

Poetry.

For the Religious Intelligencer.
Mr. Editor.—The following poem from the pen of Mr. Croly was found in an old book; when it was written I am not prepared to state, but from its singular, prophetic style, and the manner in which it is being fulfilled, I have thought fit to send it to you for insertion in your truly valuable paper.

SAMUEL McCREADY.

Things to Come.

There are murmurs on the deep,
There are thunder in the heavens;
Though the ocean bould sleep,
Though no cloud the sign hath given;
Earth that sudden storm shall feel,
Tis a storm of steel and steel.

Tribes are in their forests now,
Idly hunting game and deer;
Tribes are crouching in their snow,
Over their wild and wintry cheer,
Doomed to swell that tempest's fall;
When the vengeance next shall fall,
We to each, and we to all.

War of old has swung the world,
Guilt has shaken strength and pride;
But the thunders freely hurled,
Quivered o'er the spot, and died;
When the vengeance next shall fall,
We to each, and we to all.

Man had shed man's blood for toys,
Love and hatred, fame and gold;
Now, a mighty wrath destroys
Earth in careless crime grows old;
Vast destruction shall be tame
To the rushing of that fame.

When the clouds of vengeance break,
Fury shall be on the weak,
Nations against nations,
And the worse than Phagan sword
In religion's breast be gored.

Then the Martyr's solemn cry,
Where thy robes of crimson lie
Rest the "golden star" hung,
Shall be heard from the "throne"
The trumpet of the "judgment blown."

"Woe to Earth, the mighty woe!"
Yet shall earth her conscience tell,
Till above the brim shall flow
The night of gall. The cup is full,
Yet a moment comes the ire,—
Famine, blight, fire, and fire.
First shall fall a mighty one,
Ancient crime had drowned his brow,
Dars ambition raised his throne—
Truth his victim, and his foe,
Earth shall joy in all her fear
Over the great idolater.

Then shall rush abroad the blaze,
Sweeping Heavens, zone by zone;
Africa's tribe the spear shall raise,
Soaring India's pagan throne;
China hear her Idols knell
In the Russian's cannon-peal.

On the Turk shall fall the blow
From the Great Magagger hand!
Blood like winter-snow shall flow,
Till he treads the Syrian land!
Then shall final vengeance shine,
And all be seated in Palestine!

Miscellan.

To African Gold Digger.

The Editor of the *African Herald* of Boston who is on a tour to California to recruit his health, and visit his son, gives in his journal the following interesting conversation on which he had with a negro whom he met digging like others for gold:

"Returning to Coloma, I fell in with a colored man, who was digging on the banks of a creek. I looked at him, smiled, and said, 'How came you here?' 'O, I took it into my head to come, to see what I could find.' 'Well, where did you come from?' 'I came from Missouri.' 'And was you a slave?' 'Yes. But I bought myself for \$700.' My master died, and after years of faithfulness to my mistress, she said if she should be taken away, I should be sold, and she wished to sell me to myself, that I might not be sold where I should be ill-treated. So I bought myself on trust, and came here to get gold to pay the debt. So now, I am a free man.' 'Well, do you know anything about the true freedom that Christ gives to those who believe in him, to be free indeed?' 'O yes, thank God I do. I could not read, but I used to think I would like to, and get an understanding of the way to heaven. Some years before I left the States, James, one of the sons in the family, who'd been very wild, was converted. He came to me, and said, 'Jim, you are going to hell! And you must repent, and give yourself to God, at once. I have done it, and am happy.' 'Well,' said I, 'Master James, I don't know about going to hell; I have not killed any body, or stole. I have tried to live as good as most others.' 'Well,' said James, 'you are a sinner, and you are lost without Christ. I want to make me a promise.' 'Well, what is it?' said I, 'I will see.' 'I want you to promise me that you will pray three times a day for one month, that God will convert your soul. Now, leave off swearing and frolicking, and be sober, and give yourself to God.' 'Well,' said I, 'I can pray, I think. I could pray a month, if it is necessary.' And so, I agreed to do so. I kept my word for a fortnight, and then the tempter told me it was no use to pray longer. I was about to give it up. I thought the devil was about to take me off, and so I determined I would not go to bed one night, but sit up and watch and pray all night. About midnight I kneeled down on the hearth, in the old kitchen, and thought I would pray low to myself, and not disturb the family. But the second word that came to me was, 'Glory to God' and was not in a very low tone. I was so filled with joy and peace, that I shouted, and rejoiced so loud that it waked up the family. But I did not care; I was happy, and wanted to tell all the world. Morning came, and master (who was then living) said to me, 'Jim, what was that noise I heard in the kitchen last night?' 'Well, master, the Lord, I believe, has converted my soul. I am now as free a man as ever lived.' 'No you aint, said my master, 'you are mine; I bought you and paid my money for you.' 'Can't help that, Master, I am a freeman.' But I shall serve you better than ever, by the help of God.' From that time to this, I have tried to live a Christian, and God has been with me, bless his name."

