATH-CHILD.

She sits beneath the elder-tree And sings her song so sweet, And dreams o'er the burn that darksomely

Runs by her moon-white feet. Her hair is dark as starless night, Her flower-crowned face is pale, But O her eyes are lit with light Of dread ancestral bale.

She sings an eerie song, so wild With immemorial dule-Tho' young and fair Death's mortal child That sits by that dark pool.

And oft she sees a wave uprise Within that water chill-And knows that then a mortal dies, And lists to catch the shrill,

The shrill, thin sound the spirit makes Fast flying past her there: And then her elfin harp she takes And sings her wilding air.

O life so full, so brief, O bitter flow of witless strife And dim, dark ebb of grief! "O as the darksome wave that swells And sinks for evermore,

Or as the sound of passing bells,

"O fleeting life, O passing life,

So life once lived is o'er!" And oft she cries an eldritch scream When red with human blood, The burn becomes a crimson stream, A wild, red, surging flood:

Or shrinks, when some swift tide of tears-The weeping of the world-Dark eddying 'neath man's phantom-fears Is o'er the red stream hurled.

She broods beside the stream; Her dark eyes filled with mystery, Her dark soul rapt in dream. The lapsing flow she heedeth not,

For hours beneath the elder-tree

Though deepest depths she scans : Life is the shade that clouds her thought, As Death's the eclipse of man's. Time seems but as a bitter thing

Yet ah! (she thinks) her song she'll sing When Time's long reign is o'er. Erstwhiles she bends alow to hear

Remember'd from of vore :

What the swift water sings, The torrent running darkly clear With secrets of all things. And then she smiles a strange sad smile,

And lets her harp lie long; The death-waves oft may rise the while, She greets them with no song. Few ever cross that dreary moor,

Few ever see that flower-crowned head; But whose knows that wild song's lure Knoweth that he is death. WILLIAM SHARP.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS. Notes and Announcements.

Bliss Carman passed through the city this week, on his way to Windsor. Rev. W. W. Campbell has brought out another book of poems, Lake Lyrics.

Mr. Edward Everett Hale is about to It's half-past six by us p. m., so you will soon be write the life of James Freeman Clarke.

"Max O'Rell" is going to publish anwith French peasant life. In an appendix to it, there will appear amusing extracts of letters, from unknown pens, received by opinions on his previous works.

Richard Henry Stoddard, who has so long given us lyrics of a sweetness unlike that of his contemporaries, is no more able to work. He cannot recognize his most intimate friends save by voice.

Mr. Jefferson Davis is dissatisfied with the amount he has received from the sales of his book, The Rise and Fall of the Southern Confederacy. He thinks the sales have been greater than they really have, and his publishers try to assure him that the demand for it is confined to the South. The question will be settled by arbitrators.

Le Bleuet, an Alsatian Romance, is now in its second edition, the first having been sold out in less than a week. It is published by Brentano's, New York.

Mr. George Murray has two poems in the current issue of the Dominion Illustrated. In the same we find "The Isle of Song," by Arthur John Lockhart, and a delightful little poem by Tyng Raymond.

Lieut Col. John Hunter Duvar, who has with those of inspector of fisheries for Prince Edward Island, can now devote all his time to the former as he has been superannuated from the offices of the latter. We congratulate Col. Duvar.

The prospectus of the new juvenile monthly Santa Claus says that poetry is not wanted! Why should the children not be trained up to appreciate good poetry? This is surely a fault in the magazine at the

very outset of its career. Mr. William Aldis Wright, editor of Fitzgerald's letters, having thoughtlessly allowed a paragraph with regard to Mrs. Browning's death to be published, and having thereby wounded the feelings of Robert Browning and caused him to hurl forth some harsh invective against Fitzgerald, expresses his deep regret in a letter in the Athenœum. It is a great pity that the paragraph ever was published, for it was merely an indulgence in epigram on the part of Fitzgerald and was written privately to a friend. There is seldom any truth in epigram though everyone finds himself

using it constantly. Belford's Magazine now comes out in an indigo cover, struck, no doubt, with the blues since Donn Piatt has retired from the editorship.

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AN INTERESTING PLANT.

"J. B.," of Fredericton, Speaks of Mr. Cruikshank's Flowers.

