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MR. GOSSE'S POEMS.

ON VIOL AND FLUTE. Selected Poems. By EDMUND WILLIAM GOSSE. 12mo pp. 250. Henry Holt & Co.

In this modest and pretty volume we have a selection from the verses by Mr. Gosse which have appeared either in the *Century* and *Cornhill* magazines, or in the two books put forth by him in 1873 and 1879. The choice has been made not by the author himself, but by two of his literary friends. This method of publication, whatever may be said against it, is at least likely to give us what a sober criticism will deem the poet's best work, though perhaps not the work which will most exactly define his place in literature. Mr. Gosse's characteristic excellences, however, are easily stated. He has an enthusiastic and inspiring love of nature; an acute perception of natural beauty, in which accurate observation is spiritualized by a certain imaginative quality; strong human affections distinguished by simplicity and purity, and quite free from æsthetic affectations; sincerity, directness and refinement of thought. His style, like his thought, is elegant and clear. Both are innocent of over-subtlety and enigmatical suggestiveness. Some of the poems are merely little pictures of landscape, or plain utterances of familiar sentiment, which owe all their charm to their truthfulness and neatness of expression. The construction of the verse is varied and generally ingenious, easy, musical and sometimes striking, though now and then it fails, and occasionally the author allows himself an undue license in the misplacing of accent. He has not altogether escaped the common fault of the lesser contemporary poetry—namely, the use of words for merely decorative purposes. That is the defect of "The Ballad of Dead Cities," and it is the note also of the following "Epithalamium," which nevertheless is admirable in harmony and color:

High in the organ-loft, with lilied hair,
Love plied the pedals with his snowy foot,
Pouring forth music like the scent of fruit,
And stirring all the incense-laden air:
We knelt before the altar's gold rail, where
The priest stood robed, with chalice and palm-shoot,
With music-men, who bore citole and lute,
Behind us, and the attendant virgins fair;
And so our red aurora flashed to gold,
Our dawn to sudden sun, and all the while
The high-voiced children trebled clear and cold,
The cens-r-boys went swinging down the aisle,
And far above, with fingers strong and sure,
Love closed our lives' triumphant overture.

This is splendid verse for pale poetry. Mr. Gosse is much better in such pieces as "The Almond Tree," where rich and picturesque diction is employed in the service of very tender and genuine emotion, or "In the Bay," whose fresh, wholesome, exhilarating lines one cannot help comparing with the more glowing and imaginative and less natural and agreeable poem of Mr. Swinburne's on a similar theme. The following s anzas give a fair sample of Mr. Gosse's descriptive style:

Here on a sunny shelf, while hot the air
Flooded our limbs and faces, brown and bare,
We lounged and shouted, plashing with slow feet
The warm and tidal pools that wasted there,
And down below us saw the sea-foam beat.

Then, leaping down together with a cry,
I watched them dash into the waves, and fly
Around the shallows as a sea-bird bends,
Tossing the froth and streaming, and then I
Plunged like Arion to my dolphin-friends.

The cool impassive water clung and pressed
Around our buoyant bodies, head and breast:
Downward I sank through green and liquid gloom,
By all the streams of shoreward seas caressed,
Dark vitreous depths by faint cross-lights illumed.

And rising once again to sunlit air
We flung the salt-drip back from beard and hair,
And shouted to the sun, and knew no more
The trodden earth, with all its pain and care,
But set our faces sea-ward from the shore.

Then, lo! the narrow streak of eastern light
Along the dark sea's line, began to smite
Its radiance up the heaven; the flying mist
Sped from the sky, and lelt it cold and white,
And made the tossing sea like amethyst.

Midway between the rocks that girt the bay,
An islet rose, of rock as black as they;
Sombre it stood against the glowing sky
And two of us swam out to it straightway,
And cleit the waves with strenuous arm and thigh.

And as I strove and wrestled in the race,
I turned and saw my comrade's merry face;
The sunlight fell upon his hair, and through
The film of water showed the sinewy grace
Of white limbs, bright against the sea's green-blue.

So, laughingly, we won the rock, and then
Climbed up and waited for our fellow-men;
Sat on the eastward brink of it, and let
The cold foam cling upon our feet again,
And plash our limbs with tangle crushed and wet.

