Poem.

Dedicated to Gen. Pratt by the Chelsea Seashore Invincibles, 1855.

All, hail, great Pratt, all hail to thee,
While these few lines we write to thee.
May you on the American eagle's wing soar
And reach the Presidential seat as men of yore.

All hail, great Pratt, to thy great name,
May thy aspirations never be in vain;
May thy great deeds to thy country be known,
May fortune reward thee, drone of her own.

Long, long may we hail, the great traveller to speak,
A man who wants office enough not to seek,
A man who with joy we elect to the chair,
And when the time comes, we all hope to be there.

Great traveller, thy deeds to the world are known,
Even to Queen Victoria on her magnificent throne;
The Czar of Russia has heard of thy great name,
The world is resounding with thy great fame.

Thy paper, the Gridiron, will make men quake
Who have been seeking for office for money's sake;
Thy paper will lay the foundation of thy great name,
Sec, hail, great Pratt, for thy everlasting fame.

When thou diest, a monument will be erected to thee,
Which will be read of in history o'er the sea;
The winds will waft it to every clime,
Thy name will be read of till the end of time.

[Gen. Pratt called into our office the other day and left us the above statement of his fame.—EDS.]

Noticeable Articles.

Aside from the papers relating to the impending war noticed in the last number of The Tech, the most interesting article in the Contemporaries is Mr. Matthew Arnold's "Comment on Christmas," Its tone may be gathered from the opening sentences: "It is a long time since I quoted Bishop Wilson, but he is full of excellent things, and one of his apothegms came into my mind the other day as I read an angry and unreasonable exposition addressed to myself. Bishop Wilson's apothegm is this: Truth presages those whom it does not convert. 'Miracles,' I was angrily reproached for saying, 'do not happen, and more and more of us are becoming convinced that they do not happen! nevertheless, what is really best and most valuable in the Bible is independent of miracles. For the sake of this, I constantly read the Bible myself, and I advise others to read it.'"

In the same number is an extremely interesting paper by the eminent Belgian economist, Mr. Emil de Laveleye, on the fundamental question of "Political Science," the proper sphere and function of the state. It is a criticism of Mr. Herbert Spencer's recent pamphlet, "The Man in the State," and a brief rejoinder from Mr. Spencer is appended. The reading of such papers as these is a very profitable exercise for all students who feel an interest in acquiring some knowledge of the drift of current speculation on the great science of government.

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson writes on "Style in Literature," and he is certainly qualified to write on the subject, by the possession of a very charming style of his own, as those know who are acquainted with his pleasant book. Whatever may be thought of the amount of light he throws upon it by his article, he certainly shows a just appreciation of some of the faults of a writer who is often taken as an eminent example of excellence, when he speaks of "the player on the big drum," the "incomparable dauber," Macaulay.

Students of art will be interested in a paper in the Nineteenth Century by Dr. Waldstein, on the true meaning of the figures on the Eastern pediment of the Parthenon; and students of astronomy, in a paper by the eminent English astronomer, William Huggins, giving an account of the attempts that are making to ascertain the true nature of the "Sun's Corona." Mr. Andrew Lang, who has just published such an interesting book on mythology ("Custom and Myth," Harper & Bros., 1885), writes in favor of a comparative study of ghost stories, "From the Eskimo, Fuegians, Frjiens, and Kurnai to Homer, Henry More, Theocritus, and Lady Betty Cobb, we mortals are 'all in a tale,' and share coincident beliefs and delusions."

The Fortnightly contains an interesting paper on Almania and its picturesque inhabitants, a country which always recalls to memory the Second Canto of "Childe Harold," and which may yet make a figure in some future settlement of the Eastern question.

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In the May Century more space than usual is devoted to the war articles, sixteen extra pages being added to the regular number for this purpose. Of first interest is Gen. Badeau's paper on "General Grant," as a soldier, which covers the whole period of Gen. Grant's military experience. The frontispiece of the number is a portrait of Gen. McClellan, who contributes an article on the "Peninsular Campaign." In addition to these are several other war papers of equal interest. All are illustrated with careful maps and pictures of places and incidents, and numerous portraits. The rescue of "Greely at Cape Sabine" is the subject of an interesting paper by Ensign C. H. Harlow, of the rescue ship "Thetis." Mr. E. C. Stedman's paper on Whitter is the important literary feature of the number; and for fiction, in addition to the serials, "H. H." contributes a short story entitled "The Prince's Little Sweetheart." The poetry is by Edmund Gosse, John Vance Cheney, H. C. Bunner, and others.

Outing for May is as bright and entertaining as usual.