Family Miscellann.

The Saint's Departure.

"The time of my departure is at hand."-2 Timothy Iv. 6.

BY JOHN READE.

I go with the angels of God to roam, Through the fields of light in you mighty To follow you stars in their mystic ways, And join in their songs of endless praise-To Him by whose power and will they move, Who breathed on them first with the breathe of his love.

I go where the spirits of just men reign, Set free forever from sin and pain; Whom the blood of the Lamb, who for sin-

ners died. Has from all impurity purified, And the crowns that they wear are brighter

Than the brightest sheen of the brightest

1 go where Moses and David dwell And all the redeemed ones of Israel, And the martyr-host that to death with stood.

By nought but the blood of Christ subdued. To live forever with these I go-Should I weep forought that I leave below?

And O God grant, when the veil is furled That parts this earth from that happy world, Shut out from the blissful company; But that still, with angels and saints above. We may know and be known, be loved and

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The Mission of the Dew-drops.

(For the Expostror.)

How beautiful is the dew-drop, as you And summer heat by neighbouring tree or see it in its crystal purity doming the lovely petals of the rose or some of its sister flowers, or sparkling in the sun on the blades of the green, waving grass, or the leaves of the sweet sented clover! If it had no other mission than this it would amply display the wisdom, power and goodness of an all-wise and beneficent Creator. But it has another and a higher mission :when the vegetable creation, from the tall the country are willing to live year after

its life-renewing power.

of a hot summer day; the grass looks rondack; make the ground mellow and and the feathered songsters of the groves ing fruit. We say to our readers, plant are chanting their sweet songs to welcome vines. - Science of Health. the return of the glorious summer moin ing. Is this the same Landscape that we were gazing over on the preceding evening? If it is, what has caused such a miraculous change? It is that little drop glittering Elmira Shelton, whom he had known in on the green leaves, brighter in its purity, his youth, renewed his acquaintance, and and exceedingly far mereprecious than the most costly gem. But, not satisfied with the good it has already done, after bathing North that he should pass the remainder the plants and moistening their roots, it sinks yet deeper into mother Earth, and helps to form veins of clear, sparkling tober he set out for Richmond to fulfil a water that gush out in the bright, bubbling literary engagements in New York, and to Tin shop. other animals, which God has sent for his benefit. The springs form creeks; these unite and form majestic rivers, and these again join the mighty ocean, on whose broad bosom the fleets of all nations sail to hours for the next train. He went into a distribute the products of their respective restaurant near the depot for some refreshcountries to the different nations of the ments. There he met some of his old globe. It is then absorbed by the sun, to West Point friends, who invited him to return again on its mission of love. To champagne supper that night. He acceptsum up: without the dew drop there would | ed the invitation and went. At first he be neither animal nor vegetable life; man refused to drink, but at last was induced and all the other animals would perish; the to take a glass champagne. - That set him different grains would not grow, the flow- off, and in a few hours he was madly drunk. ers would not bloom, and this beautiful In this state he wandered off from his earth of ours would be nothing but a des- friends, was robbed and beaten by ruffians, ert; that is if our Heavenly Father in his and left insensible in the street all night. mercy and goodness, did not make some. The next morning he was picked up and other provision for us, his creatures.

At a large dinner party, where were illustrious American and foreign statesmen, he age. His funeral was attended by the Hon. leclined to take wine. A noted Senator, Z. Collins Dee, Dr. Snodgrass, Nelson Poe nimself a little heated, exclaimed across (his cousin) and Henry Herring (his uncle) .the table, half jestingly, 'Colfax dares not Appleton's Journal. drink!'-'You are right,' said Mr. Colfax seriously ; "I dare not!" That simple answer, given with gentle and earnest solemnty, was itself an impressive temperance one. Merely covering up a bed with blan-

day a tall young man presented himself at pane of glass will keep out light. The atthe Worcester police station as a candidate | mospheric moisture wi'l penetrate all wofor employment in the city police force, ven fabrics. Hence the importance of before Mr. Superintendant Power, who had advertised for men. "Oh," said Mr. Power, on the man's presenting himself, aired. Many a dear friend or welcome

achuseits. The apothecary filled the bill a slight spread. thing more demoniae than that, he said, This Texas Legislature recently a liournsee tidama by bea may 19 madical . . ed for a day to absent a circus.

The Value of the Sabbath

Not many years ago, a contractor America went far to the West with his men and teams, to make a turnpike road At first he paid no regard to the Sabbath but continued his work as on other days. He soon found, however, that the ord nances of nature, no less than the laws of God, were against him. His labourers became sickly, his horses grew poor and feeble; and he was fully convinced that more was lost than gained by Sunday

When gold was first discovered in Cali fornia the miners worked for a time with out any weekly cessation; but they found that they were digging graves as well as gold; and having lost their reckoning of the Sabbath, they actually made a day of rest for themselves.

When the engines of an extensive steam packet company in the south of England were getting constantly damaged, the mischief was soon repaired by giving the men what the bounty of their Creator had given them long before-the rest of each seventh

A distinguished merchant in America once said, "I should have been dead-or a maniac long ago had it not been for the Sabbath." This was said in the hearing Of the friends I have loved that none may be of others; and one of them told of a merchant who used to boast that he found Sunday for planning voyages, but who was then in a lunatic asylum.

