For the Lutheran Visitor

& WILLIAM C. S. O year, thy fading time comes on, Thy breath, thy touch is cold, Thy Spring and Summer glories gone, And thou art growing old.

Thy robes but now in verdure wrong now in brown and gold, ombre hies of age have caught, For thou art growing old.

We wandered late 'mid spring-tide flow il beauteous to behold ; loved thy radiant summer hours— Alas! thou'rt growing old.

Soon shalt thou lay thy vestments by, And time thy shroud enfold, Soon death shall close thy dimming ey For thou art growing old. Ah! failed beauty, life and joy,

In fate's dark list enrolled Her mystic wand your charms destro Ye soon, too soon, grow old. n faded flower, in leafless tree. Our doom, how surely told!

Yet we are growing old. We strayed—it seems but yesterday— A lamb amid the fold; We've wandered now-ah! far away, And we are growing old.

So late upon a mother's knee.

And Time, O Time, whose fatal tread Warps every beauteons mould, And trembling nations pale with dre Thyself art growing old.

And sin-cursed earth, on hoary rocks, Thy tale of age is told,
And mossy boughs, with trembling lock
Attest thou'rt growing old.

And man on faded scrolls of fame Are proudest names enrolled, While signs in heaven and earth procla Our race is growing old.

But lo! prophetic visions rise A voice celestial cleaves the skies: "I make all things anew." 'Tis Alpha and Omega's voice,

With new creative power, That bids the trembling world rejoice Then earth and all her heritage

May vanish and decay : We hall the dawning golden ago The light of heavenly day, When ransomed earth, in fadeless bl

May dare the powers of hell; and man shall triumph o'er the tomb Through his Immanuel Lexington, S. C.

Children's Department.

The Widow's Son.

en house, nestled among the trees at the foot of the hill, lived the Widow Wood. She lived all alone, save her helps to it, and except in the case of ittle boy-her only child, Johnny. Her husband was a poor, hard-work- driven into the language, as it were ng man, who had contrived to pay by exceptional genius, there is for their little home, having one other meaning in a proverb. "Fool cow, and kept his garden in good rder, when he was suddenly removed in," is an expression of the concer by death. Johnny was too young to trated experience of ages of men and his widowed were all in all to have ridiculed it in that rough line each other. The school-house was The tendency is particularly marked far off too, but as soon as his little in Scotch and American proverbs legs had got long enough, Johnny where the national habit of criticism was found at school. Early in the has fair play; but it runs through morning, washed and combed, he the proverbs of all nations, as in the would kiss his mother for a long Italian's rebuke of hurry, "Chi day, with his little dinner-basket piano va sano," and the exquisite hung on his arm, while she, charging though melancholy proverb of the him to be "a good boy," would turn Talmudists about unlucky men, "If back to her lonely home, to spin or the stone fall on the pitcher, or the to weave, or to do something by pitcher fall on the stone, no good which to earn a pittance toward happens to the pitcher." go out to meet him toward night, in this little list in which we can come home, and then, hand in hand, bitter on the faults and frailties of little Johnny would tell her his joys humanity, the essence of experience and then how Miss Pierson praised leaning to superstition creeps him for getting his lessons so well, and there are many proverbs breatly

"Why, no, not if we do as well as "of And it's no disgrace to eat rye takes two to make a bargain, it pies, is it, mother 1"

"Certainly not, if we can no

afford to bave wheat." if they will laugh any more!"

"Well, Johnny, you be a good boy, will do all I can for you."

The widow wiped a tear silently from her face, and felt that this little all the wealth in the world.

