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LITERARY TALKS AND REMINISCENCES

BY HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD II.

You never thought of Mr. Whittier as a Quaker when you saw him. He wore, ordinarily, a tail slik hat and black clothes, varied sometimes with gay trou-sers or a light overcoat; and in Winter he was particular to have his best over turned out with a fine Astrachan But in most other matters of mint and anise and cummin he was a carefu ever of the rules of his sect. He observer of the rules of his sect. He used the plain talk generally, saying "thee" and "thou," but perhaps he offset it now and then by saying "plaguey, and he did how to the acquaintance on the street and use the customary titles of Mrs., Miss or Mr. in addressing a stranger. He would have said, and did say, that he was a stout Quaker in his principles; he undoubtedly was so in his prejudices; but the man of war and the man of peace were always at variance

It was the man of war that made the tremendous fight for the freedom of the slave, that did the work which rejoiced his soul, and which also won him his reputation. It was the man of peace who afterwards wrote the ballads and lyrics and some of disting long that hereight and songs of divine love that brought him the affection of almost a whole peo-ple. But the truth is that Whittier loved a fight as much as any frequenter of Donnybrook fair, provided it was for a question of right or truth. There were absolutely opposite spiritual inheritances contending within him. There was, o course, the Quaker, with his love of quiet pursuits—Thomas Whittier is said to have brought the first hive of bees to this country-but also with his indignant knowledge of what it is to suffer under tyranny, wrestling with his conviction of the ideal beauty of peace. Of this type the poet's grandfather, Thomas, was a striking example, refusing the shelter of the garrison-house, making friends of the Indians, who went and came in his house as they would, his doors never barred, and he and his family remaining undurt in the midst of massacre. Besides this strain there was the well-known fire of the Black Bachelder, one of the most in-teresting characters of the Colonial his-tory. And then there was the hatred of oppression and the determination to be oppression and the determination to be free in body and soul, that marked the Hughenot; for among his ancestors were the Fouillevertes, who translated their name to Greenleaf on leaving France, one of whom was a lieutenant of Crom-well's and whose coat of arms was pecu-liarly suited to Whittier himself, as it ore not only a dove with an office ranch, but the helmet of a man-at-arms, was well for the world that this fighting blood did run in Whittier's veins and made his heart burn with power and his arm strong to strike.

Whittier was born of the people. His

father was a farmer, whose few acres produced all that his family ate or wore, as the dew of Eden was sufficient to Eden. The name of Whittier was derived from white-tawer, the dresser of skins for gloves. The boy began work with last and swi to earn his first money; and he remained near the people and with a heart full of tender sympathy all his life. The house in which he was born was of the same comparative order as the cottage in which Burns was born, and as the Craigenputtock ben and byre. It is a curious freak in fate and fortune, although by no means an unusual one, that he who so loved humanity and was vir-tually giving his life for it, should many times have been hustled and argailed by mobs. It was his pleasure to live near the people; although he had accumulated through generous payment for verse large sales of books and the wise counse of friends in investments—a very com-fortable provision, amounting to more than \$100.000, yet, after he sold the Haverhall homestend and came to live in Amesbury, his home was very plain and his habit of life frugal, showing an ex-treme simplicity of life and conduct. You passed through a small parlor to enter his study, which was a pleasant room opening on one side on a garden full of shrubs and trees and the glasdoor on the other side giving a view of Powwow Hill. Here were bookcases and desk, a lounge and easy chair, and on the walls were a water color of Harry Pennis and a painting of fringed gentians by Lucy Larcom. Here by the open fire ant with him from time to time Garrison and Phillips and the Fields and Bayard Faylor, Emerson and Longfellow and Sumner and Colonel Higginson and Stedman, Alice and Phoebe Cary, Gail Hamliton, Lydla Maria Child, Anna Dickin-son-in fact, all the personages of his sra. But here also sat on equal terms the viliage curpenter, the drover a teamster, to Whittler a man being

man for a' that."

