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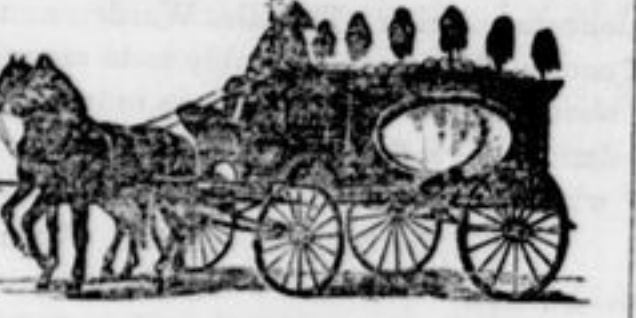
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POETRY. Learn to wait—life's hardest lesson, Come, perchance, through blinding tears; While the heart throbs sadly echo To the throbs of passing years.

Learn to wait—hope's pale fruition; Haunts not, though the way seems long; There is joy in such conditions, Faint, though suffering, may grow strong.

Human strength and human greatness Spring not from life's sunny side; Heroes must be more than driftwood, Floating on a waveless tide.

The Two Students.

In one of our large suburban towns lived a man named John Atkins. He was one of those men who had made their way to wealth, affluence and honor, by strict integrity and attention to business.

Attached to Mr. Atkins' establishment was a young man named Jared Walker. He was about eighteen years of age, and was the son of a man who had once been in the merchant's employ.

Not far from the dwelling of Mr. Atkins stood a college—one of the most flourishing and noted in the Union. Mr. Atkins himself had never had the advantage of a college education, but he had yet picked up a vast deal of information, than a man could not gain in a lifetime within the walls of a college; and he was the best friend to that youth who made the best use of his time.

One summer's evening, while Mr. Atkins and his child were sitting in one of the drawing rooms, a visitor was announced. He was a young man, and both the merchant and his daughter received him kindly. His name was Albert Landown, and he was the child of wealthy parents.

"Laura," said the young man, after the usual civilities of the meeting had been passed, "who is that young fellow that works around your garden here?"

"Oh, that is Jared Walker. He lives with us now. Don't you remember his father—old Timothy Walker—that used to live in the little black house back of the college?"

"Seems to me I did remember such a name; but I never knew him." "He used to work for father, but he died a few years ago, and Jared came to live with us."

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which indicates no great depth of purpose. "You have great advantages," resumed the old man, "and it behooves you to make the best use of them your power. I know of many a poor boy who would give half the liberty of his lifetime if he could but have the opportunity for an education that you have."

"Yes—I suppose so," said Albert, and then he added, with a slight laugh, "and I suppose they would like some of my money, too."

"Perhaps they might, but those who are wise would not take the money with ignorance; they would rather have the education, for that is by far the nobler portion."

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"He is young and inexperienced," said Mr. Atkins to himself, after the youth had gone, "and I suppose don't like too much advice. I know how it is with these fortunate young men; they want age to sharpen their understandings."

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For some moments the old man was silent. There was a rich moisture in his eyes, and his netter lip trembled.

"Jared," he at length said, "I think I have been kind to you; but that is no reason why I should now be unkind. You could not have done a thing to give me more real joy than this. I knew not that you had such a desire for learning, or I would have helped you myself."

"And have you not helped me?" cried Jared with enthusiasm. "I have had your books, and I have heard your counsels upon educated men. I owe it all to you, sir."

"Well, well, perhaps you do. But I will let you go to the college and try the plan you have formed, on one condition."

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in one hand, he met Albert Landown. To be sure, Jared was dressed in a working garb, and from the very nature of the work he had been doing, he was somewhat dusty; but he still thought it no harm to speak, and with a bright smile he bid the other "good morning."

"Stop you a moment," uttered young Landown, turning red in the face. Jared stopped and sat down his books.

"Now look ye," continued Landown, "this makes the third or fourth time you have spoken to me since I entered college, and I want no more of it. I thought my silence might have given you the hint. Now don't you dare to recognize me again, for I don't choose to be on terms of intimacy with every floor-sweeper that happens to know my name."

Jared did not dare himself to make a reply, for he was touched to the quick, and he knew if he gave liberty to his tongue he might say too much, so he picked up his bag and started on his way.

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"Well, as for that, I don't know. I can read a few sentences, but what's the use?" "Anything that is worth doing, is worth doing well," said the old man, somewhat severely. "Did you study Spanish and German?"

asked the youth, after some moments of nervous silence. "Of course she will go with me."

"But perhaps I could prepare myself before you go."

"No—that would be impossible. I shall start next week."