Galignani says, "the Empress has benefited considerably in health by her recent visit to England."

The immediate departure of the Emperor for the Crimea is looked upon in Paris as a certainty, and the following little anecdote in reference to the voyage has caused much conversation. While the Emperor was in London, at one of the diplomatic receptions, Mr. Buchanan, Minister of the United States in London, was invited to visit the Universal Exposition. Mr. Buchanan replied, that he was very soon about to return to the United States which would render his visit difficult of accomplishment. The Emperor having remarked that steam had abridged the distance very much, Mr. Buchanan observed, "Yes, it is not so far from Washington to Paris as from Paris to the Crimea, whither, I hear, it is the intention of Your Majesty to proceed." To this home-thrust the Emperor

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merely replied, "Oh, this is an affair of my own, of which no one knows anything." One cannot easily believe that Mr. Buchanan could have so far forgotten what was due from one gentleman to another, as to attempt to invade secrets with which he had no concern.

A NOBLE DEED.—During the night of November 25th, in a thick snow storm, wind blowing a heavy gale down the lake, the water chilled and making ice fast, the Canadian schooner, Conductor, Captain Hackett, struck on the bar, outside of Long Point Cut, on the island side, beat over and filled immediately, some distance from the shore, the sea making a complete breach over her, driving the crew to the rigging for safety. In the morning at daylight they were discovered, clinging to the wreck, by Mrs. Margaret Becker, a trapper's wife, the sole inhabitant of that end of the island, her husband being over on the main land. She immediately went down abreast of the vessel, on the beach, and built a large fire of logs, made some hot tea, and prepared some food for them, in case they reached the shore, and to refresh and encourage their drooping spirits, by showing them success was at hand.

All that long day, with the tempest raging around her, did that heroic woman watch the poor suffering men clinging to the rigging of the wreck. Just at nightfall, the captain called to the mate, who was in the other side of the rigging, that they would all perish if they had to remain in the rigging another night, and that he was going to attempt to swim ashore; if he succeeded they could follow him; if he drowned they would be lost.

He leaped overboard and struck out. As he reached the undertow and buckwater, his strength failing, benumbed with cold he would certainly have been drowned, had not the woman gone to the rescue. She waded in through the surf, up to her neck, grasping him and dragging him out safely. Then the balance of the crew followed him, one by one, with the same result—this noble woman breasting the sea and meeting and dragging out each one of them as they came ashore—being, in the main, instrumental in saving the whole crew. Such noble conduct deserves more than a passing notice.—*Buffalo Democracy.*

ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER.—A decent old highlandman, in —, having become unwell, one of the deacons of the district in which he lived, a spirit-dealer of the Free Church, waited upon him, and asked him, among other things, if there were any particular portions of the Bible that he should like to bear read. "Och! ay," says Donald, "There are several portions of it that I should like to hear read; but there are two, in particular, that I should like to hear you read, the 5th chapter of Isaiah, and the 28th." The deacon read them accordingly, when at several expressions, Donald said, "Ay, ay, that's it, do you see?" which expressions were the following:—Wee unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink: that continue until night, till wine inflame them. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure." The drunks of Ephraim shall be trodden under feet." The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink; they are swallowed up of wine; they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment." The deacon's first visit has been, as yet, his last. Months and months have intervened; but no such deacon has returned to Donald to read another chapter. "Ay, ay, he has never come near me since," says Donald. "It was the Bible that made me an abstainer, and I thought I wad try its edge upon him; but he winna come near me no more."