Here he lived with his mother and his beautiful sister Elizabeth, herself a and from here he went with them to the Friends' meeting, preferring to worship in the stillness of the little bare-walled pince rather than in any splendid temple where the light filters through glass stained in many colors and the organ rolls sweet thunder, or in any fields or woods where the loveliness of Naturo perpetually brought his thoughts back to earth, although in his youth he had felt

quite otherwise. Essex County in which Whittier was born, is full of legends, stories of second sight, of witches and witcheraft, of haunted mills running by night, of phan-tom ships, of wirards who made the dry bough blossom, and innumerable others, all of which Whittler made his own, and in doing so won to himself the affer of all who had a common interest with him in the traditions.

Whittier was in his 7th year when he first went to achool, the district school, whose teaching and whose appliances and tools were very primitive. He was 14 when the world of poetry opened to him with the songs of Burns. His earliest acqualistance with them came through an old tramp, who after his refreshment sung "Bonnie Doon" and "Highland Mary" with great spirit. Later his first schoolmaster, Joshua Coffin, read him several of the poems. "I begged him" said Whittier, "to leave the book with me, and set at once to the task of mastering the glossary of Scottish dialect at its close. This was about the first poetry I had ever read, with the exception of Whittier was in his 7th year when he I had ever read, with the exception of that of the Bible, of which I had been a close student, and it had a lasting in-fluence upon me. I began to make rhymes myself and to imagine stories and adven-tures. In fact, I lived a sort of dual life, and in a world of fancy as well as fe, and in a world of fancy as well a world of plain matter of fact abo

Almost every one is familiar with the elder sister, Mary. sending to the Free Press, edited by Wil-liam Lloyd Garrison, one of his early poems without his knowledge, of Garri-son's visiting him in consequence, and of Whittier's coming in from the field to get on his coat and shoes to see his guest. From the day of that momentous inter-view Whittier stretched every nerve to acquire education, walking miles to bor-row a book, losing no chance of culti-vating the gift of poetic expression. He was a tail and slender boy, very beauti-ful, with pale face and large, black eyes; very shy, with a love of fun and teasing; but with a good humor and chivalrous spirit that made every one his friend. He was still very towns.

He was still very young when he be-came an editor, and he spent many years afterward in editorial work, although he worked on the form between whiles to pay off its debt. In 1833, when 26 years 1633, he threw in his lot with the Aboli-tionists, and both in prose and poetry for a long time thereafter devoted in pen to their cause. When he began his work

with them it was a state prison offense to teach a colored person to read. Now there are 15,000 primary schools for col-ored children in the South, to speak of no other, and colored people themselves edit more than 110 newspapers. What stormy and what splendid days they were in which he was then an actor! Days in which he and all his friends carried their lives in their hands, but in which they were animated by heaven-born purposes, hearty companionship and herote cour-age. "I am here," said the president of one of their meetings, in the face of a murderous mob, "and I will be torn in places before I leave my places at your

Nevertheless, Mr. Whittler objected to being called the war poet. "It is a mis-nomer," he said. "I have never written a poem in favor or in praise of war. If possible, strike out the phrase, as I do not wish to be represented as false to my lifelong principles." And yet in an-other of his letters Whittier said: "I know nothing nobler or grapder than the heroic self-sacrifice of Colonel Shaw. As, he rode at the head of his troops, they very flower and grace of chivalry, had seemed to me beautiful and awful as an angel of God come down to lead the host cided last night, at its regular meeting of freedom to victory. I have longed to to accept the offer of Mrs. R. F. Burrell

right to vote. The bill for female suffrage passed one House in 180, but made no fur-ther progress. In 180, but made no fur-ther progress, in 180, butweer, it passed both Houses and received the royal assent both Houses and received the reyal assent in September of the same year. Since this time it has not been "one man one vote." but "one person one vote." The qualifications for electors—applicable to whites and Maories alike—are a residence of at least one year in the colony and three months in the district, or the possession of a freehold property worth EL. Of this experiment much has been said on both seles but neither its opposers nor not a freehold property worth authoritätively as to the final result. authorHatiVely as to the final result Lady Stout, than whom no more en stantic suffragist exists, said: "The w sinstic suffragist exists, said: "The wom-en here were not prepared for it." To this Sir Robert adds: "It may take us 80 years befor? we see the results of our various experitifshia." while Mr. Lloyd sums up the situation: "New Zealand has reached no final social solutions and no New Zealander, citizen or official, can be found who would pretent that it had be found who would pretend that it had. All they claim is that they have tried to find solutions, and they believe the fair-minded observer will deciare that they are entitled to report progress to the rest

BIRD-LOVERS' MEETING.

