HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

BY EUGENE J. HALL. The loftiest pines that tower upon the moun-

tains Must prostrate fall, and soon forgotten be. The broadest streams that flow from far-off fountains

Mingle with the sea.

The strongest structures reared by man's endeavor

Must sink at last to slow and sure decay: The grandest empires fade from earth forever-The nations pass away.

But Truth remains; her life is always vernal, Her face is fadeless, and her words divine. She never dies: her mission is eter aln Beyond the stars that shine !

Hushed is the voice that filled the world with splendor

By the sweet music of its matchless song; Silent the manly heart that, true and tender, Has cheered the world so long.

In stately home, in humble habitation, Alike, are tears of honest sorrow shed ; All hearts regard with love and veneration The poet that is dead.

The words will live upon his spotless pages-Will help the hopeless heavenward--will lend A lustre to his land. In after ages He will seem a friend.

Not in the world's wild strife or wreckless races, Not amid the mad and frenzied throng he trod; His life was spent in fair and pleasant places, And very near to God.

The life to come through noble inspirations Revealed by him its beauty to mankind; He moved and mingled 'mid the grand creations.

That filled his matchless mind.

He walked behind the screen. Through clouds of glory

He saw the splendid heights of Heaven divine. He learned from Angles there the noble story Of sweet Evangeline.

Home to his rest -- home to his Father tender-Home to the land of which he oft has told-Home, home to Heaven, to sing with new-born splendor

Beyond the gates of gold.

How sweet to die with friends and kindred near

To close his dim and sightless eyes! How grand

Big Words.

Was there ever such an era for big words as this? Petticoats went out when crinoline walked in. Elastics have driven garters from sight and memory. No man rides on horseback now; he takes equestrian exercise. We have no city papers they are metropolitan your-

nals. Metropolitan journalists write about epistaxis; they mean bleeding at the nose. Women are no longer married; they enter into connubial bliss by being led to the hymeneal altar. Nobody sells tooth powder or hair wash; it is denti-

frice, sozodont and capillary decoction. Every writer in the age of sham and metaphysics uses glibly the words phlebotomy diagnosis, etc. These titanic highfalutants must run their course, and then we shall again come down to the pure well of English undefiled that every lover of those sturdy little Saxon words delights to drink from.

## CONDITION AND PROSPECTS.

## Report of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. of California.

The undersigned committee, representing the pol-icy holders of the Pacific Mutual Life Insuance Co-of California, resident in Oregon and Washington territory, respectfully report that they have completed a careful examination of the business affairs and assets of said company, and find the assets to be correctly set forth in their annual statement of date, December 31, 1881. As to the liabilities, the committee accept as correct the valuation of the policy reserve made by the insurance commissioner of the state of California.

During the year 1881, the company availed itself of the advantage offered by the amendment to the law under which it was organized, providing for the retirement of the unsecured notes constituing its guarantee fund, and returned all those notes to their makers, thereby relieving itself of all liability ac-

cruing under said notes, without in any manner reducing the admitted assets or impairing the responsibility of the corporation. The company, in October last, removed its princi-

pal office from the city of Sacramento to the city of San Francisco, and now occupies commodious quarters at 418 California street, in said last mentioned place. The change of location, though greatly to the advantage of the corporation, has been accomplished without any increase of expense; and, in fact, the office expenses of the company are now ma terially less than before the removal. We met most of the directors of the company, and were present at one session of its executive committee, and found the gentlemen controlling the corporation to be

among the most substantial, successful and capable business men of San Francisco. Every facility and courtesy possible was extended to enable us to ar-rive at an exact understanding of the condition of rive at an exact un



To pass from Fame's bright hight, while all re yere him, In the Better Land !

To calmly drift adown the darksome river Into the life beyond the world's recall-Into the presnce of the Glorious Giver, Who forms and fashions all ---

Where Heaven's light will shine forever o'er him.

Without a woeful cloud of worldly care--To meet with loved ones who have gone before him.

Who waits to greet him there !

Major Andre's Watch.

The story of Major Andre's watch, which, after many vicissitndes, has come into the possession of a gentleman custom of gentlemen at that time. His was restored to Andre. The other is the watch in question. Its history is as follows: After Andre's execution it was sold by his captors to Colonel William Stevens Smith, then holding a commission in the patriot army on the Hudson. for thirty guineas. Colonel Smith, it your own in those respect. Very truly yours, may be premised, married a sister of

