

Selections.

SOMETHING LEFT UNDONE.

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

Labor with what zeal we will,
Something still remains undone,
Something uncompleted still
Waits the rising of the sun.

a great public competition would be gone, and
if we may venture to assume that undergraduates
are made of the same stuff as other human
beings, that stimulus is essential to such muscular
exertion as we see at Oxford and Cambridge.

This excellently illustrates the meaning
of the apostle when he represents believers
as running for a prize, with saints, apostles,
and martyrs looking on.

happen, and yet it has occurred when all
has been apparently going well; there has
been no heresy, no schism; but the man has
been offended, and has passed away.

There is another aspect of this occurrence
which has somewhat impressed us.
This was the "German Squadron of Evolution;"
fit name and fit country to remind
us of the school of modern thought
who proudly float upon seas at this time
and threaten the peace of our churches.

The fishing-boats in the neighborhood
of the huge monitors did admirable service
by rescuing many of the drowning sailors;
and so many true-hearted men hover
around the huge infidelities of the period,

WANT OF LIGHT.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his
righteousness; and all these things shall be added
unto you.—Matt. 6: 33.

A correspondent of a newspaper, dated
May 9, writes as follows: "The arrangement
in the French galleries are so imperfect
that in many cases the lower portions
of the pictures are in a full glare, while
the upper are in comparative darkness.

It is a fine thought that those honorable
men in the Church of God who have, themselves,
behaved worthily, take the deepest
interest in the young men who have newly
set out upon the race.

SINKING OF THE IRON-CLAD.

How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war
perished.—2 Sam. 1: 27.

The newspapers of June 1 contained
paragraphs similar to the following: "Three
iron-clad ships—the Grosser Kurfurst,
Konig Wilhelm, and Preussen—left Wilhelmshafen
for Plymouth, on Wednesday
night, and were reported off Dover, at 8 a. m.
on Friday morning, May 31.

We mourn over this sudden wreck and
the dreadful loss of life; and then we take
breath and moralize. Peace has its dangers
as well as war. No enemy had ever
fired a shot at the huge iron-clad, but it
perished by a friend, and that not by treachery,
but by pure mischance.

On that men were wise, and could see
eternal things in the full noontide of God's
countenance; then would there be a balanced
light upon the whole of life, and men would
find "the promise of the life that now is"
to be wrapped up in preparation
for the life which is to come.

MR. SPURGEON'S BEGINNINGS.

The London Metropolitan pastor opens
his "Sword and Trowel" for this year with
some interesting reminiscences of himself:
"My college course was after this fashion:
I was for three years a Cambridge man,
though I never entered the University.
I could not have obtained a degree, because
I was a Non-conformist, and moreover it
was a better thing for me to pursue my

studies under an admirable scholar and tender
friend, and preach at the same time. I
must have been a singular looking youth
on wet evenings. During the last year of
my stay in Cambridge, when I had given up
my office as usher, I was wont to sally forth
every night in the week except Saturday,
and walk three, five, or perhaps eight miles
out, and back again on my preaching work,
and when it rained I dressed myself in
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and a hat with a waterproof covering, and
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