Burroughs Society Accepts Mrs. Burrail's Prize Offer.

The John Burroughs Bird Society de-



WHITTIER'S BIRTHPLACE, BAVERHILL, MASS

dared not lest I should indirectly give a new impulse to war." Yet when the bells ring on the passage of the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, although he is at the moment in the Friends' meeting, the magnificent "Laus Deo" springs to being as he sees that

"The cruel red of war Blessoms white with righteous law, And the wrath of man is praise!"

Mr. Whittier never lost his personal attractiveness in growing old. His eye was as fiery, his smile was as sweet, as in his early manhood. David Masson used to say that his eyes, full of dark flame, his Arabian complexion, his sharp facial lines, his height, his movement, showed the Saracenic type. He must have been agreeable to women, but if he ever had a love affair nothing is known of it. But "more are the children of the deso-" and instead of the love of wife children he had that of all the people in his vicinage, and he loved them in return. "Why," said one of his old neighbors, "he's just as natural and like folks as can be." He never went abroad; he shared the feelings of Naaman, who asked if Albana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, had not as healing waters as the Jordan. He never held public office, content to fight out his point of view at the postoffice and the drug store. He never hesitated to fight if the glove were thrown down. I remember now my con sternation when he met Judge Black, President Buchanan's Attorney-General, in my drawing-room, for you can imag-ine the instant battle which cach gave

Mr. Whittier went every Summer to the mountains, and late in life he spent part of every year with his countries in their sumptuous residence at Oak Knoll. Here a number of his birthdays were celebrated with much ceremony, and I recall one of them with peculiar pleasure, because he chose to have in letters of gold on his big birthday cake a verse ard S. Spofford, bad addressed to him:

"His life, who loves his fellow-men, Wins heaven before it closus."

He always returned to amesbury for the election, always holding the act voting as one of great solumnity. died at last, after more than 90 beautiful and stirring years, in the dilage of Hampton Falls, the road to which has been glorified by one of his poems. His funeral took place in his own house and garden. The casket, half his den in flowers, lay in the house; but in the garden, where rugs were laid and seat's ar-

the Humane Society to the Bird Society. The offer was accepted on the condition that field tests should be made, and that the greater part of the prizes would go to the pupils who made the best records in the field tests. In other words, the field test will have 60 per cent and the literary test 40 per cent of the total samounts offered by Mrs. Burreil.

These tests will take place next May, and are open to any pupils of the sinth grade of the grammar schools. They will

grade of the grammar schools. They will have all Summer to practice in, and the boy or girl who can tell the most about boy or girl who can tell the most about birds from seeing them will get the best of the prizes. The one writing the best essay on birds will get the remainder. Pollowing the business meeting was an address by Rev. William R. Lord. He

told many interesting things about birds, and especially about Oregon birds. He asserted that the meadow lark found in this state was the sweetest singer he had ever heard. He said that he had been ably assisted by Mrs. Lord to write down eight different songs that this bird sings, and that there were others which he had not yet been able to turn into music. Wasn he had finished his task, Mrs.

Lord reproduced on the plane the eight songs they had succeeded in catching the lark.

L. Pinley also made a talk on

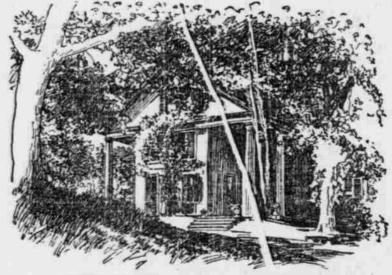
ceived by the large crowd which was After the meeting had adjourned, all

who wished to become members of the society were invited to sign the constitution, which had been prepared since ias meeting. A great many went forward

and did so.

