

THE PRESENT.

*Do not crouch to to-day, and live to-morrow.
The old Past, whose lie is it,
Hush your voice to tender reverence;
Crowned he lies, but cold and dead;
For the Present reigns our monarch,
With an added weight of hours;
Honour her, for she is mighty!
Honour her, for she is sure!*
*See the shadows of his heroes
Girt around her cloudy throne;
And each day the ranks are strengthened,
By great hearts to him unknown;
Noble things the great Past promised,
Holy dreams, both strange and new;
But the Present shall fulfill them,
What he promised, she shall do.*
*She inherits all his treasures,
She is heir to all his fame,
And the light that lights round her
Is the lustre of his name;
She is wise with all his wisdom,
Living on his grace she stands,
On her brow she bears his laurels,
And his harvests in her hands.*
*Coward, can she reign and conquer
If we thus glory dim?
Let us fight for her as nobly
As our fathers fought for him.
God, who crowns the dying ages,
Bids her rule and us obey—
Bids us cast our lives before her,
With our living hearts to-day.*
—Household Words.

Sleep—Dreams—Mortal Decay.
The following passages are from a brief review in a London paper of Sir Benjamin Brodie's Psychological Inquiries:

"Dreams are next discussed, as also the problem, 'What is sleep?' which our author declares insoluble. The sense of weariness appears confined to those functions over which the will has power; all involuntary actions are continued through our resting as well as waking hours. Sleep accumulates the nervous force, which is gradually exhausted during the day. But these are words only; for who can define or explain the 'nervous force'? Darwin's axiom 'That the essential part of sleep is the suspension of volition,' still holds good, and is accepted as satisfactory. Talking and moving in sleep, though apparently phenomena irreconcileable with this theory, are not so in reality; for there are degrees of sleep, and these things only occur where the slumber is imperfect. It may be urged again, that the mere absence of volition does not produce that insensibility to sight and sound which is the characteristic of the sleeper. But few persons are aware how much the will is concerned in the reception of impressions on the senses. One who is absorbed in reading or writing will not hear words addressed to him in ordinary tones, though their physical effect on the ear be the same as usual. Dreams are inexplicable; Lord Brougham suggested that they took place only in the momentary state of transition from sleep to waking. But facts contradict this theory, since persons will matter to themselves, and utter inarticulate sounds, indicative of dreaming, at intervals of several minutes. The common puzzle as to how dreams, apparently long, can pass in a moment of time, presents no difficulty to the psychologist. Life is not measured by hours and days, but by the number of new impressions received; and the limit to these is in the world without us, not in the constitution of our minds. To a child whose imagination is constantly excited by new objects, twelve months seem a much longer period than to a man. As we advance in life, time flies faster. The butter fly, living for a single season, may really enjoy a longer existence than the tortoise, whose years exceed a century. Even between the busy and the idle among human beings there exists a similar difference, though less strongly marked."

"It has been usually held that large heads are more powerful thinking machines than small ones; and, as a general rule, experience justifies the conclusion. But Newton, Byron, and others, were exceptions to it; and it is quite certain that a large brain may be accompanied with the most dense stupidity.

"Many remarks scattered through this little treatise are worth the recollection of all ages and classes. 'The failure of mind in old age,' says Sir Benjamin, 'is often less the result of natural decay than of disease.' Ambition has ceased to operate; contentment brings indolence, decay of mental power, ennuï, and sometimes death. Men have been known to die literally speaking, of disease induced by intellectual vacuity.—On the other hand, the amount of possible mental labor is far less than many persons imagine. If professional men are enabled to work twelve or fifteen hours, and many pass even more, daily, that is because most of their business has become, from habit, a mere habit of routine. From four to six hours is, probably, the utmost daily period for which real exertion of the mind can be carried on."

M. STOKEZ, Envoy Extraordinary, &c., of His Majesty, the Emperor of Russia, is about to take as a wife, a lady from Springfield, Mass.

THE PECUNIARY VIEW.

The following paragraphs are from a speech lately delivered to a large audience in England. They apply with equal force to the liquor system as it exists in America:—

"Descending even to a pecuniary view, what did we find? Why, not less than 70 to one hundred millions a year paid for that which only produced an unmixed evil, without a single redeeming quality to make it endurable: so enormous an amount no one could comprehend; even a single million was fairly beyond our conception—that would take about three years to accumulate at the rate of £1,000 for each working day—what then must be 10 millions! We could pay off our national debt in eight years without feeling it, were this liquor traffic entirely abolished.

"In one town in Manchester, very little if any larger than Perth, £80,000 was annually paid for intoxicating drinks; this sum would raise a golden column of sovereigns 250 yards high, and of shillings two and a half miles long: whereas, in Manchester one million four hundred thousand pounds were annually spent in intoxicating liquors among a population of 420,000, which would form a column of sovereigns two and a half miles long an amount which, expended on the necessities and comforts of life, would not only banish poverty but elevate every member of this vast mass to comfort, peace and happiness—pay all their taxes, support all their religious and social institutions, educate every member of that community, liberally pension publicans and beer-house keepers, and leave an enormous surplus every year. In Manchester, we have no less than 2,100 public-houses, and beer-houses, exerting their pestiferous influence upon the masses of the community; whereas, there might not be more than sixty or eighty churches and chapels of all denominations, to counteract this moral deluge.

"With such contending forces, it was easy to foresee who must be the victor.—For religious influence and moral suasion to conquer such a power, was just as hopeless as to storm Gibraltar with pen-guns.—There was no remedy but extirpation, and to that we must come, and the sooner the better if we would keep our position among the nations of the earth. Would it be believed that about 275,000 visits were paid on one sabbath day to those 2,100 beer and public houses, as proved before a recent parliamentary committee? Each visit fraught with suffering and sorrow to some family or other, and from which a Maine law for the kingdom can free them. My shop is situated on Baker Creek near 15th and the road connects it with Portland and Oregon City, up country by the way of Smith's bridge on the North Fork of Yamhill.

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