LABOUR AND WAR.

When we are told that over three millions of men in the prime of manhood are trained in the armies of Europe for war, I say to myself, "Nineteen out of twenty of all this host are poor men's sons." Think how much hard toil in the field and in the factory, in mine and mountain—what parental tears, and Cor. of Wabash Avenue, trials, and anxieties-it cost to raise up these three millions of young men to the age of eighteen or twenty years! Then look at them while they are at drill; I see they are all picked men-all chosen for perfect health, strength and stature. The military surgeon has ex-amined them all, and declared them all very good for war. We have no surgeons to examine candidates or recruits for the plough, axe, hammer, or spin-ile. Bow-legged men, asthmatic men, one-eyed men, are deemed good enough for the great industrial armies of the world; just as if war must have the flowers, and peace the weeds, of manlind. I have walked all over England, from Land's End to John O'Greats, in the spring and summer months. It is a beautiful country. Nearly the whole island is cultivated like a garden. The amount of labour applied to its cultivation is perfectly wonderful, especially FOREIGN & DOMESTIC FRUITS to an American like myself. And white I wonder, I put this and that together ia this comparison. They say it takes 700,000 agricultural labourers to make this island such a garden of beauty and fertility. Their wages average ten English shillings a week. Then the labour of the whole 700,000 men and women for the year cost; £18,200,000; and what a glorious show of green and golden trops they spread over the whole island for that sum! I look at it with admiration. But I cannot help looking at something else at the same time. I look at the English war budget for 1866. s year of armed peace. I see £26,000,aments for war in that year! That is, 12 for the plough against £3 for the sword in the time of peace! This com-parison stirs up sad reflections about CHICAGO, - - ILLINOIS, producers and consumers. I once heard stated in the British Parliament that a certain bombshell of a new pattern cost £11] when ready for use. Then it would cost the labour of an able-bodied man at the plough, sickle and hoe for six spring and summer months, to pay for one of these death-dealing shells. How much honest, patient labour is swallowed up in the wolfish maw of war! - Elihu Burritt.

THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.-The Salem correspondent of the Portland Press

Friday afternoon we went up to the Peabody Institute to see the portrait of Queen Victoria, presented to George Peabody by her Majesty. Peabody, our readers will remember, was formerly called South Danvers, but in consequence of the magnificent gifts of the creat banker, the inhabitants decided to Oils, Paints, Window Glass The horse-cars take you easy and pleamantly to the door of the building, a three-mile ride. The Institute is of d78 ly brick, two and a half stories in hight, with stone trimmings to the windows, and is quite an imposing edifice, being some one hundred and twenty-five feet SEYMOUR, CARTER & CO. long by forty-five wide. These are not the exact figures, but they are very nearly correct. On entering a side door you find yourself in the library, a room which occupies the whole of the lower floor, and contains some fourteen thousand volumes. At one end of the room is a large safe built into the wall, over 29 Lake Street, CHICAGO, His Paints, Brushes, Varnishes Flouring Mills, Saw Mills and Woolen Mills the top of which is a marble tablet, stating that it contains a portrait of her Majesty, which was presented by Pea-body to the Trustees of the Institute to hold in safe keeping for him. By the conditions made by Peabody,

a man has to keep guard over this safe night and day, the safe itself been constructed in the strongest manner and equal to any known bank safes. The portrait is most exquisitely enameled, and with the aid of a large, magnificent giass, which is presented to you, its rare delicatey and softness are exhibited to perfection. The frame is of gold, magnificently wrought in artistic designs, the principal of which are the royal arms of England over the picture, and the intertwined emblems of England, Ireland and Scotland (the rose, sham-rock and thistle) on either side. This frame is mounted upon crimson velvet, giving additional richness to the portrait. Besides the portrait of the Queen there is also a splendid gold snuff-box, presented by the Fishmongers' Association of London, a beautifully chased and valuable box, containing the "freedom of the city of London," and the more of the city of London," and the magnificent medal presented by Congress in consideration of the valuable aid Peabody had given to the cause of education in the South."

LITERARY LOTTERY .- The following is said to be Dana's own account of the. way in which his very popular "Two Years Before the Mast" got into the hands of the first publishers:

After his manuscript had been pre-pared for the press, it was offered to several publishers and fifially, as a last hope, it was sent to the Harpers. By them it was placed in the hands of their reader, a gentleman of great cul-ture and judgment, and who afterwards became a Bishop of the Episcopal Church. His report was enthusiastically favorable; he advised the firm to publish the book by all means, and to make the best terms they could with the author of the copyright. In due time Dana, discouraged by previous rebuffs, sought a reply, and was met with still greater discouragement from the Harpers. He was told that the sea, as a topic, had been exhausted by Cooper and Marrystt, and that it was extremely doubtful if his book would "take." Still, as a venture, they would consent to bring it out, and would give \$200 for the copyright, on the usual publishers' terms, which were that the money should be paid after ten thousand copies had been sold, subject to a discount of twenty per cent. In despair Dana accepted, the book was published and to get a copy the author was obliged to buy it. None ever was sent to him. It immediately became a great success, and in due time the author received about \$160 for it from the publishers, who have since made, it is said, over \$10,000 from its sale. topic, had been exhausted by Cooper

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