The next meeting of the society will be held in the parlor of the Unitarian Church, next Friday night.

The Connecticut State Board of Pardons did not hear favorably the petition for the



WHITTIER'S HOME, OAK KNOLL, DANVI URS, MASS

scene not to be forgotten.

His renders owe to Whittier a debt not yet fully acknowledge. If all facts concerning the historic life and manners of New England were lost, they could be built up again from the pages of that immortal idyll, "Snow-Bound," and other of his local poems. In certain of his verses, too, one can find the whole acheme of salvation. He turned his song of the wood into a song of praise, a page of the sword into a sone of praise, a par of the sword into a sone of praise, a pas-toral of peace. His whole nature grew mellower and riper with his lengthening days. After all is said, one cannot but repeat what has been said before, that love was the law of Whittler's being: "The burden of his first verses was the love of God and the burden of his last was the love of his neighbor.

Emint O? Spoffer. Newburyport, Mass.

made; and there flocked reportant made; and there flocked reportant from all the world that loved him. The Autumn sun and the blue sky through by the neck until he so the boughs of the great trees waving in the soft, warm wind, the faces of all the reverent throng, and especially the beautiful period of the munic. If a boy h to the power of reason, he argued, and completed such a son, he argued as well as an argued. son, he argued, and committed such a crime, he should be hanger as well as an older person. That the lad is not, at any rate, a hardened cres wure, or really mature in his control of his emo wident from a scene which the Hartford

urant reports: During Mr. Fessender fs talk tears came the boy's eyes and M t. Feerenden mid: "Look at him new."
"Well, I don't want to die," said Cr. ss.

as he wiped his eyes with a handkerchief.
"Of course you don't. For chou'd have
thought of that before," said Mr. Fes-

"He is cane now and was same when he committed the crime," cont. bued Mr. Pes-

Under the Cany as. It was far more pleasant yesterday on the camp ground of the Adv int people in Rolleday addition than at ray time for the part week with the usin pouring down. In spile of the storm the confer-New Zealand Leads.

Philadelphia Times.

New Zealand has been the first of Her Majesty's colonies to grant to women the Majesty's colonies to grant to women the major of the mountains. The grant to women the major of the mountains and the sale present from the Wilau site Valley and from east of the mountains. The sale Colonies to grant to women the mountains of the mountains. The sale of the mountains the sale of the mountains of the sale of the mountains. The sale of the mountains of the sale of the sale

GIVEN QUICK DISPATCH

MABEL RICKMERS READY FOR SEA AFTER 14 DAYS IN THE RIVER.

No June Ships Have Been Delayed-Carlisle City in Port-St. Enoch's Good Outward Passage.

The German ship Mabel Rickmers in-ished loading yesterday and went out into the stream. The vessel has received very good dispatch, having arrived in the river two weeks ago yesterday. Usually ships which come along at the tail end of the season are held up for several weeks, but this year all of the vessels have been but this year all of the vessels have been hustled out as fast as they were ready for cargo. The Galgate, which cleared about a week ago, salled yesterday from Assoria, after remaining in the river but 28 days, and the Finmore, which has been in the river but 26 days, left down the river yesterday rendy for sea, after lying in port a week with cargo aboard wait-ing for orders. The Wendur shifted down vesterday to take the Mabel Rickmers berth at the elevator dock. The Nesaia, which has been in the river just a month, arrived down at Astoria last evening.