John Adams and was the ancestor of the present owner from whom these facts are derived. Smith sent the watch under the flag of truce to General Robinson, commanding the British outposts on the Hudson, with the request that it be forwarded to Andre's family in England. Robinson, to inquire into the workings and condi-who, as is proved, was a "roue," and a tion of that company, and the result of gambler, pawned the watch and spent the money in carousals. Time passed where. The report, made as it is by on and the watch was forgotten. At solid and careful business men, is very on, and the watch was forgotten. At the time of the Philadelphia Centennial flattering to the company and puts it in it came on with other relics and was the lead of all others doing business on deposited in the Wisconsin department. this coast. The Pacific Mutual has thus There a sharp-eyed newspaper corres- far honestly paid all losses, is on a permapondent discovered it, and described it in the column of his journal. The paragraph, a long time after, meeting the eye of the gentleman whose ancestor had sent the watch, as he supposed, which A. McKinnie is manager, has seto its lightful owners a hundred years before, he at once began to search for the relic, traveling over the greater portion of the State of Wisconsin, and at last he discovered its owner in the person of a venerable lady, who stated that her husband had purchased it of a pawnbroker in Philadelphia nearly fifty years before. The lady was willing to sell, and the gentleman gladly became its owner. Its identity he has been able to clearly establish. It is an openface gold watch of French manufacture, of peculiar shape, being flat and thin and totally unlike anything known to American jewelers. There are but four figures on the dial-three, six, nine and twelve-the intermediate hours Oregon Kidney Tes, and from time to time sent him being indicated by asterisks. On the dial-plate in fine letters are engraved the words, "Thomas Campbell, Albany. Campbell was the dealer of whom Andre bought it, Albany Leing a little town in the district of Breadalbane, Scotland. besitation in saying that I have been much benefited by the use of the Oregon Kidney Tea as a remedy for a kidney difficulty which has troubled me for six or

the company, its mode of doing business, the char-acter of its securities, its system of accounts and checks-one department and office upon another. From our examination, we feel justified in saying that the company is upon a sound and enduring ba-sis, its affairs managed honestly, and with prudence and energy, and that there is every reason to expect that from the present time its growth will be a rapid as its friends could wish. In conclusion, we say that we are well satisfied with our insurance in the Pacific Mutual, and have

no hesitation in commending it to such of our citizens as desire to effect insurance upon their lives. WM. P. WINANS, J. W. GEORGE. J. MCCRAKEN,

Presidert.

Treasurer ...

Secretary.

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Committee SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 27, 1881. OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER,

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20, 1882. Dr. Geo. A. Moore, President Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., San Francisco: DEAR SIR-Herewith you will find the certificate of this office of the capital, assets and liabilities of your company for the year ending December 31, 1881; in forwa.ding which living in Newburg-on-the-Hudson, is an interesting one. Andre at the time of authority of law, of the guarantee notes which, since his capture wore two watches, as was the the organization of the company, have nominally been a part of its assets, whereas in fact, in my custom of gentlemen at that time. His captors took both. One, General Wash-ington forced them to give up, and it was restored to Andre. The other is the good, which condition, I may excusably add, is due to intelligent, judicious management of the com-pany's affairs. Life insurance, of late years in this state, has been conducted upon a more legitimate basis than formerly; the companies admitted to do business here exercising prudential caution in in-curring risks, and meeting their losses in an honest, business-like way; no one of the number excelling

J. C. MAYNARD, Insurance Commissioner.

## A Safe Insurance Company.

A committee of prominent gentlemen who were carrying policies in the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of California, last month met at San Francisco their investigation is published elsenent and enduring basis and must from this time forth rank as one of the leading life insurance companies of the United States. The Oregon branch, of cured the patronage of the leading business men of Oregon and Washington Territory.

"Well, you're the biggest goose I ever see," said an uncultivated but honest Bostonian, to the partner of his joys and sorrows. And she, who had had the advantage of a public school education, smiled upon him with a seraphic smile, as she remarked, "Oh, hubby, you are such a self-forgetful darling"

## OREGON TO MASSACHUSETTS.

Some time ago Messrs. Hodge, Davis & Co., of this Some time ago Messrs. Hodge, Davis & Co. of this city, read in a Massachusetts paper that Hon. Charles R. Ladd, auditor of that state, was afflicted with an incurable kidney disease, and had been obliged to give up work and return to his home. They immediately sent him a box of their celebrated other boxes. A few days ago they received from him the following letter: COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Anditor's Dep't, Boston, Nov. 11, 1881. Messrs. Hodge, Davis & Co.: Dear Sirs-I have no



Andre, 1774." On receipt of the watch, inquiries were made in England through Dean Stanley and other parties to dis-cover if the Andre family had received the watch sent to General Robinson, which established the fact that they had not. The same inquiries proved incontestably that this was the watch carried by Andre on the morning of his capture. -Lippincott.

little knowledge. One fact in a day. years pass by. Three thousand six hun- free. dred and sixty facts are not a small thing. Every day a little self-denial. The thing that is difficult to do to-day will be an easy thing to do three hundred and sixty-five days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self-mastery shall he enjoy who \$1.00 a bottle. 'seeks every day to practice the grace he prays for. Every day a little happiness. We live for the good of others, if our living be in sense true living. It is not in great deeds of kindness only that the F. G. blessing is found. In "little deeds of the street, in the playground, in the neighbor's house, we shall find opportanity every day for usefulness.