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Poetry.

AT DEATH'S DOOR.

BY JULIA D. YOUNG.
I shudder at the frightful brink,
The gasping plunge, the icy wave—
In all my quivering flesh I shrink
The slow cold horror of the grave.
Dim ghosts wait on yon shrouded shore,
Their hope, sense, spirit quenched in death,
Gray helpless ghosts fore-ermore—
Ah, God! I dare not die!" one saith.
"Fain would I sleep and be at rest.
But whence would come my children's bread?
Dear wife, dear baby at her breast,
What fate were theirs if I were dead?
If but an hour my labor cease,
The wolf comes howling nearer by—
Not yet for me death's holy peace—
No, no! Lord help me not to die!
Thou knowest, Lord, my life hath not
Like others with love's radiance glow-
ed—
I scarce remember one bright spot
Along the weary, dusty road.
If looking backward one could know
His heart with joy had once beat high,
"Twere easy then, methinks, to go—
I have not lived—Oh, must I die.

My crimsoned soul is doomed to hell—
Oaths foully perjured, friends betray-
ed,
Tyrannic burdens, treasons fell,
The hard-won honors of a maid.
And cruel murder, last and worst,
These strew the earthly path I trod!
My writhing victims cry Accurst!
How shall I face an angry God?

To me there came the gift divine
Of words to help and heal and bless,
And they are mine, and only mine—
No other may the message guess.
My lips are hushed and sealed. Ah,
then
I may not speak the thrilling, strong,
Uplifting words God sent to men—
And earth is poorer by a song!

Oh sweet lilies, sweet the breeze,
And sweet the sunset's pearl and rose!
Hath Heaven sweeter things than these?
It may be true—but yet, who knows?
I care not for the higher bliss
That dwells, they say, yon sky above—
Oh, clasp me—let me feel your kiss—
And keep me—keep me here, Oh
Love!"

I WONDER WHY.

I wonder why hearts change so carelessly,
Forgetful of the fires they have set
Aglow in other hearts,
Forgetful of the trembling lips once wet
With dew of kisses.
I wonder why it comes—forgetfulness—
To steal away the loyalty and truth
That once were glorified,
Leaving, alone, a formless shadow—
ruth
For those forgotten.

I wonder why we cannot, earnestly,
Command our love as we command our
lives.
And prove it sweetly true,
That love remains to him who truly
strives
To grow in constancy,
I wonder why we never know ourselves.

Can never look into ourselves and see
The hidden streams that wait
A magic touch to burst forth mightily,
And whelm our startled souls.
I wonder why once earnest vows enshrin-
ed.
Within the temples of our love
Grow faint with lapsing time,
Like echoes from some whispering voice
above.
The far off floating clouds—
I wonder why?
New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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When a lady of the sailor's home
Gave a comfort bag;
He laughed when he saw with in
Buttons and needles and thread,
Then hung it on a hook close by
To his bunk that served for a bed.

Soon after the ship went sailing
Away to a foreign land,
He was stricken with a fever
And longed for a kindly hand.
One day the bag of comfort
Swinging he chanced to see,
And took it down with a feeble hand
To find what there might be.

A Testament with a turned-down leaf:
"He came to save the lost—
That Christ who walked upon the waves
And calmed the tempest-tossed."
Among the needles, pins and thread,
A letter he could see,
Addressed "to one now far from home."
The sick man said, "That's me."

The lady wrote: "We thought of you
When, in our pleasant home,
Some bright-eyed girls were sewing these
For boys like you that roam.
We wished to help you in your life;
Please read this book and pray
To Him Who is the sailor's Friend;
God bless you on your way."

It was not much, but some way that
"God bless you" touched his heart.
He read and learned the Master's will,
And chose the better part.
And so one little comfort bag
Brought helpful strength and peace;
And now, dear girls, with faith renewed,
Our labors shall not cease.

WHAT THEY CONTAIN.

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THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

- Three things to govern—the tongue, temper, actions.
- Three things to avoid—idleness, slang, falsehood.
- Three things to hate—profanity, tobacco, liquor.
- Three things to cultivate—sympathy, cheerfulness, contentment.
- Three things to despise—cruelty, meanness, ingratitude.
- Never make yourself the hero of your own story.
- Never question a servant or a child about family matters.
- Never present a gift saying that it is of no use to yourself.
- Never fail, if a gentleman, of being civil and polite to ladies.
- Never read letters which you may find addressed to others.
- Never associate with bad company.
- Have good company or none.
- Never call attention to the features or form of any one present.

BUY FRUIT INSTEAD OF CANDY.

I wish, said a doctor the other day as watched a group of school children troop out of a candy store where they had been spending their pennies, that I could form a society among little folk in which each member would take a pledge to spend all of his money for fruit instead of candy. It seemed a funny way of putting it, didn't it? But the physician was very much in earnest, and at the moment it probably occurred to him that, as children like clubs, an anti-candy club would be a very good one for them. He wanted to do two things—to stop their eating the unhealthful sweets and to coax them to eat more fruit. An apple or a banana or an orange can usually, one or the other of them be bought for the price of a little candy, and the fruit is much better in every way than the sweet.—New York Times.

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