TILLIE STARBUCK SOLD. Well-Known Ship to Sail in the

Hawatian Trade. The American ship Tillie E. Starbuck, the first iron sailing ship built in Amer-ica, and one of the best known vessels that ever came to Portland, has been sold to San Francisco parties, and will be placed in the trade between San Fran-cisco and the Hawalian Islands. The cisco and the Hawalian Islands. The Starbuck is a fine ship, and has always been a money-maker. For nearly 15 years she has been in command of Cuptain Eben Curtis, whose family resided in Portland until about a year ago. Captain Curtis was reported a short time ago to be shited for command of one of the big freight steamers that are being built for the alound-the-Horn trade, but if the Starbuck is placed in the island trade he may prefer to remain with her, as his family are now residents of San Francisco and his son is running on one of the Pacific Mail boats. of the Pacific Mail boats.

The same firm which has purchased the Starbuck has also secured the Gerard C. Tobey, a well-known ship in the around the-Horn trade, and will place her on the

CARLISLE CITY ARRIVES. Sante Fe Liner Will Load Lumbe. and Flour at Portland.

The British stemmship Carlisle City, of the California & Oriental line, arrived in at Astoria yesterday, and will reach Portland early this morning. The steam er has considerable freight aboard al-ready, but will round off her cargo with a good-steed shipment of floor humber. ready, but will round off her cargo with a good-sized shipment of flour, lumber and miscellaneous freight from this port. She will take over 300,000 feet of lumber, a small schooner-load by itself. The Carlisle City will be given quick dispatch, and will get away soon after the Monmouthshire, which is scheduled to leave next Monday morning. The Monmouthshire will take away unwards of 3000. shire will take away upwards of 30,000 barrels of flour, and this, with the flour shipment on the Carlisle City, will make a very good showing for the end of the season. From present appearances, the flour trade will start off easy next season, the war in China affecting matters

> GOOD OUTWARD TRIP. Enoch Arrives at Queenstown

After a Voyage of 127 Days. The British ship St. Enoch, which made the longest trip on record between Pana-ma and Portland, partially redeemed her-self on her homeward voyage by making W. L. Pinley also made a talk on the birds of the Northwest. He said that Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition in early days, discovered three species of birds in the Northwest that had never been found in any other country. One of those is the Lewis woodpecker, which may be seen arouse Portland. Another is the Clark crow, which lives in Eastern Oregen.

Mr. Finley had a number of stuffed spiccimens, which he exhibited.

During the evening Mrs. Harry O'Reilly sang "Were My Song With Wings Provided" and "The Lark Now Leaves Its Watery Nest." She and Madame Norelli also sang Rubenstein's "Summer Bird" songs. All of these were well received by the large crowd which was

MORE OVERDUES. Brokers Are Paying Reinsurance on a Number of Ships.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Fears are entertained for the safety of several over-due vessels. The British four-massed bark Hilliston left Honolulu for Puget Sound April 1, in ballast, and nothing has been heard of her since. This is the same voyage on which the bark Domin-ion started over a year ago, and never reached her destination.

The Chilean bark Cambuco left Iquiq with a cargo of nitrates 209 days ago for Puget Sound, and has not been heard The four-masted schoons from since. Americana is now out 111 days from the same port for San Francisco, and 25 per cent reinsurance is being paid on her.

GERMAN SHIPYARDS BUSY. Inable to Handle All the Work Of-

fered, and Orders Sent Abroad. The German shippards are now so full of work that most of the Hamburg ship-owner find themselves compelled to send their orders to Great Britain, where 22 steamers are now building on Ham-burg account. Ten of these boats are for the Hamburg-American line, two for the Kosmos Company, two for the Woermann line, three for A. C. de Freitas & Co., two for the German-Australian Company, one for C. Anderson, one for M. Jebsen and one for Goltermann's successors. These new vessels are in hand at Glasgow, New-costle, Sunderland, Stockton and Wes-

Lumber for Australia. ASTORIA, June 22.- The American barkentine Echo cleared at the Custom-House this afternoon for Melbourge, Australia, with 82711 feet of pine lumber, valued at \$8271 11. She was loaded at the Knappmills, and will sail as soon as sh can ship the remainder of hea crew

Marine Notes. The British bark Flfeshire will leave up from Astoria today in tow of the steam er R. R. Thompson.