At the annual meeting of the Western Asia Mission Society in London the Rev. Dr. Marsh said: "Twenty years ago there was not one Protestant church in Turkey; now there was a large number springing up in various parts, and filled by numerous congregations. Protestants had now full political liberty, and were to a great extent on an equality with the Mahomedans and the nominal Christian Churches of the East. He was glad that an opportunity was presented of placing a pure form of Christianity in the sight of the Mahomedans and the Jews, who had been so grossly prejudiced against Christianity by the form in which it had been presented to them through the Oriental Churches. Mahomedans and Jews were now acknowledging that there was a Christianity which was not connected with idolatry. He could hardly wonder that they had rejected Christianity seeing it had always been presented to them in a form which they could not but regard as idolatrous; and he could understand the surprise of some of them on entering the church at Jerusalem and finding neither pictures nor images. It was, therefore, a matter for great thankfulness to those who loved their Bibles and valued the simplicity of the Gospel, to know that the Mahomedan population of the East had now presented to them a pure and undiluted form of Christianity."

THE BIBLE.—Mr. Boel, of California, makes the following interesting statement: "A few days since, a person from one of our Southern counties called on me for some Spanish Testaments: In conversing with him I learned the following particulars in reference to his history:—Eleven years since, when at the Sandwich Islands, Mr. Damon presented him with a B'lle. He had gone to Mr. Damon's study with a shyness to get him to sign the temperance pledge. This Bible he has kept until this time. When he received it he was a Roman Catholic. Now he has sent a letter to the priest, abjuring the Catholic Church, and he has joined the Methodist Church. He ascribes the change in his views to the light which broke in upon his mind from the reading of that holy book; and now he is actively and energetically endeavoring to circulate the Word of God among other Catholics."

A SUPERANNUATED CLERGYMAN.—An aged clergyman, named Elijah Wells, has been sent to the Almshouse, on Deer Island, being extremely destitute. The venerable man is upwards of 70 years of age, and formerly supplied the pulpits of two of the most eminent clergymen in this city. This is a stigma and a disgrace on the societies of his professed denomination. It is a blot in the history of the church, that in the days of costly church edifices a superannuated clergyman should, from poverty, be conveyed to the city almshouse to die among paupers, thieves and felons. We may say more of this case hereafter.—*Boston Chronicle*, May 14th.

THE SERFS OF RUSSIA.—Dr. Baird, in a recent lecture in Cincinnati, stated that the serfs of Russia were owned as follows: 20,000,000 by the Emperor, 1,600,000 by the members of the Imperial family, 26,500,000 by the nobles.

For the Crimean correspondent of the London Times says that no less fifty thousand Turkish soldiers have died of disease and through the inefficiency of physicians, since the present war began. When the war commenced the Turkish army was 140,000 strong; now it does not muster 60,000 fighting men.—*Christian Advertiser.*

AN EXTENSIVE FARMER.—Michael L. Sullivan, an Illinois farmer, it is said, is about to plant ten thousand acres of land in corn. He was formerly one of the largest farmers in the State of Ohio for many years, and, according to a contemporary, he could ride in a direct course fifteen miles through his own corn field.

Le wheat crop throughout Western Canada looks exceedingly well. The fall wheat is entirely free from winter killing, and as there is now no danger of its being injured by frost, the prospect of an abundant harvest is very encouraging. The quantity of land under wheat is far greater than in any previous year.—*Canada Advertiser.*

SEVERER THAN THE MAINE LAW.—The "Eastern Prince" of the Chinese insurgents has issued a proclamation respecting temperance, in which after proclaiming God's abhorrence of drunkenness, he proceeds to forbid all princes and nobles, ministers of state and people, men and women, to indulge in the use of wine, even privately, under penalty of being headed.

Le when Carey was about to leave England, to plant the Gospel in India, Mr. Sidney Smith sneeringly asked if a crazy cobbler expected to convert India with fifty pounds, which was all the money Carey had. Now, nearly a million of dollars are expended annually in India, of which \$150,000 is raised among the English population in that country.

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