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THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE,

Per North River, Vessels and Railroads,

NEW-YORK, Thursday, May 3, 1883.

Ashes, pkgs	74	Peas, bush.	500
Beans, bbls	153	O Meal, bbls	375
B'swax, pkg	1	G Seed, bags	200
Cott'n, bal's	5,045	Hides, No.	81
C'sd Oil, bbl	50	Hides, bal's	93
Copper, pkg	20	Hops, bales	14
Eggs, pkgs	2,917	Leather, sides	10,751
Flour, bbls	10,414	Sp Tur bbls	1
C Meal, bags	1,037	Rosin, bbls	9
Wheat, bush	31,345	Oil, bbls	50
Corn, ear, bu	106,575	Oil cake, pkg	1,611
Oats, bush	33,000	O Lard, bbls	50
Rye, bush	40,000	Pork, pkgs	261
Malt, bush	18,100	Beef, pkgs	60
Barley, bush	28,600	Cut'n'ts, pkg	1,470
Lard, tcs	518		
Lard, kegs	1,400		
Butter, p'ks	5,016		
Cheese, p'ks	3,729		
Silk, pkgs	229		
Starch, p'ks	125		
Spirits, p'ks	331		
Tallow, p'ks	181		
Tea, pkgs	1,008		
Tob'co, hds	1,009		
T'b'co, pkg	532		
Whisky, bls	753		
Wool, bales	7		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, May 3, 1883.

ASHES—Quiet for Pots; Pearls in short supply and firm at 8@8¼c.

COFFEE—Spot Rio dull and unchanged; fair, 9½c.; sales of two lots of 1,000 bags each from the "Borghese," and 1,533 bags ex "La Place" on private terms; options showed no marked change; sales, 22,000 bags No. 7, at 7.60@7.65 for May, 7.90@8 for June, 8.10@8.15 for August, 8.20@8.25 for September, 8.30@8.35 for October, 8.35@8.4 for November, and 8.40@8.50 for December, closing steady as follows: May, 7.60@7.65c.; June, 7.80@7.85c.; July, 7.95@8c.; August, 8.10@8.15c.; September, 8.25@8.30c.; October, 8.30@8.35c.; November, 8.35@8.40c.; December, 8.45@8.50c.; January, 8.55@8.65c.; February, 8.65@8.75c. Mild quiet and steady; 1,200 bags Ma acaibo sold on private terms.

COTTON—Spot Cotton quiet at 9c. advance; sales, 1,110 bales (438 last evening) including 620 for export, 490 for spinning, and 100 for speculation. Delivered on contracts, 1,000 bales. Receipts at the ports to-day, 7,363 bales, against 7,087 this day last week and 7,363 last year. Stock at ports, 1,562,575 bales, against 4,423,341 same period last season.

	Uplands.	N. Orl'ns and Gulf.	Texas.
Ordinary	7 11/16	7 15/16	7 9/16
Strict Ordinary	8 3/8	8 3/8	8 3/8
Good Ordinary	8 13/16	9 1/16	8 15/16
Strict Good Ordinary	9 3/8	9 7/16	9 7/16
Low Middling	10 3/8	10 3/8	10 3/8
Strict Low Middling	10 7/16	10 11/16	10 11/16
Middling	10 7/16	10 7/16	10 7/16
Good Middling	11	11 1/16	11 1/16
Strict Good Middling	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/2
Middling Fair	11 3/4	12	12
Fair	12 3/4	12 3/4	12 3/4

Good Ordinary	7 7/8	Low Middling	8 3/8
Strict Good Ordinary	7 15/16	Middling	9 3/4

Futures were in active, but buoyant, closing firm at 7@11 points advance; sales, 165,700 bales. Prices paid: May, 10.49@10.50; June, 10.55@10.61; July, 10.77@10.81; August, 10.88@10.91; September, 10.5.@10.6.; October, 10.20@10.32; November, 10.09@10.1. December, 10.12@10.24; January, 10.20@10.25; February, 10.33@10.38. Closing prices—May, 10.54@10.56; June 10.80@10.81; July, 10.8 @10.9; August, 10.88@10.90; September 10.6.@10.63; October, 10.2.@10.32. November, 10.20@10.21; December, 10.22@10.24; January 10.3 @10.32. Transferable orders, 10.65.

