

Poetry.

Farwell to the Swallows.
By THOMAS HOOD.
Farwell, sitting on the eaves,
See ye not the gather'd shivers,
Nor ye not the falling leaves?
Farwell,
Is it not time to go?
To the fair as they call,
Of coming winter tell,
And from the trees shake down
The boughs,
And withered leaves. Farwell!
Swallows, it is time to fly;
See not ye the altered sky?
Know ye not that winter's night
Farwell?
Go, fly in sooth lands
To the bright as they call,
Of gold, and pearl, and shell,
And gem (of which they tell)
In books of travel strange?
They range,
In happiness. Farwell!
Swallows, on your wings glide
O'er the restless deep rolling tide
Of the ocean deep and wide;
Farwell,
In groves far, far away,
In summer's sunny ray,
In warmer regions dwell,
And then return to tell
Strange tales of foreign lands,
In bands,
Perch'd on the eaves. Farwell!

SELECTED MISCELLANY.

A GOOD NAME.—A good name is above all price. Have you not found it so, young man, who's well-known virtues have placed you in a position which you occupy with feelings of commendable pride? And you whose fame has been the target of envious tongues, have you not seen a good name to be the only breast-plate that is impervious to the poisoned shafts of calumny? Job and talent, what are these without a character? A light to render darkness visible, a gilding, which by contrast makes the substance more revolting! Charis it, then, all ye who possess it; guard it carefully, for depend upon this, its purity once tarnished, the unweaving effort will hardly restore it to its pristine luster.—Let it attend you through the journey of life, crowning your days with peace and happiness. The rétitude which won it will engrave upon your face a letter of recommendation to people of every nation and tongue. And when the treasure is no longer needful to you, it shall descend to your posterity, a legacy with which millions on millions would not bear to be compared.

A FAST LIFE.—A "fast life" cannot be lived with impunity. In this field of waste and disorder, as in every other, God's violated law, however it may be forgotten, never fails to assert and vindicate itself. "The vicious die early." They fall like shadows, or tumble like wrecks and ruins into the grave—often when quite young, almost always before forty. "Bloody men," says the Psalmist, "shall not live half their days; and the remark is equally true of "fast" men. They live unquietly, spend their twelve hours in sin, turn night into day, or use for carousal and dissipation time that should be used for rest; and in their rush in the chase of pleasure, get out of sight and into darkness, while others are in the glow and glory of life. Many a man, and many a woman too, dies thus long before their time. They keep such a constant steam, that the boiler is consumed or exploded. The machinery is destroyed by reckless speed and its inevitable wear and tear.—Rev. T. B. BROWN.

GREAT MAN BOYS, NOT MADS.—Generally speaking, the greatness or smallness of a man is determined for him at his birth, as strictly as it is determined for a fruit whether it shall be a currant or an apricot. Education, favorable circumstances, resolution, industry can do much; in a certain sense, they do everything; that is to say, they determine whether the apricot shall fall in the form of a green bead, blighted by the east wind, and shall be trodden under foot, or whether it shall expand in tender pride and sweet brightness of golden velvet. But sprout out of purr, great man 'out' of small, did never yet art or effort make; and in a general way men have their excellence nearly fixed for them when they were born. A little cramped and frost-bitten on one side, a little sun-burnt and fortune spotted on the other, they reach, between good and evil chances, such size and taste as generally belong to men of their caliber, and shall in their serviceable bunched, the great, in their golden isolation, have those no taxes for regret, nor those for disdain.—*Reddin.*

"*We sleep, but the loom of life never sleeps;* and the pattern which was weaving, when the sun went down, is weaving, when it comes up to-morrow."

The best power to adorns the marriage of a young lady is, to have her acquaintance numerous; to her mother wisdom and to her behavior modesty.

A leading man, with almost every politician is always to keep his counterpane and never keeps his word.

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