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Poetry.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

List to the dreary tone that dwells
In rippling wave or sighing breeze,
Go, hearken to the church bells,
The whistling bird, the whirring bee;
Interpret right, and ye will find
"Thy power and glory" they proclaim—
The chiming, the creatures, waters, wind,
All publish "Hallowed be Thy name!"

The pilgrim journeys till he bleeds,
To gain the altar of his sire;
The hermit prays above his beads
With zeal that never wanes nor tires;
But holiest rite or longest prayer
That soul can yield or wisdom frame,
No better import can it bear
Than "Father! hallowed be Thy name!"

The savage kneeling to the sun,
To give his thanks or ask a boon;
The raptures of the idiot one
Who laughs to see the clear round moon;
The saint, well taught in Christian lore;
The Moslem, prostrate at his knees—
All worship, wonder, and adore;
All end in "Hallowed be Thy name!"

Whate'er may be man's faith or creed,
Those precious words comprise it still;
We trace them on the blossom mead,
We hear them in the flowing rill;
One chorus hails the Great Supreme;
Each varied breathing tells the same—
The strains may differ, but the theme
Is, "Father! hallowed be Thy name!"

OUR SECRET DRAWER.

There is a secret drawer in every heart,
Wherein we lay our treasures out by one;
Each dear remembrance, the fountain, the past;
Each cherished relic of the time that's gone;

The old delights of childhood long ago;
The things we loved because we knew them best;
The first discovered primrose in our path;
The cuckoo's earliest note; the robin's nest;

The merry hay making around our home;
Our rambles in the summer woods and lanes;
The story told beside the winter fire,
While the wind moaned across the window panes;

The golden dreams we dreamt in after years;
Those magic visions of our young romance;
The sunny nooks, the fountains, and the flowers,
Gilding the fairy landscape of our trance;

The link that bound us later still to one
Who fills a corner in our life to-day,
Without whose love we dare not dream how dark
The rest would seem if it were gone away;

The song that thrill'd our very souls with joy;
The gentle word that unexpect'd came;
The prize we prized because the thought was kind;
The thousand, thousand things that have no name.

All these in some far hidden corner lie,
Within the folds of the secret drawer,
Where magic springs, though stranger hands may touch,
Yet none may gaze upon its guarded store.

Gleanings from late Papers.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

The Prince of Wales is gradually preparing himself for the discharge of those public duties which fall to him in his capacity of heir apparent. The late Duke of Devonshire, who was the Crown and the people was brought into full play by the proceedings on Thursday in the Temple, where His Royal Highness was made a barrister and a bench, received a fee in his new capacity, opened the New Library in that abode of legal learning, was sumptuously entertained at a banquet by his confederates, his barristers, and appears to have acquitted himself in every phase of the proceedings with a modest bearing, becoming his youth and high station. For this display, which aroused the activity of the legal world of London, the preparations were ample and gorgeous, and the event may be regarded as the Prince of Wales's first entrance into public life.

The Queen is about to visit the Duke of Newcastle at his princely seat, Chamber Park, Nottingham, an honor which the Queen among the English nobility regards as a strong proof of the Royal favor.

The preparations for the expedition against Mexico continue, and the treaty has been signed on the point of being signed in London by the representatives of the three Powers—England, France and Spain. There has been some delay in signing the instrument, but it has not retarded the preparations, inasmuch as the French contingent is not yet quite ready. The delay, in all probability, has arisen from the desire of France and England to secure either the moral or the physical cooperation of the United States, at least what remains of them, for Mr. Lincoln and his countrymen have wronged to be redressed in Mexico quite as strongly as the European parties who have determined to seek a remedy with a strong hand. The United States are hardly likely, seeing how they are engaged at home, to do much in the way of restoring Mexico to justice and decency.

The Spanish portion of the armament is now being fitted out with all imaginable speed, and when completed will sail for Brazil, there to join the English squadron. This intelligence may possibly have the effect of showing America that there was no desire on the part of England and France to act towards her in a supercilious spirit in this hour of her adversity.

The remains of a great man were consigned to the earth on Wednesday, in the village of Netherby, Cumberland, in the most quiet and unobtrusive manner. Sir James Graham was interred in an ordinary grave, amongst his own tenants and the peasantry of his neighbourhood. There was no show, no pomp, nothing in the solemn affair to indicate the great part which he had played in his time on the stage of English politics. It is somewhat remarkable that none of even his political friends were present, the funeral cortege being exclusively composed of his own household and blood-relations.