"Hail, Sabbath! thee I hail, the poor On other days the man of toil is doomed To eat his joyless bread, lonely; the ground winter's cold

But on this day, embosom'd in his home. He shares the frugal meal with those he With those he loves, he shares the heart-

Of giving thanks to God,

Grapes and Their Easy Culture.

It is surprising that so many families in

and stately corn to the sweet and modest year, without cultivating a single grapelittle mignonette are wilted and sceming- vine about their dwellings. They are comly dying under the scorching rays of the pelled to purchase this delicious fruit for I am. summer sun, then this beautiful little mes- | the table, or not taste it during the season. senger of love and mercy is sent, not only . There is a common impression that to culto bathe their leaves with i's refreshing tivate grapes perfectly, a vast amount of moisture, but also to moisten the soil I nowledge and tact is required. To many reaching Mecca on their knees. whence they derive their sustenance, that the simple trimming of a vine is a mystery, it may be able to send fresh streams of life more difficult to comprehend than the hardthrough their almost exhausted veins. In est problem of Euclid. This is an erroneour own noble land, where God in his ous view, and ought not to prevail. Any goodness sends us frequent and copious person of common intelligence can learn in showers of rain, we are scarcely able to ap- an hour how to trim and nourish vines; showers of rain, we are scarcely able to ap-preciate as we ought the magnitude of the and if instruction cannot be obtained from New Drug and Book Store. gift bestowed upon man in this little mes- some experienced cultivator, there are senger of love and mercy. In some coun- books filled with cuts and illustrations tries where it does not rain for months, which make everything plain. Three vines an ! and sometimes not for years, both the of as many different varieties, planted in animal and vegetable creation would have some sunny nook, or by the side of some succumb to the drought, were it not for building, so as to obtain shelter, will, if properly cared for, furnish many a bushel | ble and quiet home To judge of its effects we have only to of delicious grapes every year. Select cast our eyes over a landscape at the close a Concord, a Delaware, and an Adiwithered and yellow; and the flowers and tich by the use of a spade, and by plants on its surface seem as if they had employing -old manure, fuely ground not strength to hold up their faded heads. hones, and ashes; and set out the But after gazing on this sad scene, re- piants. In three years the rich clusters turn early to your rest, that you may be will appear, and in four years the product able to arise in the morning before the sun will be abundant. It is well to have in his majestic splendor has climbed the vines planted so that the waste liquids eastern hills, or the robin has sung his from the dwellings can be used in ferfirst lay to the morning. What a glorious tilization. If there is any food the vine vision meets the eye! The landscape is especially loves, it is the soapy liquids clothed in a beautiful coat of fresh verdure. which accumulate on washing days in The air is perfumed with the odor of beauti- families. Vines drenched every week ul and fragrant flowers, which, like the with these liquids will flourish astonishtars that sparkle in the blue vault of ingly, and extend themselves so as to Heaven, dot its bosom with beauty; cover large buildings, every branch bear-

How Edgar A. Poe Died.

In the summer of 1849 he left New York for Virginia. In Richmond he met Miss in a few weeks they were engaged to be married. He wrote to his friends in the of his life in Virginia, where the happiest days of his youth had been spent .- Early in Ocprepare for his marriage, which was to take place on the 17th of the month. Arriving in Baltimore, he found that he had missed the Philadelphia train which he expected to take, and would have to wait two or three eken to the Maryland hospital, but he was beyond the help of doctors. He lingered A PLEASANT STORY is told of Mr. Colfax. two or three days, and died on Sunday October 7th, 1849, in the 38th year of his

AN IMPORTANT MATTER. -Here is a hint for housekeepers, and a very important kets and counterpanes will no more protect A SLIGHT MISAPPREHENSION. - Theother it from dampness or keep it dry than a keeping the beds in spare rooms regularly

"SALTS of demonite" were recently call- to stand unoccupied. Keep the spare beds.

Spotted Fever -The disease popularly known as spotted fever frightens many by its ominous but improper name. It is not, strictly speaking, a fever, and those

who are attacked by it are not always spot-The dread which its name causes is partly justified, however, by the character of the complaint, for it is indeed a terrible disease, frequently baffling the skill of the best physicians and carrying its victims death in an incredibly short space of

time. The disease is named by the medical men cerebro-spinal meningitis, which being interpreted means that it is an inflammation of the membrane covering of the brain and spine. It is not a new disease. Two hundred years ago Syderham described it under another name. In the early part of the present century it appeared in

New England, where it was known as "spotted fever." It occurred in the south of France in 1837, attacking the garrisoned towns. It found its way to America again in 1848. It is first noticed as having occurred in 1856-57, but prevailed more extensively in February and March of 1857. It is not contagious or infectious, but it is epidemic and at this season of the year it is most likely to attack its victims.

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SMITH and Jones were at the menagerie, and the conversation turned on Darwin's theory "Look at that monkey," said Smith. "Think of its being an undeveloped temptuously, "It's no more human than

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