The New Northwest.

THURSDAY....SEPTEMBER 18, 1879.

WHITE CLOVER.

The distant hills the long day thro'
Have fainted in a haze of blue;
The sun has been a burning fire,
The day has been a warm desire,
But all desire is over;
The lights are fading from the west,
The night has brought a dreamy rest,
And deep in yonder wood is heard
The sudden singing of a bird,
While here an evening wind has stirred
A slope set thick with clover.

The fields have lost their lingering light,
The path is dusky thro' the night,
The clover is too sweet to lose
Her fragrance with the gathering dews,
The skies are warm above her;
The cricket pipes his song again,
The cows are waiting in the lane,
The shadows fall adown the hill,
And silent is the whip-poor-will;
But thro' the Summer twilight still
You smell the milk-white clover.

The glory of the day has ceased,
The moon has risen in the east,
The distant hills, the meadow near,
Are bathed in moonlight soft and clear,
That veils the landscape over;
And born of rare and strange perfume,
Pure as the clover's odorous bloom,
Dear hopes, that are but half confessed,
Dim thoughts and longings fill the breast,
Till lost again in deeper rest
Among the blossomed clover.

TIRED MOTHERS.

A little elbow leans upon your knee—
Your tired knee that has so much to bear—
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm, moist fingers holding yours so tight;
You do not prize the blessings overmuch;
You almost are too tired to pray to-night.

But it is blessedness! A year ago
I did not see it as I do to-day—
We are all so dull and thankless, and too slow
To catch the sunshine till it slips away;
And now it seems surpassing strange to me
That, while I wore the badge of motherhood,
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
The little child that brought me only good.

And if, some night when you sit down to rest,
You miss the elbow on your tired knee—
This restless curly head from off your breast,
This lisping tongue that chatters constantly;
If from your own the dimpled hands had slipped,
And ne'er would nestle in your palm again;
If the white feet into the grave had tripped,
I could not blame you for your heartache then.

I wonder that some mothers ever fret
At their precious darlings clinging to their gown,
Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,
Are ever black enough to make them frown.
If I could find a little muddy boot,
Or cap, or jacket, on my chamber floor;
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,
And hear it patter in my house once more;

If I could mend a broken cart to-day,
To-morrow make a kite to reach the sky,
There is no woman in God's world could say
She was more blissfully content than I!
But ah! the dainty pillow next my own
Is never rumpled by a shining head!
My singing birdling from its nest has flown—
The little boy I used to kiss is dead.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter, from Mrs. R. A. Richardson, youngest sister of J. T. Scott, Esq., of Forest Grove, who has been a missionary for the past twenty-six years in Asia, almost opposite Constantinople, was addressed to a brother-in-law in Kansas, and thence forwarded to the Athens of the Pacific, from which classic retreat it has found its way to our sanctum. We are sure the average reader will agree with us that the letter possesses all the greater charm because it was not written for publication:

GULF OF THESSALONIA, Macedonia,
French Stmr. Gyptis, May 6, 1879.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—If I mistake not, you are this day three score and thirteen. May you live forever, resting at last in the kingdom of our God!

Here we are, Mr. Richardson and I, on board the good steamer Gyptis, Captain Latile, looking on the same hills, mountains and shores and rocking on the same waters that were looked upon by Paul when obeying the heavenly injunction to "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

You have heard before of the protracted and dangerous illness of Mr. Richardson. The whole sickness was attended by a great degree of nervous exhaustion, which developed into a chronic condition that caused us all much anxiety. But, thanks to the mercy of our Heavenly Father, he is now able to start on a journey for rest and change.

We left Constantinople last Saturday, the 3d inst., *en route* for England, Scotland, Germany and Switzerland, *via* Thessalonia, Athens, Naples, Liverpool, London and Edinburgh. At Naples we expect to leave the French steamer and take passage in an English one, which we hope to reach about the 25th of this month. We are to go from place to place slowly and quietly, that Mr. R. may have rest and the benefit of a thorough change. We expect to return to Constantinople by November 1st. We left our two youngest sons in that city, in care of Rev. Alex. Thomson, D. D., agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society. John is learning to be clerk in the employ of Rev. Mr. Baldwin of the American Board in the Bible House in Constantinople. Our daughter, with her husband and little Agnes, met us here to-day. They came in an Austrian steamer from Philippopolis, where they have been attending the annual meeting of the Bulgarian Mission. They left us in Bebek, April 21st. They expect to reach their home in Monastir the last of this week.

