

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Old Time is the deadliest of wars,
And perhaps he wins with his rules;
He gave all to-day to the wise,
To-morrow he presented the fools.

At first he made naught but to-day,
With its joys, its successes and sorrow;
Then to keep us good terms with the world,
He gave us all to-morrow.

The world received it at the news,
Put their hands in their pockets and slept,
Waiting the promise of Time,
Would be most reluctantly kept.

They never expected that the great
Had promised to-morrow in fact.
So quickly went to-day,

Left us to-morrow's task to be done.

But when we awoke up to find
The to-morrow was really a night,

And thought what they'd do when we late,
If they had the time to do with.

They prayed to old Time to return,
For they found, as he laughed and few on,

That to-morrow was nothing but death.

—*Horror's Bazaar.*

AN OPEN VERDICT.

It is a very pleasant feeling, that of liberty from all business care of whatsoever kind; if only for a few weeks, when one's avocations for the remainder of the year confine one to a busy brain-devouring city like this mighty London of ours; and, therefore, it was with no slight degree of anticipated enjoyment that some rear or two ago I accepted an oft-repeated invitation to visit an old school chum, Dr. Henry Gladden, at the Village of Claystone, in one of our northern counties.

I arrived, however, at an unfortunate period, and found that what I had pictured to myself as being a happy, jolly country home, was at that time a house of mortaining—Gladden's uncle and predecessor, old Mr. Williams, had died only a few hours before my arrival. I could willingly have gone on my way, but this my friend and his wife would not bear of, and everything was done to render my visit as cheerful as circumstances would permit. I attended the funeral, and, as we turned to leave the churchyard, was much struck by an expression of gloom which appeared to be uttered without any knowledge of it on his part. It was—"The grave has closed over the last." I felt greatly tempted to ask for an explanation, but for obvious reasons checked my curiosity.

A few mornings afterward, while accompanying my friend on his round of visits, we came before an old, large red-brick house that stood close beside the road, being separated from it merely by a hedge and small lawn.

"By, what's this?" exclaimed Gladden, as we saw a number of workmen engaged in erecting scaffolding, digging up the lawn and otherwise demolishing the place. "What are all these men about? Hit (calling to one of the people) what's hit you are doing here?"

"Piling up the house for a rail way," was the laconic response.

"Then the final link is being broken," mused my companion, as we drove on.

My curiosity was again aroused, and this time I resolved to satisfy it, so I came to the point at once by thus addressing my friend. "Hil, you are not generally given to ambiguous or unsatisfactory sentences, and therefore—if I am not presuming too much—would you mind telling me to what you alluded in your last remark, and the equally strange one uttered at your uncle's funeral?"

"Well, Dick," he replied, "it is a strange story, and one, perhaps, that does not require much credit upon my poor uncle; but as the actors in this little drama have passed away, and the other scene of action will in a few days be played up, I may and will set your mind at rest on the subject. You remember that, after I had walked the hospitals in town, I came down here partly on a visit to, and partly to study under my late uncle. But I found a greater attraction than any I had anticipated in the person of my Cousin Lucy, with whom I soon fell over head and ears in love. Her father was not averse to it, and things were shortly in good train for our marriage. I was to be taken into partnership by my uncle when that event took place, and the day before the deeds were signed the old gentleman called me into his room and narrated his following story, which will explain my late expressions, and which I will tell in his own words."

"Harry," said my uncle, "as you are now to be my son-in-law and partner, I think if but right you should become acquainted with an adventure which befell me in my younger days, and for my sake in which—justifiable as it then appeared to me—I have never ceased to reproach myself. At the time I am speaking of, I was studying medicine at Manchester, but while on a visit to a distant relative, Dr. Seyton, who occupied this very house—(You see, Dick, this is quite a family practice," parenthesized Gladden)—I was one night awakened by a shake of the shoulder, and, looking up, saw the one who had stopped me, and that that was Deadman's Lane. There was no help for it; I must pass the spot; so I pressed the pistol. I had taken the precaution to bring with me this time, I pressed the horse's sides and urged him on. I was not four or five yards from the lane when a man started into the roadway and stood directly in front of me; his figure was light, and his face concealed by a mask; further he spoke I recognized this voice that bade me 'Stand and deliver.'

"Not quite so soon, young sir," said he, as he perceived my intention to draw on one side. "We don't part quite so easily this time; but just have the medicine."

"Along the clear white road, as fast as horse could draw us, we went past cottage, farm and mansion; past pond and park and stream; beneath long avenues of trees that bordered the road.