The transport Lennox arrived up short ly after midnight Thursday, and is lying at Alaska dock. The Marechai Villiers arrived up yesterday morning. Captain Newton Jordan, a well-known route for a vacation trip down in Maine. He leaves Tuesday, and will go by way of the Great Lakes.

The mammoth Cedarbank, the largest sailing vessel on the en route list for Portland, sailed from Hong Kong for this port Thursday, and will reach here in time to give early shipments from Port-land a good lift.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, June 22.—Arrived — British steamship Carlisle City, from San Francisco; steamer W. H. Harrison, from Tillamook. Sailed-British bark Galgate Queenstown or Falmouth, for orders, steamer Columbia, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 7:15 P. M. German ship

-Smooth; weather, clear; wind, north

Nesnia. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.

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ner Emma Utter, from Aberdeen,

Honolulu - Sailed June 13-Barkentine Amelia, for Port Townsend. Scattle-Sailed June 21-Steamer Dirigo,

for Skagway.

Brisbane June 21.—Arrived — Steamer
Aorangi, from Vancouver. Sailed—Steamer Miowera, for Vancouver.

New York, June 21.—Arrived—Fuerst

Bismarck, from Hamburg. 4

Hamburg, June 22.—Arrived—Pretorla, from New York.
Liverpool, June 22.—Arrived—Cymric, from New York.

from New York.

Brisbane, June 22. — Arrived—Morangi, from Vancouver, via Honolulu, for Sydney, N. S. W.

Moville, June 22.—Arrived—Astoria, from

City of Pekin from San Francisco via Honolulu: Kinshiu Maru, from Seattle and

Victoria, B. C. Havre, June 22—Arrived—La Gascogne,

Take Heart.

About thy tolleome, rugged path. And thou has ofttimes been cast down And sore dismayed by Fortune's frown,

The storm is followed by the calm,

And Winter gales by airs of balm,

John Allen Guilford in Boston Transcript. Though fearful storms have swept in wrath

Dark night gives place to sun-bright day; Let Hope still cheer thee on thy way. Beyond the cloud still shines the sun; Press on until thy work is done.

And sadly rued thy blighted life; Though great thy grief and keen thy pain, O weary one, take heart again.

Dwell not upon thy mournful past, Arise, and for the right stand fast; De strong and braw, fold not thy bands, For thee still flow life's golden sands;

Work for Destitute Indians.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 22.-Both the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific offi-

Hughes, a large vineyardist of Fresno, in regard to a plan to relieve the destitute Pima and Papagoes Indians on the Gila

reservation in Arizona. Labor for the vineyards is difficult to obtain, and Hughes promises to transport the Indians from

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Washington agree, and they have been

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June 22.-Arrived-Astoria,

New York.

from New York.

Glasgow, from Moville

of South Dakota, but low a resident of Salem. Make daughter had been declining from a strong, healthy, rosy from a strong, healthy, rosy-cheeked girl to a pale, weak and helpless invalid. She was afflicted with terrible headaches, and grad ually grew weaker and more languid, apparently without cause. I tried sev-eral doctors, but all without avail. One day to please a friend, I bought a box of

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and to our surprise, before it was used up her headaches ceased, the color began to return to her cheeks and lips and her strength began to assert itself. I bought five boxes more, and by the time she had finished them she was completely restored, and to-day she is a robust, rosy, healthy girl, instead of a pale, tired and sickly one. —From the Oregon Inde-pendent, Satem, Ore.

for San Francisco, Arrived-Schooner Wawoma, from San Francisco, for Aber-**BEECHAM'S** Falmouth, June 22.—Arrived — British ship St. Enoch, from Portland.
San Francisco, June 22.—Sailed—Steamer State of California, for Portland, schooner Ida McKay, for Gray's Harbor.
Arrived — Schooner Gomma; schooner James A. Garfield, from Coos Bay; steamer Mattewan, from Tacoma.
Scattle—Sailed June 21.—Ridzumi Maru, for Yokohama. Arrived—Steamer Queen Adelaide, from Yokohama.
Honolulu — Sailed June 13.—Barkentine PILLS

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