The trial of Curran, the Dublin cabinetman, charged with a brutal assault on Miss Jolly, has terminated, and the sentence passed upon him is two years imprisonment—a sentence altogether inadequate to a atrocity of this kind, supposing Curran to be the real culprit. Some of the English papers think there was scarcely evidence enough to convict Curran.

the volunteers of this country. You ought to take a lesson from that, and remember, unless you persevere in drill, unless your officers practise themselves, and endeavour to attain the same perfection as officers of the regular army, a disaster of the same kind, a sudden panic, might happen to the volunteers of this country as well as in America. Having touched upon this subject, I will only say one word in reference to it, viz., that I know of every man in this town has only two good reasons, apart from the affection which he bears to his countrymen across the Atlantic—for still we must call them—I say he has too good reason, independently of this consideration, to regret the civil war; and I am certain you will join with me in the earnest hope that further shedding of blood may be spared, and that, before the lapse of any long time, that calamitous war may be brought to a close. (Cheers)

TURKEY.

THE NEW SULTAN AND HIS HOUSEHOLD OF LADIES.

The new Sultan appears after all to be going the way of all Sultans. It was believed that he had, on his accession, struck a heavy blow at polygamy by declaring his intention to reject his harem bills by keeping only one wife. But His Majesty has already increased his conjugal stud to four kadins, several *shahs*, and a tolerably strong contingent of *guzels*, which, being interpreted, mean "the lofty in rank," "those who have found favour," and "those who please the eye." The first of these categories may be increased to seven, and includes the four ladies whose rank is as nearly as possible equivalent to that of "wives;" for it is a western fallacy that the Sultan ever "marries." The first seven of his ladies have, in the order of their accession, widely rank; but marriage ceremony, such as is usually held by other true believers, there is in his august case none. Next to these in the harem hierarchy come the *shahs*, fortunate far ones, from whom the supreme sect are generally recruited in case of death or penal bastonement on a Pacha. Whilst each of the *kadins* has a suite of about 40 attendants, these second class harem have severally an attendance of 25 or 30. They are themselves either singled out by the Imperial taste from amongst the retinue of the *kadins*, or are special purchases and presents to His Majesty by one of those latter. The *shahs*, like the *kadins*, are limited to no number, and differ from the latter rather in the degree of their hold on the Imperial "eye" than in original inferiority of rank in the household. But when they have gratified the sublime optic, be it only for once, they cease to belong to the rank and file of the great female brigade, and attain a substantive status and attendant of their own. With all three of these categories of pro-conjugal stock, His Majesty already well provided, having four of the first and a fair number of both the second and the third. So much for the highly-respectable story of one wife. It was said weeks ago, and locally believed by all Pera, that the whole of the late Sultan's harem had been shipped over to the old seraglio, and there installed on the meagre staff of board wages. But we are now assured that not one of Abdul Medjid's whole "eight hundred" has yet left Dolma-bahke. Apartments are, indeed, being prepared for them at the old seraglio, but they remain at the new Palace—swelling the total of wretched men within its precincts to nearly three hundred.

The Valide Sultans has a suite of 60 female attendants, besides a strong contingent of eunuchs; each of the *kadins* has 40, with "neutrals" to match; and the inferior favourites their double suits in proportion. Add to these an establishment for each of the six sons of the late Sultan, and for every 500 of the 5000 old son of the present, for whom a little Circassian girl-play-fellow was bought the other day at a cost of 30,000*l.*, and you have, with the aggregate of Abdul Medjid's women, the monstrous total above stated.

INDIA.

GREAT FLOODS SUPPLY OF COTTON—FEARS OF THE NATIVE PRODUCE.

Lord Canning will not leave India till March. Cholera is disappearing in the Punjab. The county has been flooded from Benares to Agra. The greater part of Rampoor Bouahad, lower down the Ganges, has been washed away. The invalids and pensioners of Cumar have been driven out of their houses by the inundation.

The Calcutta papers treat fully of the question of the cotton supply. Reports from all parts of the country continue to predict a remarkably early and abundant crop. The Government has from all sides that an area considerably in excess of previous years is already under cotton cultivation; great efforts are being made in the cotton growing districts of the Madras and Bombay Presidencies particularly, to enable them to meet any call that may be made upon them for their staple. Timeliness has been generally secured in this respect than any other district with the exception of Dhawar. 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