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MECHANICAL AND SCIENTIFIC.

Hiccup of a severe and prolonged type has been cured in five minutes by a powerful compression over the epigastrium.

Some naturalists have been discussing the question whether moths, and certain other insects, possess the sense of smell and hearing.

The original stock of the beet occurs wild on the Grecian shores of the Mediterranean Sea. It also grows wild in some of the islands of the Atlantic.

A case of arsenical poisoning from wearing a green shade over the eyes by a person suffering from a disease of the eyes is reported in a German journal.

Sulphur has been discovered in great abundance in Chile. The quality is so fine that it only needs grinding and sifting to be fit for the market.

Prof. Tyndall contradicts the statement of the London *Times*, that he once suggested that the earth must have received the germs of life from some other planet. He says he never entertained such an opinion.

To a correspondent who asks why exploring expeditions are not sent to the south pole, the *Scientific American* answers thus: "The south pole is more obscure than the north pole. It is now in the glacial stage."

It is a painful yet inevitable experience of the philanthropically minded, that it is easier to devise plans for the good of the unhappy and unfortunate than to get them to accept the offered blessings. Those who build convenient and sanitary dwellings for the aborigines, with a view to lighten the burdens and improve the condition of the shiftless poor, often learn this lesson at no little cost. The force of custom is hard to overcome, and when sustained by prejudice is often irresistible.

A somewhat comical illustration of this sort of fruitless effort to do good comes from the *Laccadives*. On those islands the excessive multiplication of palm rats threatened the existence of the inhabitants. Lying in the crowns of the cocoanut trees, the rats nibbled off the young nuts, and the fear of starvation and ruin fell upon all the people. They appealed to the Indian Government for aid. The Government responded by sending over a pack of cats. But as the cats could get fish to eat below, they will feed and protect them in old age as they were protected and fed by them in their youth.

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Washington Correspondence of Errors.

Now, when there is such a scarcity of news or material of any sort for interesting correspondence with that clarity has the public press seized upon poor Orvil Grant's monomaniacal fits as the theme for sensational statements concerning him and his relatives. As the Ex. President's brother, of course the mere mention of his name excites interest, but all the reports to the effect that Genl. Grant was troubled, vexed, and perturbed embarrassed on account of his odd brother's vagaries are false and without foundation. The fact is that Orvil Grant was ever an unpretentious, unobtrusive man. He was seldom in Washington or at the White House during his brother's administration and has very little acquaintance in Washington. No doubt it is true that during some of his crazy times he has entered into business negotiations in the name of the General which he could not have done but for that connection.

Mrs. Grant, his mother, has of course been interviewed upon the subject, and she says that Orvil was always harmless and gentle, a good son, kind father and devoted husband, but that his monomania is so growing upon him that she considers his confinement wise and necessary.

STATE NEWS.

The Michigan Central railroad company is about to build a new passenger depot at Chelsea.

A new hotel costing \$4,000 has been opened at Elmira by Mead & Shelley, for nearly of Gladstone.

J. H. Miller, of Manchester ships butter to New York by the carload.

The Gladwin Register says that potatoes are rotting quite badly, and all who have Early Rose will do well to dig them as soon as possible.

Jacob Knapp of Freedom, Washtenaw county, raised 800 bushels of wheat from 20 acres.

Lent wheat is being sown this fall than last throughout the state.

Reading, Hillsdale county, is to have a newspaper.

Our state university has been presented with a medallion portrait of President Tappan, executed by Prof. Brodhead.

The Niles public schools will be closed Oct. 11 on account of the republican mass meeting.

The Michigan military academy at Orchard Lake has 50 cadets in attendance.

The millers and grain and produce dealers of Grand Rapids organized a board of trade Oct. 8, with A. A. Gray for president, Wellington Hubbard vice president, Prof. V. Taylor secretary, O. E. Brooks treasurer.

The Bay City News says that John Denman, alias Fatty Miles, who recently died in jail there of delirium tremens, came of a good family in Niles, and that his father gave him \$5,000, which he invested in a side show at a circus. He lost the show and that was given two or three city lots and horses, all of which he paraded down the street.

Found again—the oldest person in the United States. This time it is a Mrs. Lucas of Virginia, Cuyahoga county, whose age is given as 115 years.

Major Mabley of Poston is circulating a subscription paper to pay the fine of H. M. Look and get him out of the house of correction.

According to some of the Toledo papers, A. O. Miller has got entirely over being a red ribbon lecturer.

John L. Rust of East Saginaw is going to cultivate a 2,000 acre wheat farm in Minnesota.