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—Market a shade stronger on low grades, while above prices are nominal to a fair extent; Medium and Choice grades in fair supply and rather quiet; export demand quite moderate, while the business making in Low Grades is doing large trade on direct account to small parties for resale; receipts, sales, 15,000 bbls., of which 9,700 bbls. were for export including 3,100 bbls. City Mill Extra, $5.00@$5.25; 600 bbls. No 2, $2.00@$3.75; 1,000 bbls. Superfine, $3.50@$4.25; 900 bbls. Low Grade Extra, $4.10@$4.25; 400 bbls. Spring and Winter Extra, mainly within the range, $4.30@$5.75. Quotations: No. 2, $2.00@$3.75; latter extreme, Superfine, $3.50@$4.25; latter extreme; Common to Fair Extra State, $4.15@$4.40; some to Fancy do, $4.50@$5.00; Common to Good Extra Western, $4.20@$4.50; Fancy do, $4.60@$5.00; Common to Good Extra Round Hoop Ohio, $4.20@$4.90; Good to Choice do, $4.95@$5.25; Common Extra Minnesota, $4.20@$4.75; Clear, $5.00@$5.25; Rye Mixture, $3.10@$3.75; Baxers' Extra, $3.75@$5.50; Straight, $5.00@$5.10; Patent, $5.50@$7.25. Low Common to Fair Winter Extra, $4.20@$4.75; Good to Very Choice, $4.80@$7.25; Patent Winter Wheat Extra, $5.25@$7.25. City Mill Extra for West Indies, $5.50@$6.50; South America, $5.00@$6.50; market closed firm.....SOUTHERN FLOUR—Market quiet and steady; receipts, 300 bbls.; sales, 300 bbls. Common to Good Extra, $4.10@$5.25; Good to Choice, $5.00@$6.....RYE FLOUR—Steady; sales, 50 bbls. Superfine, $3.25@$3.50 a in. very home.....CORN MEAL—Unchanged; sales, 300 bbls. Brandywine, $3.60, quoted $3.30@$3.60; Yellow Western, $3.00@$3.40.

BOARDS—Were again quiet, but late figures rule about steady.

HOPS—Trade is slow; between dealers sales of State 1882 are frequent at 50c. brewers are still competed to pay 50@60c. shippers are now in the market although the London market is strong at 22@22½. It is said that England has turned to Bavarians to supply any further deficiency in the English crop. Yearlings are quoted 70@80c. It is reported that the Bank of Nevada is desirous of closing out its consignments of Californians at 70c. It is what is termed "between seasons" at the moment. The general opinion is that brewers have had ample stock of new and still lighter stocks to hope the back ward spring has had an unpleasant effect, but in view of the fact no never that holders are not buoyant supplies and the statistics of hops in the country district quite small, dealers have become to the belief in the maintenance of good prices, and, therefore, the feeling in the trade is not discouraging.

METALS—At the Iron and Metal Exchange to-day: Iron, quiet but steady; Tin, easier; Copper, dull; Lead, steady; Spelter, nominal.

HAY—Fifty degrees test, Cuba was quoted at 31c., 1,000 bbls. have sold at that figure. Grocery grades rather quiet at unchanged prices.

NAVAL STORES—Rosins were firm at $1.75@$1.85 for Common to Good Strained; these figures are the outcome of very small stock of the article. Spirits Turpentine was steady and quiet at 42½@43c. for Southern; jobbing lots, 44½c. Tar and Pitch quiet and unchanged.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Berth room quiet, and the feeling among the agents and brokers is by no means satisfactory; Oil vessels had a small demand.....LIVERPOOL, cotton, 20.00 bush. Grain, 7d.; 500 bales cotton, mostly at ⅛d.; 170 boxes Bacon, 10s.; 1,000 boxes Cheese, 15s.; 3,000 sacks Flour, 5s.; Beef, 2s.; Pork, 1s. 3d.; 2,