So she silently toiled and denied

why Widow Wood should "kill her- more serious, than the cooler Ameriself with work, just to keep that can sneer, "It don't do to pray cream great boy at school." They said "he and live skim-milk." There is somehad better be earning something for thing wonderfully characteristic of his mother." But the widow kept Ireland in "Live in my heart an' pay at a religious meeting wherein he silent, and toiled on. At length the no rint," and "Love all men, barrin" time came when Johnny was ready an attorney;" and there is the Irish gation with tables before them, at to go to college. Could she ever genius for insight into character in meet the expense! She had earned "One's own will is good food," and and saved something every year by much of Irish content in laziness in her loom, in view of this possibility milked and drove her own cow to wit in "You're as ugly as if you pasture, cut her own wood all win- wor bespoke;" but the true thought ter, and one day in the week, sometimes two, went out washing. Soon imaginative, and with menace always it began to be whispered round that under its dream, comes out in "Kill "the widow's son was doing well;" a wren, but beware of fire,"-that is, first scholar in his class, the poor mother took his arm after the exercises of the day were over, and with tears and smiles walked with him they are collected here, less good, through the streets of the city, the happiest mother in all that city.

taking a commanding position in his pages of them here, and we select a vision might be as remarkable as profession-one of the most honored few which have no connection in and distinguished men in our coun- drift, but will, we believe, be familiar try. She did see him in his elegant to every reader, yet forgotten by nine house, surrounded by a great library, out of ten to belong to Shakespeare : their hearts. And many others, who, and a most gifted family of children, "Sweet are the uses of adversity." it may be, come with good intent, and she did live with him and lean "A quart of ale is a dish for a king." upon him as upon a strong staff, but "All that glistens is not gold." "Ro-I am not sure that she was really see have thorns, and silver fountains happier than when chopping at her | mud." "Borrowing dulls the edge of wood pile, that she might save a husbandry:" "Brevity is the soul little to help her boy through college. of wit." "Comparisons are odious." They are both dead now : but I'knew | "Conscience doth make cowards of him well, and his invaluable writings us all." "The devil can cite Scripare now on the table before me. ture for his purpose." "The better question would be: What become

Miscellaneous.

Proverbial Philosophy.

erbs, just issued by Messrs. Rout-

ledge, it occurred to us that there is

one string on which almost all an,

tochthonous proverbs-proverbs, that is, not invented by genius, but spring ing no one knows whence, natural proverbs, proverbs repeated among nations, the authorship of which unknown, yet which do duty for w dom-may be strung. They are most all short expressions of accumulated experience of ages, that censorship which man exercise through opinion over his neighbor, In a little brown, one-story, wood- and therefore slightly cynical and contemptuous of the average inte lect. They are, in fact, intended as certain utterances which have bee build houses for wise men mber his father, and the neigh- who have perceived the tendency of

so she thought it time for him to scarcely find one that is not jocularly and sorrows, how the boys called boiled down to teach what, after all, im #a baby," and "a milksop," be- is scarcely worth the learning. Oc case he stoutly defended his mother, casionally, very rarely, the nation illed him her "model little ing deep piety, like this magnificent one, "God never strikes with both "I don't think they ought to laugh | hands;" but in the main it is cannishrewdness and experience, which comes out. This from America is a miracle of Aonest cappiness. "If it should take two to break it," but it has not the ring of "A bonnie bride's sune buskit," "A crackit bell will "They throw and pull me around, never mend," a bit of the philosophy they do because I am little and of love worth much that has been seble. I can't fight them; but I written on the subject, "A cuddy's tell you what, mother, I'll grow, and gallop's soon ower," "A dirty han' Pil be a good scholar, and be a doc- makes a clean hearthstane," "A fu' tor or a lawyer, and then we will cup is ill to carry," "A fule may speir ive in sitbig house, and you shall mair than a wise man can answer," a lady, and I'll have good "A' lasses are gude; whan come we'll eat wheat, and see the ill wives frae ?" "A short grace is aude for hungry folk," "A tocherless dame sits lang at hame." "Be and learn to love your books, and I ready wi' your bonnet, but slow wi'

There are pecks of Scotch proverb

We have nothing that we can remember which quite describes dysconfiding boy was dearer to her than pepaia with this gentle and smiling acquiescence in your lot, "Everything heel on the neck of religion.
troubles you, and the cat breaks your Time never sets heavily erself everything possible, and kept heart;" but the true spirit of Irish her child at school. When he had proverb is in the rhyme, "I see the earned all they could teach him in moon an' the moon sees me; God the little red school-house, she sent bless the moon an' God bless me," a him to so scademy. He was the sentence which in its devotional and perform what you resolve. poorest boy in the school, the poorest inutility-it is, we imagine, the The stupid great man, like

"Back to the wind and front to the After he had entered college, she sun's heat," and gennine savage Irish of Ireland, half ruperstitious, half

The Euglish proverbs would less characteristic, and, as far but for the wonderful collection which Shakespeare has added to our A few years after, she saw him common speech. There are seventeen lessly made up little book of Prov. later.

