

Literary Notices.

We have received from O. Ditson & Co., a trio of fine songs, one of which, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," was sung by Marie Roze, and has one of the sweetest of melodies. Another is "Look forth from thy Fairy Bower," by Mrs. Garrett, and another is "Tom the Sailor," by Pinsuti.

For instrumental music we have "Simplicity," which is one of the many gems in the *Weekly Musical Record*, a sturdy Galop called "Our Club," by Sawyer, and "Mack," a brilliant Polka, by Stramberg.

By way of a good natured hint, we may say that "Simplicity" in our package, costs 30 cts., while in the *Record*, it costs to subscribers only a cent or two.

We acknowledge the receipt of the first annual report of John Q. A. Bowlby, President, Astoria Chambers of Commerce.

The *Gardeners Monthly* for February contains many seasonable hints for the gradener and fruit grower. It describes several new and rare vegetables and gives valuable information concerning their culture as well as on common gardening. Terms \$2 10 per year. Published by Chas. A. Marot, 814 Chestnut Street, Phil.

We have just received the *American Journal of Education* for Feb. Published at St. Louis, at the reasonable price of \$1.60 per year. We take pleasure in recommending it to teachers and school people generally.

THE VOICE.—This is the name of a new monthly devoted to voice culture, and the cure for stuttering. It is the only journal of the kind published and is in the interest of a large class who are sadly in need of the instruction it intends to give. \$1.60 a year in advance, 461 Broadway Albany, N. Y.

Frank Leslie's *Sunday Magazine* for March. This admirable magazine improves with age; and the Editor (Rev. Dr. Deems) seems determined that it shall be the Household Magazine of America, par excellence. Although it is a religious publication, the contents are by no means of a sombre character, but are peculiarly bright and cheerful: the pages teeming with pleasing, entertaining and highly edifying literature. The present number possesses some very attractive features: the opening paper on "The Island World of the Pacific," by Byron A. Brooks, embraces a succinct, graphic, and most interesting account of the social and moral condition of the Sandwich Islands, Society, Samon, and Fiji Islands before the introduction of Christianity there. Among other descriptive articles of much interest are "Street Scenes in Madrid," "Funeral Procession in the Caucasus," "The Convent of La Rabida," "The Calendar of the Prayer Book," is given monthly, containing full accounts of the fixed movable fasts and feasts of the Anglican and American branches of the Episcopal church. There are elaborate historical papers; a sermon, and the Popular Exegesis by the editor, and a laboriously and carefully prepared miscellany. There are 128 pages, quarto; and over 100 excellent illustrations. The annual subscription is \$3; six months, \$1.50, and four months, \$1. Price of single copy, 25 cents. Postpaid. Address, Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

Be Wise in Time.

Consumption is a disease that the victims seldom believe in until too late. It is one of the surest symptoms of the malady, for the patient to insist that the cough "amounts to nothing"—that there is no danger. Beware of this fatal incredulity. Stop the cough before it reaches a fatal point, with that most wonderful of all pulmonics, Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Even when half the lungs is gone it may save the other half and prolong life.

The Dyptheric Condition of the Church in Umatilla Co.

CENTERVILLE, UMATILLA CO.,

Feb. 12, 1879.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

I came to this county last fall, and am favorably impressed with the country and climate so far, although the diphtheria raged fearfully here last summer; its causes are unaccountable, except it be in the mode of living, causing impure blood; thus engendering so direful a disease.

The people are talking of fortifying against the Indians; but nothing is said, of note, to meet their more deadly foes—the diseases and sad consequences which appear to be brought about by a slovenly and uncleanly way of living; and when once brought forth, the innocent suffer as well.

Similar inferences might be made relative to the church. One diseased member is liable to cause his pernicious influence to take hold upon others, and the result is, the body suffers with the disordered condition of the one member; and if a remedy is not affected death must be the general result; but the Great Physician has given us a prescription, and if that is applied in time, the cure will be very certain.

But sad enough to say, this condition, of many of the congregations of the Christian church, is very plainly to be seen, which in a good many instances can be prevented by following the health rules laid down by Him "who heareth the young ravens when they cry and giveth them food."

But there does not appear to be enough of that looking to Him for protection and guidance that there should be among the members of the church; but rather a slovenly manner of spiritual life is manifest in many places. These things ought not so to be. The don't care or careless way of many members of the Christian church has been a stumbling block to thousands outside of the church as well as the ruin of many of her members. The prescription is given, and if any of us fail to comply with its demands, the disordered condition of the body, soul and spirit will finally work eternal death.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. H.

Power of Voice Over Children.

