

Poetry.

THE CELESTIAL RAILROAD.

The way to heaven by Christ was laid; With heavenly truth the rails were laid; From earth to heaven the line extends, To life eternal, where it ends.

Repentance is the station then, Where passengers are taken in; No fee for them is there to pay, For Jesus is himself the way.

The Bible is the engineer, Which points the way to heaven so clear, Through tunnels dark and dreary too, It doth the way to glory show.

God's love's the fire; his truth's the steam; Which drives the engine and the train; All you who would to glory ride, Must come to Christ, in him abide.

Come then poor sinner, now is your time, At any station on the line; If you'll repent and turn from sin, The train will stop and take you in.

And when we reach that heavenly land, We there shall dwell at God's right hand; And so that happy peaceful shore, We'll ride this earthly train no more.

OUR ONE LIFE. 'Tis not for man to trifle! Life is brief, And sin is here; Our age is but the falling of a leaf— A dropping tear.

Gleanings.

DISRESPECT FOR THE BIBLE.

There are some general features which religious extravagance has exhibited at all stages of its history, and to trace which, through the various forms it has assumed, would form a very curious study.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO PERSISTENCE.

I will relate an incident. Children, recollect it, and all who hear it. It made a strong impression on my mind.

Morrison was missing. She sought him—found the truant—brought him back with difficulty. The next Sabbath it was just so again; and so the third Sabbath; and so it was the fourth Sabbath.

COMMERCIAL STATISTICS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Braithwaite Poole, in a recent work, gives the following interesting statistics of Great Britain. Pitt and Canning stated the yearly production of the agricultural and mechanical interests of Great Britain at an amount equal to the national debt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GREAT ERUPTION OF MOUNT ETNA.

Mount Etna, which for some years has remained dormant, experienced a very violent and long continued eruption during the past year. The eruption commenced on the 20th August, the same day on which the terrific earthquake of St. Jago de Cuba occurred, and continued with greater or less activity until the 17th of November following.

TURKEY.

Turkey in Europe is defined as stretching from 30 to 48 1-2 degrees north latitude, and from 15 1-2 to 29 1-2 degrees east longitude. It is separated from the north by Austria (or rather Hungary) by the rivers Save and Danube, and by the East Carpathian mountains.

boundry, its area may be set down at about 210,000 square miles; and its population at fifteen millions. The Danubian provinces are separated from Roumelia, or Turkey Proper, by mountain-chains; which are not, however, generally more than 10,000 feet high, and a portion of the Balkan range, only 4,000.

NEW ZEALAND.

The productiveness of soil or climate, or rather both, is immense. It is really tropical in quantity and rapidity of growth. Take, for example, water-cresses; they fill the rivers, streams, rivulets, and rills, growing in places to a great height, and so strong and thick that a light weight can scramble across the water on them.

RAILROADS IN THE UNITED STATES.

On the 1st of January, 1853, there were, in the United States, 13,227 miles of completed railroad, 12,928 miles of railroad in various stages of progress, and about 7000 miles in the hands of the engineers, which will be built within the next three or four years—making a total of 33,155 miles of railroad which will soon traverse the country, and which, at an average cost of \$36,000 (a well ascertained average) for each mile of road, including equipments, &c., will have consumed a capital amounting to \$894,650,000, as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Miles completed, Miles in progress, Miles under survey, Total. Values: 13,227, 12,928, 7,000, 33,155.

or, in round numbers—\$1,000,000,000—one billion of dollars; a sum which, at six per cent., would yield \$60,000,000 annually, or more than sufficient to cover all the expenses of the United States government, and of the governments of every State composing the United States—if administered with republican economy.—Youth's Penny Gazette.

A GROGGERY IN DAVID'S TIME.

The Rev. Mr. Pierpont, in his address at the Tabernacle, was sure that there were groggeries in David's time, in the lanes and alleys of Jerusalem, with little red curtains before the windows.

Verse 6. He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved, for I shall never be in adversity.

7. His mouth is full of cursing, and deceit and fraud; under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8. He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages, in the secret places doth he number the innocent, his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9. He lieth in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; he lieth in wait to catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net—(his shop).

10. He coucheth and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones—(his strong liars).

11. He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten; he hideth his face, he will never see it.

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estimate, for the course of the lava lay through a country of extraordinary fertility, and abounding in every species of vegetation. Had nothing but ashes been thrown out, all the saints in the Calendar would have been festeggiati, for nothing is so productive of fertility as volcanic masses, but what can make any impression on large masses of indurated lava but the slow operation of the elements, or what rots for centuries will ever be able to pierce it except the prickly pear?

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