

Miscellaneous

Martyrdom

BY JOSEPH SEBNETT.
Written A. D. 1685.
Do minds serene, that never drew
Celestial air, nor ever flew
Above these foggy regions,
Their dearest blood profusely waste,

The Two Cords of Wood

Just at dusk one November evening, three children occupied the large kitchen connected with the establishment of farmer Grant. A bright wood fire blazed cheerfully in the wide chimney, while from the crane the suspended tea-kettle was announcing, as loudly as possible, that the hour for supper was approaching.

Kindness is Power

A married lady had lately moved into the neighborhood of the church of which I was pastor, and in a few days joined with us by letter. It was not long before I understood that she was sick. I therefore called, and found her confined to her bed.

Madison's Monument and Remains

Since his death and burial in 1836, the mortal remains of ex-President Madison have been quietly reposing at Montpelier, in Orange Co., a locality distant some nine miles from Gordonsville, on the line of the Virginia Central Railroad.

MADISON

BORN MARCH 16, 1751.
Died June 28, 1836.

The appearance of the work will commend it to the favorable consideration of every one who may chance to visit the spot. When erected, its appropriateness and beauty seemed to strike every beholder. It is simple, substantial, and graceful, and in strict keeping with the quiet of the country burial place, and the character of the brave man whose grave it covers.

In digging for a suitable foundation, it became necessary to go below the coffin, which was consequently exposed to view. The boards placed above the coffin had decayed, but no earth had fallen in upon it, and everything appeared to be as when the coffin was deposited there, except that the coffin lid was slightly out of place, allowing a partial view of the interior.

The True Wife

The death of a true wife is beautifully drawn in the annexed portrait by Channing: "Her reserve and shrinking delicacy threw a veil over her beautiful character." She was little

wants his wood piled up to-morrow, before the snow comes."
Ellen stood for one moment returning her brother's gaze, then said, eagerly, "Ruth and I will pile it for you. We'll get up very early, and do our stint before breakfast, and then we shall have the whole afternoon."

Mixed Races in Spanish America

THE BEAUTIES OF AMALGAMATION.
Dr. Tschudi, a distinguished German naturalist, has recently published his "Travels in Peru," a work of great interest and value; in which, among other matters of curious information, he gives a list of the crosses resulting from the intermixture of the Spanish with the Indian and negro races of that country.

Stardling Calculation

If a tobacco chewer chews for fifty years and consumes each day of that period two inches of solid plug, he will consume 6,475 feet, or nearly a mile and a quarter in length of solid tobacco, half an inch thick and two inches broad, costing two thousand and ninety-four dollars! Plug Ugly, sure enough!

Concrete Cellar Bottoms

The facility and cheapness with which the bottoms of cellars may be made clean, sweet, and impervious to water, is generally but little known to house owners; nor the ease and certainty with which water may be excluded from cellars where it is difficult to drain.

more thick, and with a taper or rake, head, spread it evenly and smooth; then throw on six much clean, coarse gravel as will absorb, and so continue until finished. In twelve hours, or as soon as it has set, sweep the surplus gravel evenly on the surface, and tramp it down with a short plank and ponder, until it is smooth and compact, and in a few days of good weather, it will become like a solid rock. It assists in durability and firmness, to give it several good dashes of water after it is dry.

Presbyterians in Great Britain.—The pecuniary prospects of the Free Church are not so encouraging as last year. There is a falling off in the Educational Fund, and on the quarter ending August 31st, there was a total decrease in the Sustentation Fund, as compared with last year, of £1,411.

The Coral

As Mr. Milne jocosely remarks, the Chinese seem to be at our antipodes not only geographically but socially. For instance, they pay morning calls as we do, but instead of taking off their hats, they keep them on, and instead of shaking their hosts' hands, they shake their own. White is prohibited at weddings, and worn at funerals. Men of matured age fly kites, and little boys sit and look on.

The Light of Nature

THE LIGHT OF NATURE.—David Home had frequent discussions with his friend, Dr. J., on the subject of religion, the one maintaining the sufficiency of the light of nature to all practical purposes, the other insisting on the necessity of revelation. One evening, after a long argument on the subject, at Dr. J.'s, home rose to take leave. The doctor begged that he would wait a single moment, for a candle to let him see the way down stairs.

Death in Africa

DEATH IN AFRICA.—The Church is again called, says the Episcopal Recorder, to mourn the death of a devoted laborer for Christ upon the coast of Africa. The Rev. Mr. Holcomb passed on Friday, June 12th, from the services of the church on earth to the higher and better ones of heaven. He had been ill with the fever of the climate, and was considerably prostrated, but no anticipation of his being near his end was entertained by those around him till the final hour arrived. He had been singing with Bishop Payne but a few hours before, and seems to have been full of religious peace.

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