It is usual to attempt the management of children either by corporal punishments, or by rewards addressed to the senses, or by rewards alone. There is one other means of government, the power and importance of which are seldom regarded. I refer to the human voice. A blow may be inflicted on a child, accompanied by words so uttered as to counteract entirely its intended effect. Or the parent may use language in the correction of the child, not objectionable in itself, yet spoken in a tone which more than defeats its influence. Let anyone recall the image of a fond mother long since in Heaven. Her sweet smiles and ever clear countenance are brought vividly to recollection. So also is her voice; and blessed is that parent who is endowed with a pleasant utterance. What is it which lulls the infant to repose? It is no array of mere words. There is no charm to the untaught one in letters, syllables, and sentences. It is the sound which strikes its little ear, that soothes and composes it to sleep. A few notes, however unskillfully arranged, if uttered in a tone, are found to possess a magic influence. Think we that this influence is confined to the cradle? No, it is diffused over every age, and ceased not while the child remains under the parental roof. Is the boy growing rude in manner, and boisterous in speech? I know of no instrument so sure to control these tendencies as the gentle tones of a mother. She who speaks to her son

harshly, does not give to his conduct the sanction of her own example. She pours oil on the already raging flame. In the pressure of duty, we are liable to utter ourselves hastily to our children. Perhaps a threat is expressed in a loud and irritating tone. Instead of allaying the passions of the child, it serves directly to increase them. Every fretful expression awakens in him the same spirit which produced it. So does a pleasant voice call upon agreeable feelings. Whatever disposition, therefore, we would encourage in a child, we should manifest in the tone with which we address him.—Ez.

Obituary.

Our columns have become too much crowded for the insertion of long obituary notices, except in cases where the deceased was extensively known among our readers on this coast. In all cases we will insert 100 words free. For each additional 100 words we will charge \$1. When long notices are not accompanied by the money, the editor will abridge them to suit.

Died at the residence of her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson, near Buena Vista, of consumption, February 20, 1879, Mrs. Nettie Grigsby wife of Mr. — Grigsby of Llan county.

Sister Grigsby embraced Christianity at the annual meeting at Dixie in 1873, since which time she has lived a Christian life, and she died in the triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, one child and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

The River of Time.

O, a wonderful stream is the river of Time,
As it runs through the realms of tears,
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,
And a broadening sweep and a surge sublime,
As it blends with the ocean of years.

How the winters are drifting like flakes of snow,
And the summer like buds between,
And the year in the sheaf—so they come and they go

On the river's breast, with its ebb and flow,
As it glides in the shadow and sheen.

There's a magical isle in the river of Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing;
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,

And a song as sweet as a vespere chime,
And the Junes with the roses are staying.

And the name of this isle is the Long Ago,
And we bury our treasures there;
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow;

There are heaps of dust but we loved them so!
There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

There are fragments of songs that nobody sings,
And a part of an infant's prayer;
There's a lute unswept and a harp without strings,

And the garments she used to wear.

There are hands that are waved when the fairy shore
By the mirage is lifted in air;
And we sometimes hear through the turbulent roar,

Sweet voices we hear in the days gone before,
When the wind down the river is fair.

O, remember for aye the blessed isle,
All the days of life till night—
When the evening comes with its beautiful smile,

And our eyes are closed awhile,
May the "Greenwood" of soul be in sight.

—Benj. F. Taylor.

Our Tenure of Life

Depends in great measure upon regard for or neglect of the laws of health. If we violate them we cannot expect to "make old bones." But that the span of existence allotted to a natural delicate constitution, or one which has been shaken by disease may be materially lengthened, is a fact of which we have daily proof. The vivifying and restorative influence of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters upon a failing physique affords a striking illustration of the power of judicious medication to strengthen the hold on life. Restored digestion, complete assimilation, renewed appetite, sound repose, these are among the benefits conferred upon the debilitated by that supreme renovant, and a nervous system tranquilized, that invalid, after a course of the Bitters, feels that his life tenure is no longer the precarious thing that it was—that he might yet enjoy a "green old age."

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The Church.

"I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife." Rev. xli. 9.

Clad in a robe of pure spotless white,
The youthful bride with timid step comes forth

To greet the hand to which she plights her troth,

Her soft eyes radiant with a strange delight,

The snowy veil which circles her around

Shades the sweet face from every gazer's eye,

And thus unwrapt, she passes calmly by.

Nor casts a look but on the unconscious ground.

So should the Church; the bride elect of Heaven,—

Remembering whom she goeth forth to meet,

And with a truth that cannot brook deceit

Holding the faith, which unto her is given—

Pass through this world which claims her for a while,

Nor cast about her longing look, nor smile.

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