The rain to-day has kept us on the steamer, or we should have been on the shore, imagining that we were walking in the footsteps of St. Paul.

It was proposed that we go to America, but we thought something more quiet would be better for Mr. R. We are seeking the most quiet routes and places for six months.

On this French steamer we have two meals a day—breakfast at 9 A. M. and dinner at 5 P. M. Then, at 8 P. M., we have tea—only tea, without milk—with some tiny sweet crackers. Just here the bell rang for breakfast. We sat down, first, to artichokes, to be eaten with olive oil, mustard, salt, pepper and vinegar; second, Bologna sausage, uncooked, and sliced thin, and black olives in olive oil, salted and peppered; third, cold roast mutton and chicken, with lettuce; fourth, mussels on rice; fifth, mutton chops and fried potatoes, with *entree* of sheeps' feet and curry sauce; sixth, cheese—Swiss. I think (I never saw it in America); seventh, apples, raisins and cherries; eighth, black coffee, with sugar, and perfectly clear. Breakfast on a French steamer always begins with olives and Bologna sausage and ends with cheese and black coffee.

I will try to write you frequently during our journeyings, and should be most happy to visit you all in America once again before our earthly mission closes.

Ever lovingly,
R. A. RICHARDSON.

Before marriage: "Oh, my darling, your voice is as musical to me as a vesper bell, whose tones fall softly on the perfumed evening air! Speak again, and say those words, my beloved, for I could listen to your voice until the stars are extinguished into everlasting night!" After marriage: "I have had just enough of your clapper, old woman, and if you don't let up I'll leave the house."

Trance Poetry.

An estimable Australian correspondent objects to our somewhat sweeping condemnation of the so-called "trance poetry," extemporized by trance speakers. Such extemporization is not uncommon. We have a friend who has extemporized some quite noble verses in his sleep; but he never claimed that he was spiritually aided. Coleridge tells us he extemporized his poem of Kubla Khan in his sleep; and we would like to see the trance poetry that can equal it. Now, with not more than two or three exceptions, the trance speakers who have undertaken to extemporize in verse have given us very poor stuff indeed. Consideridg the impromptu character of the trance poetry, our correspondent doubts if any of our living poets could on the spur of the moment do as well.

This may be; one man may rattle off disjointed nonsense much more fluently than another; but it will be nonsense still, and we do not see why the fact of its being impromtu should make it in the least remarkable or acceptable. Our correspondent says: "Much trash is to be expected, both in the lectures and the poems; but is it prudent to denounce them all in such unmeasured terms?" We reply to our friend: Yes; it is prudent, because it is just. Trash is trash, even if it come from the Spirit-world; and we, if we esteem it trash, ought to denounce it as such. One great reason why hardly five per cent of the spiritual communications are good, earnest, and truthful, is because Spiritualists have eagerly accepted much worthless stuff from its being labeled *spiritual*. How can we expect great and pure spirits to communicate, if we are so stupid in discriminating? We have had enough of trash. Let us put ourselves in the receptive position to get something better. If the poetry really comes from a spirit, why can he not occasionally put a little good work into his poem instead of having it impromptu? It would have a great effect in causing his spiritual claims to be recognized; and we hope the "controls" will consider the matter.—*Religio Philosophical Journal.*

The United States is serving as a sort of cosmopolitan sink for the national slop-buckets of the world. The surplus population of the globe is being emptied upon our inviting shores. Three-fourths of all our paupers and criminals, are aliens. In the course of an hour's stroll here in New York, we can meet with the cast-out children from every country under the sun. Early marriages are becoming yearly and yearly more common. We are a fast people, and are increasing at railroad rate. Our statesmen study the census when they want to puff up the republican pride. Our politicans consider the family merely as a manufactory of voters. In spite of our weakly women and the awful army of active abortionists, we double our population faster than any other people. Want and beggary are common in every city, and every thoroughfare is infested with tramps. Large families are universally found among our working classes, which not only drag down and cripple the parents who have to toil for their support, but produce the present state of low wages and disheartening drudgery, consequent upon the number of hands hunting for work being greater than the capital for their employment.—*Physiologist and Family Physician.*