John O'Rourke, a tailor in Mills' store at Greenville, burst a blood-vessel Oct. 8, and died instantly.

Mr. Whitney of Summit, Jackson county, has lost three children with diphtheria.

Chad H. Berry, who some months ago committed large fortunes in Barry county, has been arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, and is now in jail at Hastings.

Kev. Palmer McManus of Grand Rapids was recently robbed of \$100 in money and a gold watch, presented him by his congregation.

A bear was killed last week in Newark, Marion county. It took 20 men to capture him, and when dressed he only weighed 218 lbs.

Mrs. Chamberlain, near Milford, aged 70 years, fell down stairs the night of Oct. 10, breaking her neck and dying almost instantly.

S. W. King and K. H. Armstrong, who have houses at Madison in this state, have died of yellow fever at Decatur, Alabama.

Mrs. Taggart, a widow, and a Miss McKown were drowned in Flint river at East Saginaw, Oct. 6, by the upsetting of a boat.

John Harmon, a liquor-dealer of Flint, dropped dead Oct. 1.

Richard Jackson, from Detroit for robbery and Jeremiah Utley, from St. Joseph county for larceny, escaped from the state prison at Jackson, Oct. 8. Warden Humphrey offered \$50 reward for each.

O. D. Waggett, editor of the Coldwater Weekly Press, has been sued for libel by A. T. Lampher, who demands \$5,000 to heal the wound. Waggett is held to bail in the sum of \$2,000.

Mrs. Henry Hale, an old resident of Grass Lake, died suddenly Oct. 6, aged 65 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenney of Lodi's lake, Clinton county, who recently had their baby killed and house destroyed in a tornado, are both reported insane.

B. H. S. of Ada, Kent county, was knocked down and trodden upon by a vicious horse, Oct. 7. His injuries are believed to be fatal.

An over curious husband asked his wife, "My dear, what kind of game do you think they will give me?"

Our Washington Letter.

Washington Correspondence of Errors.

I think the assertion may be re- tired that no city has done more work for the relief of the yellow fever suffering South than Washington. But the greater work of all was that of Ex. Governor Shepard, superintendence of chartering a steamer and sending it down the Mississippi loaded with supplies of necessities for the sick and dying. The undertaking was quickly and successfully carried out and already good news of the relief it carried to the suffering is reaching us.

President Hayes contributed \$100 toward the fund for relieving the yellow fever sufferers; Mr. Atwell is said to have given \$250, and Genl. Grant, through his son in New York, gave \$500.

The Hayes family have spent but little time in Washington since last Spring. They have been here many times but only for ten days of rest between excursions, visits to watering places, reunions, fairs and the like. Their latest obscure occurred just week when they visited the home and estate of President Madison at McLean's Orange Co., Va., where speeches were made, the usual handshaking reception held, dinner eaten and toasts drunk.

Genl. Sherman has returned to this city from his two month's trip to New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California, and expresses himself as well pleased with his journey and with the Indians affairs to observe which was the primary object of his visit.

On the Retired List.

Washington, D. C.—Oct. 17th. Washington Correspondence of Errors.

Since last winter's excitement over the House of Representatives Door-keepership and the consequent attempt to place Genl. Shields upon the retired list of the Army, public attention has been particularly called to that list, to what and why it is. The statutes provide that any officer who has been in service 30 years, or has been disabled by wounds, or incapacitated otherwise, at the President's discretion, he places upon the retired list, which gives him three-fourths pay without sacrifice of whatever office he holds at time of retirement. For years a score or two of disabled officers, who long ago passed the examination by the Retiring Board, have been waiting for vacancies to occur in the retired list; but native Army officers are tough as mule, and do not drop fast. So, last year, when a provision was inserted in the Appropriation Bill for the support of the army enlarging the retired list from 300 to 400, the President at once retired 35 disabled officers and has 65 vacancies left. There are plenty of officers who are really incapacitated by age and have served much longer than the limit required by law; but for various reasons they do not wish to be retired. Some are proud of their stations and will not hear to be laid on the shelf—though that is where they justify being; others would be glad to be so disposed of, but want their superior officers to go out so that they may be promoted before leaving the service—that gaining the dignity of a higher title and the advantage of higher pay. There is a clause, however, in the statutes which provides that after an officer has served 35 years, or is 62 years of age or past, the President can retire him at his discretion whether the officer wishes it or not; and after closely scrutinizing a list of 50 officers who have been examined and passed by the Retiring Board already, the President intends retiring all those save a few of the most serviceable.

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