What Men Need Wives For.

It is not to sweep the house, mak he bed, darn the socks, and coo the meals, chiefly that a man wants a wife. If this is all he needs, hired belo can do it cheaper than a wife. If this is all, when a young may calls to see a lady, send him into the pantry to taste the bread and cake she has made, send him to inspect the needle-work and bed-making; of im to witness its use. Such things are important, and the wise young

man will quickly look after them. But what the true man wants wit wife is her companiouship, sympa thy and love. The way of life h many dreary places in it, and man needs a companion to go with hi man is sometimes overtaken by misfortunes; he meets with failure and defeat; trials and temptation beset him, and he needs one to stand by and sympathize. He has some hard battles to fight with poverty nemies, and with sin; and he need a woman that, when he puts his arm around her, he feels he has som thing to fight for; she will help his to fight; that will put her lips to h ear and whisper words of counsel and her hand to his heart and it part inspiration. All through life through storm and through sunshinconflict and victory, through adverse and through favoring winds, man needs a woman's love. The heart yearns for it. A sister's or a mother's love will hardly supply the need.

Yet many seek for something furher than success in housework. Justly enough, half of these get nothing more; the other half surprised beyond measure, have gotten more than they sought. Their wives surprise them by bringing out a no ble idea in marriage, and disclosing treasury of courage, sympathy as

Useful Proverbs.

find it easier than lying.

meaner than the trifle. A hear full of grace is better than pulses. Nature makes a thousan heart full of notions. Men looking at the faults of w

men should shut their eyes. If we seize too hastily, we may plants, and animals, and a myriad of have to drop as hastily. Experience is a torch lighted in thing, contributed something. We the ashes of our delusions. Prosperity is a blessing to

Let everything have its place and Experience is the act of the who every business its place. than be wicked with plenty.

good, but a corse to the evil.

bold and courageous one. He who laughs as cruelty sets hi Time never sets heavily upon

but when it is badly employed. take care to correct in yourself.

The Bundle of Calf-skins.

a tanner, once dreamed that he was it will be poetry .- Thoreau. was surprised to observe the congrewhich they were all pursuing their usual occupation. The merchant was busy with his books, the retailer with his goods, and the mechanic with his tools.

Indignant at such employment among persons professedly assemhe was about rising to administer to dentally placing his hands behind crush the peasant, the wren under a him, he found a bundle of calf-skins ar ;" and the day he graduated, the lord's thatch, but beware of his ven- suspenders from his own shoulders. We may easily suppose that he deferred his exhortation, and took to himself a portion of the reproof which seemed to be implied in the

If we could see the inner thoughts of all who gather for worship, the was his dream. Multitudes come the house of prayer, while thoughts of worship are the farthest from find their minds wandering, like the fool's eyes, to the end of the earth.