WHAT A WESTERN EDITOR SAYS.—In Boston, women may now vote on certain educational questions, but this concession is so small, is so grudgingly extended, and surrounded with so many restrictions, that we are not surprised that the women of that city fail to avail themselves to any large extent of the opportunity granted them. It is certainly no test as to the numbers of women who would avail themselves of full, free, impartial suffrage. Only when clothed with all the powers and responsibilities of citizenship will either men or women fit themselves for their duties of citizenship. This timid mode of procedure is characteristic of Boston, where Harvard encourages girls as outside students to pick up crumbs that fall from the university table. Girls of spirit go to Cornell, Michigan, Minnesota or even Vassar rather than be thus humiliated. When women can vote on the same terms as men, not only thousands but tens of thousands of the best women in every State will be seen at the polls.—*Minneapolis Spectator.*

Mrs. Adele G. Lucas, for fourteen years the wife of George E. Lucas, of Greenpoint, has brought suit against George Bullwinkel, a liquor-dealer at No. 635 Manhattan avenue, to recover $25,000 damages. Her complaint sets forth that until lately her husband was sober and industrious, but that since May, 1876, the defendant, contrary to the requests and entreaties of the plaintiff, has sold her husband liquor and induced him to squander his money. It is alleged that while under the influence of liquor purchased from Bullwinkel, Lucas struck his wife, and that now he is broken down in health, unfit for business, and unable to support himself and family, on account of the liquor sold him by defendant. A similar suit haas been begun by Mrs. Lucas for $10,000 against James F. Moloney, a saloon-keeper in Manhattan avenue, and James Sparrow, owner of the house in which the saloon is kept. Both suits are brought under the Civil Damage Act of 1873.—*Boston Exchange.*

Imagine the particles of air we breathe flying about at the rate of eighteen miles per minute, a velocity exceeding that of a cannon ball, a velocity which, if the particles were all moving in one direction, would constitute a tornado ten times more violent than any terrestrial hurricane! How is it, then, that we can survive the incessant bombardment of such a storm of projectiles? Simply because the particles are moving in all directions, so as nearly to counterbalance each other's momentum.—*L. R. Curtiss.*

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This publication is made by order of Hon. C. B. Bellinger, Judge of said Court, made at chambers on the 28th day of August, A. D. 1879.

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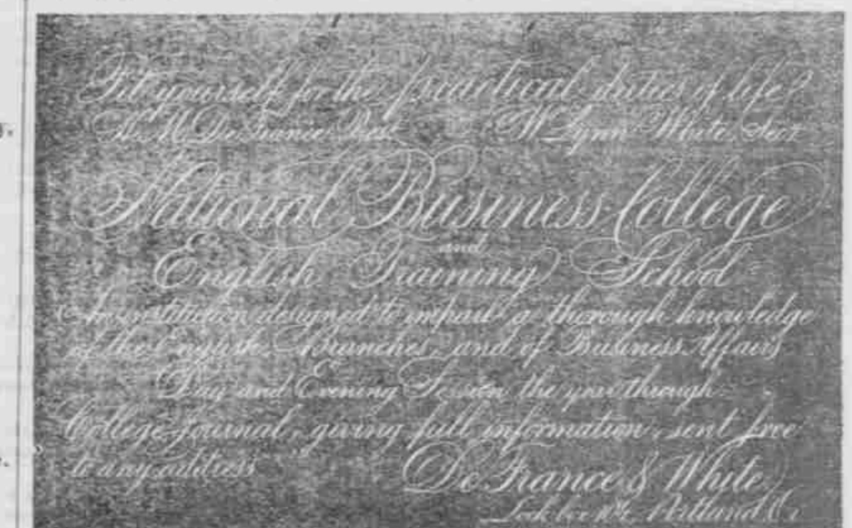

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