And so Jared accompanied Mr. Atkins to Europe, where they remained four years, and when they returned, the minister had given up control of his fair child to his young secretary.

"That's right," continued the fair girl, "for I am going to study it and it will be so pleasant to have some one to converse with."

"Will not Mr. Landown study the language?" Jared asked.

"Perhaps so—he says he shall," replied Mrs. Atkins, but she does not seem to make much of his studies."

The two had been conversing together for some time, but the introduction of Laura's name seemed to strike a chill to the mood of both, and shortly after they separated. But it was not their last conversation, for they conversed often, and with mutual profit.

Years were not long in passing away, and the college term at length expired. Four years had gone by since Jared Walker first became a servant at the college, and he had now come forth with a well-earned diploma.

Mr. Atkins was not a great politician, but he was, nevertheless, a warm adherent to his political party, and on moreover, who wielded a vast deal of influence. The Presidential chair of the nation had just been filled by a new incumbent, and new appointments were being made.

ACCIDENT AT ROTHSAY. — Mr. William Fair met with a severe accident on the 8th. He and his father were in the bush splitting wood. Both were engaged at the same block, striking blow about. Both had their axes out at the same time when William struck it with his left hand.

HEAVY LOSS OF CATTLE.—On the 2d inst., the steamship Alce sailed from Boston for England with a cargo of cattle, belonging to the Toronto Exporting Company. The animals numbered 229 some of whom came from the States.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The Definitive Treaty of Peace, ratified by the Sultan, reached St. Petersburg on Saturday week.

The British Admiralty has chartered fifteen steamers to carry troops and supplies to the Cape.

It is reported that pleuro-pneumonia is spreading among the cattle in North and East Yorkshire.

The severest shock of earthquake since Aroquipa was destroyed was felt at Panama on the 9th ult.

An English steamer has succeeded, after several attempts in ascending the San Juan River and entering Lake Nicaragua.

General Tollén has succeeded in evacuating Adriaque on the 18th inst., and the Turks are occupying each position evacuated.

It is reported that the Vatican intends creating new dioceses in the United States on account of the rapid growth of the Church in that country.

An illicit distillery was lately seized in Western Adaja, capable of running off fifty bushels per week. It was driven by a three-horse power engine. When seized, twenty-five bushels were ready to run off.

It is reported that the King of Burma has murdered all the Royal Princess and their families, and reinstated the Ministers formerly in office, thus restoring the previous despotic Government.

The death is announced of Henry P. A. Pelham-Clinton, Duke of Newcastle. He was born in 1834, and succeeded to the Dukedom in 1864. He will be succeeded by his eldest son the Earl of Lincoln, at present fifteen years of age.

While a large number of people in Stockton, Cal., were witnessing a new pump in operation, on Saturday, the boiler of the engine, owing to the carelessness of the engineer, driving, burst, and sixteen people were killed and twenty-six wounded.

A little boy, whose father was a rather immoderate drinker of the moderate kind, one day sprained his wrist, and his mother utilized the whisky in her husband's bottle to bathe the little fellow's wrist with the whisky.

A woman has been discovered right in Key West (Fla.) labour. It was supposed that the sponge was extinct in this neighbourhood, having been gathered years ago, but suddenly, and by accident, it is ascertained that the neighbouring barrens teeming with sponges of a superior quality.

At the last meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Canada the Rev. John Laing, of Dundas, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly, which meets in June next.

AGES.—The elephant lives from 150 to 200 years; the carp from 100 to 150; the crocodile, crow, eagle, pike, raven, swan, and tortoise live to 100; the ant, beaver, camel, lion, stag, goose, heron, and pelican live to 10; the horse, hyena, dog, dolphin, porpoise, live to 30; the bear, cow, hog, ox, wolf, canary, lark and pigeon, live to 20; the cat lives to 18, the sheep and the goat to 10, hare 8, squirrel 7, bee 4, wren 3, and spider 1.

Says the Barrie Gazette.—The expenditure hereabouts in the townships, and county has increased with the natural expansion of municipal business. It does not, however, necessarily follow that the more is spent by our Councils now than eight or ten years ago our municipal representatives are extravagant. Before such a charge will lie against them it must be shown that they have spent money unnecessarily, or allowed its outlet where it might without disadvantage have been saved.

It is the same with the Province and the Ontario Ministry. They have found a good use for more money than was spent annually in 1868 or 1871; and it is quite plain that the expenditure should now be greater. They have also allowed no dollar to the people for general use millions of dollars of public money that could have done no good while hoarded, but which has proved of great benefit in circulating among all classes.

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