Next to the inquiry: What be

Such is the simple but true story of part of valor is discretion." "A of the sons of successful men! A "The Widow's Son,"-Rev. J. Todd, fool's bolt is soon shot." "Ill blow few men and a few firms are in the the wind that profits nobody." These | the hands of the founders ; but these are but a few out of hundreds, and a are exceptions. The old name and guage to great authors; but these see that man shoveling in coal are sayings rather than proverbs, Well, his children, and children like Glancing over a queer and care. though so universally quoted .- Spec | bis, will justle your pampered sous and rule this land," said an old New Yorker the other day. The old names have ceased in the pulpit The famed men of the bar seldom have successors. The eminent juristr carry their honors with them to the grave. Merchant princes are oblierated. The reason is clear. The fathers laid the basis of business one way and the sons build another. Men who earned their fortunes by bard work and diligence, and who knew sixteen hours' toil by personal attention, who were their own book keepers, salesmen, cashiers, and of ten porters, are followed by sons who do as little as possible; who delegate to others all the work they can, and who know more of the road than the ledger. Famous botel men were gentlemen, men of intelligence, men who were the equals of the best in the land, and never sunk the gentlemen in their trade. Young menwho fling the example of their sires to the winds, find it easier to squander a valuable name; run through a fortune quicker than it was earned. and find themselves, while young, at a point from which their fathers started. One thing is quite marked in New York. It is the fact that the beavy business is getting into the bands of foreigners. The heavy importers, the great bankers are fo eigners, and much of the trade of value is slipping out of the hauds of Americans, as the trade of England got into the power of the Lom-

The Scribe of Nature.

It is wise to write on many subjects to try many themes, so that you may find the right and inspiring one. Be greedy of occasions to express your thoughts; improve the opportunity to draw analogies; there are innu merable avenues to a perception of the truth. Improve the suggestion of each object, however humble, however alight and transient the provocation. What else is there to e improved! Who knows what opportunities he may neglect? It is Always tell the truth; you will -this way or that; follow its lend-Aug-apply it whether it inclines to He who gives a trifle meanly, is go. Probe the universe at a myria points. Be avarieious of these in

not in vain that the mind turns aside acorns to get one oak. He is a wise man and experienced who has taken many views; to whom stones, and objects have each suggested somecan not write well or truly but what we write with gusto. The body and senses must conspire with the mind man, that our speech may be vascu Better be upright with poverty lar. The intellect is powerless to express thought without the aid The tenderest heart loves best the the heart and liver, and of every member. Often I feel that my bear stands out too dry when it ought to be immersed. A writer, a man writing is the scribe of all nature; he the corn, and the grass, and the Whatever you dislike in another atmosphere, writing. It is always essential that we lies to do what we Resolve to perform what you ought | are doing-do it with a heart. There are flowers of thought and there are leaves of thought, and most of our Cattle, pigs, and birds are equally dressed and fed. People wondered smuggler's proverb-is worse, though clown, gets up only to tumble down. thoughts are merely leaves, to which cared for

the bread of thought is the stem. Whatever things I perceive with my A Philadelphia Quaker, who was entire man, those let me record, and

Power of Books.

Music works a miracle for those who have an ear; poetry for another class; a good book that fits his taste will at once render this service to every reader. Many times the reading of a book has made the way of a man-has decided his way of life. bled for the solemn worship of God. It makes friends; it is a tie between men who have been delighted with them a sharp reproof, when, acci. the same book. Every one of us is always in search of his friend; and when he finds a person reading a rare poet or thinker who is dear to him, in solitude, it is like finding a brother. Dr. Johnson, hearing of a man who had reveled in Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy," said, "If I had known that, I should have hugged him." We expect great men to be great readers; for in proportion to the spontaneous power should be the diffusive. Julius Cæsar, when shipwrecked and forced to swim for life, did not gather his gold, but took his commentaries in his teeth and swam with them to the shore. Even the wild and warlike Arab, Mohammed, said of his men, "They are either learned or learning; the rest are blockheads." The great Duke of Mariborough could not go into camp without Shakspeare.

The Dutchess Brabantes tells us of the first Bonaparte, that in hastening out of France to join his army in Germany, he tossed his journals and books out of his traveling carriage as fast as he could read them, and strewed the highway with pamphlets. We expect a great man to e a good reader; for in proportion o the apontaneous power should be the receiving power. Napoleon's critcism is admirable. He writes very well. Witness it chiefly, I should say, in his letters to his brother, the king of Spain. Montesquieu, one of the greatest minds of France in its history, said: "The love of study s in us almost the only eternal pasion : all the others quit us in proportion as the miserable machine which gives them to us approaches its ruin."- Emerson.

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