"J. B.," of Fredericton, in a note to PROGRESS, says that Mr. Cruikshank's trumpet plant, in the centre of the mound in the old burial ground has excited considerable interest, especially during the carnival week among visitors from various parts of the province and dominion. I was asked a number of times if I knew the name of that plant in the burial ground with the long flowers hanging down. This is the Brugmanzia, or trumpet plant, Mr. Fenety found growing in great luxuriance in Florida, last February, and mentioned in his very interesting letters in Pro-GRESS. It is not new to gardeners, the writer having been familiar with it for 20 years. But yet it is a scarce plant, and very interesting for the lawn and flower garden. It was named Brugmanzia in honor of Prof. T. J. Brugmans, a botanical author (better known by the name of Datura arboria). They are a magnificent species, being large plants, growing to the height of ten or twelve feet. They look best when planted in the ground in a conservatory, or out of doors in the summer, and taken indoors in winter, where they are free from frost. The flowers are trumpet-shaped, a foot or more in length, and very fragrant. The plants grow freely in light, rich soil, and they are readily propagated by cuttings, either of the shoots or roots. The plants are rather subject to red spider when kept in a warm greenhouse. This pest should be kept down by constant syringing with sulphur water. The writer found Mr. Cruikshank a very obliging man, although disarranged with building and improvements at his greenhouse, on Golding street. He has many beautiful plants, such as ferns, tuberousbegonias, rex-begonias, tricolor and bicolor geraniums, roses in pots, evergreen shrubs, variegated English hollys, chrysanthumums (autumn blooming), etc., etc.; also the largest lot of Chinese primroses for one grower in the provinces, if not in the dominion.

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THE TWELFTH OF AUGUST.

Written in Victoria, Australia, where the time is 91/2 hours before English time.]

Your way up to the leeward edge, with pointer

other volume, Jacques Bonhomme, dealing | For 'tis the glorious twelfth today of honor never ending. And we have not forgotten it beneath an Austral

the author at various times, and expressing | It's not so many years ago since you and I together Were working on this very twelfth, the old Dum

> And treading with elastic step the fragrant, crackling heather. While "Dick" and "Ben," with noses down, were on the grouse's spoor

How grand it seemed for one whose gunkhad lain since February Upon the gun-rack, suddenly to see his pointer And stiffen out his tail, the while he stood erect and

And waited till you topped the ridge upon the brood to drop.

And grander still, on drawing near, to see the red grouse springing Before his well-trained nose, about as far as you

And get both barrels on their heads, and shoot them cleanly, bringing A cock down right and left, stone-dead, with

And then the luncheon on the moor, with purple mountains sweeping Behind each other, wave on wave, as far as you

scarce a damaged quill!

And little tufts of moss and fern between the boul To mark the brooklet's lair, in case the ladies

been of late blending the duties of poet | Ethel had eyes as blue as were the August heavens And hair as bright and sparkling as the bumpers

of champagne With which we gave her Kentish fire. You could not help but love her, She was so dainty in her grace, and gracious in

Mary was Vesta-lit the fire-Ethel our Dian-

To shoot, and smile her sweetest thanks on any Who chose to give her up his gun for half an hour,

and train her-Hippolyta the second and a modern Marian. Dressed all in tweed, with kilted skirt and manly

And curious eyes would note below a real shoot But so well shaped and tasteful that it seemed pro-

fane to black it. Laced tightly to the ankle of her arched and slen-

Is Ethel there with you, besieged by just as many Or has she cried "Peccavi!" to some fox and game

And been transferred from running wild to strictly-Where "poaching" will be met with all the rigours of the law?

I long to walk with you once more in your grand August weather Upon the old Dumfrieshire moor, with pointer and with gun,

And scent the fragrance of the breeze that roams o'er sea and heather-I almost long to see an adder coiled up in the sun

Upon the warm, dry peat beside the edge of the brown water, Or a hedgehog, or a stoat, fos it would look so like old times:

And I'd like to show Miss Ethel, too, if by herself I That I have lips for something else besides repeating rhymes.

- Douglas Sladen, in A Poetry of Exiles.

HAMPTON. [Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T.G. Barnes and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W.

Aug 14 Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Fairweather, who have been visiting his father here for the past two weeks, left for their home in New York, on

Friday evening. Miss Jessie King, of St. John, who has been spending a few days with friends across the river

from the village, returned home on Saturday. Mr. D'Orsay Murray, son of the American consuls spending a few weeks with his friend, Lennie

Peters, near the station.

Mrs. Alex. Clarke left for her home in Framington, Mass., a few days ago. A party of young folks from the village, among whom were a few from the city, spent a merry day at Lower Norton, on Friday. These private picnics are becoming quite fashionable, and are surpassingly pleasant and enjoyable. There are so many delightful spots in this neighborhood for such parties, and I hear of several to take place during the

Miss Lowe, of Bangor, who has been visiting her nany friends here, left for home on Saturday. Mr. J. Milton Barnes left on Monday, by the City of Monticello, for Annapolis, where he commences

a bicycle trip through that lovely valley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coster, of St. John, with their tricycle. They visit Halifax and other points in Nova Scotia before returning.

Miss Margaret Stephenson, accompanied by her little nieces, the Misses Christie, of St. John, spent Monday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Logan and Mrs. William Black were in town on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. William Langstroth gave a very cheerful party on Friday evening to a uumber of their young friends, at their cosey residence on the hill near the station. Every one present enjoyed the evening thoroughly, and returned home by the beautiful moonlight long after midnight.

