

**PAUL**

"I've learned," he said, "to be content; I've learned to be patient; I care not where my life be spent, in cell or temple gate. If only I'm a man of nerve, O! then to those who need, May prove to Gentiles and to Jews His love in word and deed."

"What love it is to understand me! To mind the fires of earth, To make the world a better place, If I may preach the Word; To welcome shapes of human, cold, And hard, and stern, and true. For they will turn the faces to gold, And wash out all the stains."

"I am perplexed that my love, To Christ is ever given; And so I stand in the cross, For all who in Christ Jesus live. But still full deliverance gives, And sweetest cheer!"

On the way he became weak, But I might bring them in; And to the shore who need, Preaching that both body and soul, Last and lastly, were strong to boot. Whatever may befit, And whether well or ill we fare, Paul was at the center.

**ELIZABETH**

#### MORE THAN THREESCORE AND TEN.

John Battle died in Montreal the other day, aged 115.

Robert Kidd, 105 years old, is the oldest man in Texas.

Mary Fournier died in Little Valley, N. Y., at the age of 107.

Margaret McMahon died in Durban, South Africa, in her 103rd year.

Aunt Sarah Hicks, in the county hospital in Flushing, L. I., is 104.

A pupil in the Garrison (Ga.) school is 92 years old. She is a negro.

Lake Ontario, 102 years old, hangs himself in a pig pen on a poor farm.

Ernest Kemp, 93 years old, of Cawthron, Ky., married Mary Bridge, aged 16.

Lucy Kenney of Lansing, Mich., was 36 years a slave and over 60 years free.

Annie June, 93 years old, of Columbus, Ga., served under the first Republic.

Thurlo Wood saw the first steamboat and rode in the first steam railway train.

After living more than a century, a Michigan man committed suicide by hanging.

Diana Dowdy of Springfield, Florida, was employed to be 115 years of age when she died.

Over a century ago Mrs. Ann Collins Davis, Ky., was born. She remembers Washington.

Pete Sprague of Miami is 90 years old, and still active. He was a United States Senator in 1900.

May Doseck, whose great grandfather died in 1814, is 90 years old, recently died in New York, aged 112.

Mrs. Pitcher, lady of the Farmers' Home in South Burlington, Vt., died on Saturday week, aged 102.

James Smith of Somerset County, N. J., now 109 years old, was sold a slave thirty years ago for \$20 cents.

Thomas Hovey of Barrington, N. H., lately made a marriage proposal to a lady 85 years old and fifteen years his junior.

A negro died not long ago in New Haven, Conn., leaving a family of orphans from 30 to 80 years old. The father was 106.

The eleven daughters of the late Robert Johnson of Middlebury, Conn., are alive, the youngest over 50 years old, the oldest over 90.

Armstrong, Justice of the Peace, Pa., died Saturday, aged 99. He voted for Thomas Jefferson for President, and for Samuel J. Tilden for the same office.

Although 103 years of age, Jacob Gilbert, who is living at 25 Vine Street, Baltimore, is in excellent health. She remembers the embarkation of Post McPherson and Gen. Washington once.

A North Carolina couple, who are each over 90 years of age, desire to die at the same hour. They have completed their arrangements even to their tombstones. They live in Irredell County.

Sir Moses Montefiore, the eminent Jewish banker, is in his 97th year. He served as Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1837, the year of the Queen's accession to the throne, and was knighted by Her Majesty that year.

**The First English Academy of Music**

From the time when Alfred went as a harper into the Danish camp to the day when Richard of the Lion-heart captivated his Austrian bride, there has been a history of strife until the legendary King David sang beneath his prison window, and, hearing the responsive refrain, discovered where the lost monarch was held captive, and took hence the news to Jerusalem, and released John, the story of the troubadour and the great troubadours, and the story of the court and of the English possessors, also France. There is evidence, too, that some distinct recognition in the nature of an academic degree was given to professors in art and science, who were compelled to receive the title and dress of the King's ministers as an excuse for begging; and a disorderly crew, they were, creating scandals in various parts of the country. There was only one remedy, and the King, on the 24th of April, 1469, granted subsidies to his own professors, forming a guild to be called the University of Oxford, for life, and by two classes, which annually, who were compelled to submit brothers and sisters into the guild, and to examine the pretensions of all such as assumed to exercise the rights of professor. Hence it was that the first Royal University of Madrid, it is significant, was formed somewhat on the plan of those trade guilds or associations of craftsmen which have since been recognized as city companies, having their special charters, privilege, and liberties. —London Standard.

**Miscellaneous**

Oliver Wendell Holmes calls a kiss a "holy sacrament." He should have added that it usually follows a "vow."

A BOATMAKER has this extraordinary announcement in the widow: "Ladies will be sold as low as seventy-five cents a pair."

"I have a theory about the dead language," said a new student. "What is it?" asked the professor. "That they are killed by being studied too hard."

A extraordinary man, this, feelingly expressing himself: "Even as a nature lover, I constantly guards the rose with thorns, so does she allow women with pins."

If a man is dissipated, it is true that he will not live half his days, but then young Kepurin says he lives out about two-thirds of his nights and that makes a good average.

SWITZERLAND is this winter almost one mountain of snow; trains, steamboats, and telegraphs have been in a chronic state of intermission.

Professor R. A. Proctor, who is now forty-three years old, is said to have been devoted to astronomy even in his boyhood.

#### De Maria's Great Work.

Containing an Exquisite Knot-hole and Four-Quart Gown.

(From the Detroit Free Press.)

A dame will swing in years, elegantly got into a Michigan Avenue car with a pound of tea under one arm and a shanty under the other, and had hardly seated before a man leaped forward and asked:

"I beg pardon, but have you any objections to my inspecting that work of art?"

She handed it over, and he looked at it closely for a long time in the light.

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