

Milton's Last Poem.

The following beautiful poem is from the Oxford edition of Milton's Works. The work is rare and the lines comparatively unknown.

I am old and blind! Men point at me as smitten by God's frown— Afflicted and deserted of my mind— Yet I am not cast down.

I am weak, yet dying. I murmur not that I no longer see Feet, old and helpless, I the more belong, O, Father, I the more belong.

O, merciful One! When men are farthest, then thou art most near; When friends pass coldly by, my weakness shun,

Thy chariot I hear. Thy glorious face Is leaning toward me, and its holy light Shines in upon my lonely dwelling place, And there is no more night.

On my benched knees, I recognize thy purpose clearly shown; My vision thou has dimmed that I may see Thyself—Thyself alone.

I have nought to fear; This darkness is the shadow of Thy wings; Beneath it I am almost sacred, here Can come no evil thing.

Oh! I seem to stand Trembling where I foot of mortal never yet has been, Wrapped in the radiance of Thy sinless hand, Which eye hath never seen.

Visions come and go; Shapes of resplendent beauty around me throng; From angel's lips I seem to hear the flow Of soft and holy song.

It is nothing now, When Heaven is opening on my sightless eyes, When from Paradise refresh my brow, That earth in darkness lies.

In a pure clime My being fills with rapture; waves of thought Roll in upon my spirit; strains sublime Break over me unsought.

Give me now my Lyre! I feel the strings of a gift Divine; Within my bosom glows unearthly fire, Lit by no skill of mine.

Recruiting for the British Army. Year by year the task of the recruiting officer for the British army becomes a more difficult one.

Not only does the number of those voluntarily offering themselves for military services show a decrease, but in physical strength and social standing they do not come up to the desired standard.

According to the last army medical report, of the 59,436 men inspected, only 35,841 passed fit for the service, and of these two hundred in every thousand were unable to write, and but seventy-eight in the same number were classed as well educated.

Nearly ten thousand were rejected as being of insufficient height, weight or chest measurement, and one thousand eight hundred for defective vision.

About 37,000 of the number were under twenty years of age, 22,000 were under five feet five inches in height, and 33,000 under five feet six inches.

There was an increase in youths under thirty-four in chest measurement and a decrease in those of large girth. Both in age, height, and chest measurement, the returns, when compared with previous years, show a serious decline.

These facts lead the British military journals to take a gloomy view of the possibilities in case England became engaged in a great European struggle, the success in recent campaigns being ascribed to the fact that the small number of men called for, enabled the authorities to weed out all those unfit for the hard work of active warfare.

The Owls of New Zealand. A queer story comes from New Zealand. The owls in that island used to be harmless as doves; indeed, they once were "mousing owls," and, therefore, useful.

But one night a settler left a sheepskin nailed to his roof, and an owl came along and tasted of the fat mutton left thereon. That owl became a sheep killer, alighting on a lamb's back three nights later.

Still more strange, all the other owls began to like mutton, and now the New Zealand bird of that species slays thousands upon thousands of sheep, their appetites growing by what they feed on, and their numbers increasing in proportion to their prosperity.

They light on the backs of sheep and tear the poor beasts with their beaks, going at once down through the carcass to the kidney fat, which to the owl's tongue is the daintiest of morsels.

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