The Misses Lemont, of Fredericton, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Walter Flewwelling, at the village for the past week or two.

Mr. W. M. Jarvis and daughter spent Sunday at their delightful residence in Lakeside. Rev. LeB. W. Fowler, of Bar Harbor (whose family are summering at the Marshall mansion over the river on the Norton side), assisted Rev. Mr. Maynard at the service in St. Mary's chapel at the viliage on Sunday evening, and preached the sermon from St. John iii: 7.

I noticed Miss Maud McKeown in town a few days ago, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod. Mrs. Henry Phalr is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James A. Estey, at the Keator place in Nauwigewauk. Rev. W. W. Walker, of Virginia, was in town : few days ago.

The Sunday schools of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches intend holding a union picnic at Nauwigewauk, on Wednesday next. The Hampton band played on the grounds near

Worm Syrup; it is not only exceedingly the station on Monday evening to a delighted pleasant but is a sure remedy for all kinds | audience. These concerts are greatly enjoyed by of these pests. Look out for imitations. old and young and I only regret that we do not hear them oftener. They play at the village alternately. Miss Rankine, Miss Johnstone, Mr. S. S. McAvity

and Mr. R. R. Rankine spent Thursday here. Mr. A. H. DeMill, of St. John, and Sheriff Freeze of Sussex, were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod are at Moneton today. The annual picnic of our band was held at Belyea's point, on the St. John river, on Tuesday, and was very successful in every particular. The steamer Clifton was chartered for the occasion. A large number were in attendance. There were games of different kinds and the party reached home at 10 p. m. thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah M. Barnes are entertaining a large party of their friends today at their beautiful and commodious residence, on Linden heights overlooking the station.

Mr. R. Chalmers and Mr. E. W. Swynward are still here, stopping at the Vendome. Aug. 15 .- Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pugsley and family

arrived here last night to spend a week or two, and are at the hotel Vehdome.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL. [PROGRESS is for sale at Annapolis Royal at Fred

S. Symonds & Co). Aug. 14.-The Halifax carnival presented such an host of attractions last week that I could not resist the temptation to be there, although I knew the readers of Progress in Annapolis would sadly miss their weekly items. But we had a most delightful time at Halifax, as all those who attended the carnival from here will agree, and our little town was quite well represented there. One would think they had scarcely rested after the St. John carnival

before they were off again to Halifax. The doings of society, if it may be so termed, in Annapolis, has been rather at a stand still the past few weaks, so many have been out of town. With the exception of the going and coming of strangers and a picnic or two, Annapolis has been decidedly dull. This appears to be the month for picnics. The Methodist Sunday school have theirs today; others will no doubt follow before the month is out.

The Misses Ambrose, of Digby, were in town Miss Wood, who went to Halifax to attend the carnival, is still there visiting friends.

Miss de Blois returned from Halifax yesterday. Miss Hickman, of Digby, is visiting at Mrs. Cut-

Mr. Charlie Kinnear, of Sussex, N. B., is the guest of Dr. Robinson. Mr. Flemming, of New York, is at Mr. McLaugh-

Mr. McVicar, principal of the high school, returned on Friday last from Boston, where he has been spending a part of his vacation. Mrs. Owen returned last week from Yarmouth,

accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Farish. Mr. C. H. Puttner remained in town on Monday on his way from the Halifax carnival, to Caledonia. Annapolis attractions prove irresistible to Mr.

Mr. J. Cowling and Mr. Kennedy spent last Sunday at Digby. A quiet wedding took place last Wednesday, at the residence of Mr. J. H. Edwards. Miss Mamie

mony. The happy couple left for New Brunswick on the Monticello. Mrs. Robertson and children, of St. John, are visiting Mrs. Mowatt.

Edwards and Capt. Gardner were united in matri-

RICHIBUCTO.

Aug. 14.-Mr. Charles F. Ferguson, of New York, MEALS SERVED AT ALL HOURS. is visiting his home.

Mrs. Richard McLaughlin and Miss Francis Mc-Laughlin, who have been visiting friends in Boston r the past three months, returned home last week. Miss Annie Page, of St. John, arrived last Saturday to take charge of a department in the school. Mr. J. R. and Mrs. Vincent, of St. John, are spending a few days in town.

Principal Harrison returned from his vacation last Saturday. can; Mr. O. J. LeBlanc, M. P. P., of Buctouche,

Mr. T. H. Galbraith, agent for the Scottish Amertand Mr. E. L. O'Brien, of Bathurst, were in town on Tuesday. The ball at the "Beaches" last night was one of

the most brilliant events that has ever taken place here, Large numbers were present from Fredericton, St. John, Moncton and Newcastle. The dresses worn by the ladies were costly and beautiful. A sumptuous supper was served at 12 o'clock, and dancing was kept up until daylight. Mr. Phair is to be congratulated for the manner in which he entertained his guests.

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