



dered deeper by the heavy green wrappings. The woman stood in tranced stillness, scarcely breathing, one brown hand half stretched out, and listlessly grasping at an unstretching bough end. Her eyes never moved from their fixed gaze upon that loved and grievously lamented face.

Suddenly she broke out in soft murmuring tones. "Oh! 'tis he. 'Tis his spirit come to say 'Good bye.' Ah! I have wished it. Was it wrong? oh! forgive me! oh! Rob! Rob! oh! not, not 'Good bye!'"

As she thus spoke the spell was broken and she moved forward, so that the man in the door way caught full sight of her. There was a rush of muffled footsteps over the ting strewn floor, and Robert Munro's arms were round his wife and she was clinging to him weeping, laughing, not knowing whether she was awake or dreaming, enchanted or sober, mad or sane, but just living unquestioningly the rapture of the moment.

As soon as I might I stepped forward and warmly wrung the hand of the wanderer, while his wife stood dumbly by with the rapt look still upon her face. "Come Bess, where has thy tongue gone, my girl? It is I, myself, and no ghost or wandering spirit."

But still Bess seemed unable to speak, but simply clasped her husband's great hand and stroked it in a quiet dreamy fashion.

Just then a soft pleasant murmuring sound stirred the stillness, a baby's cry. The man looked bewildered. But the sound roused Bess. The blood leaped to her cheek and brow in a sudden rosy flood. She glided from her husband's side to the hemlock heap, stooped tenderly down and came trembling and blushing back to his side.

Lifting up the white bundle she laid upon the brood breast of the amazed father the little dimpled rosy babe which looked up smiling into his face and caught with playing tiny hands at his yellow curls and beard. I silently went down the aisle, and stepped out into the starry frosty night, leaving the greatly blessed pair to their sacred unspeakable joy.

Munro had been picked up by a Portuguese sailing vessel in a half dying condition. The captain carried him to southern Europe. There small-pox had broken out on board and the vessel was in quarantine for four months. After that Munro took passage on an American vessel working his way and arriving just in time to keep a truly happy Christmas with his faithful and inconsolable wife.

The golden crown flower of our maritime lands, still year by year glorifies the grey rocks and fading fields, and the sweet brier sheds its sweetness, always sweeter after rain.

And in the true hearts of Robert Munro and his wife Bess their is the unfolding gold of true and loyal tried love and tenderness, while their home joys are sweeter and fairer for the storm that fell once upon them, but instead of crushing and ruining them refreshed and renewed them to more exquisite fragrance.

WORK, FOR THE NIGHT COMETH.

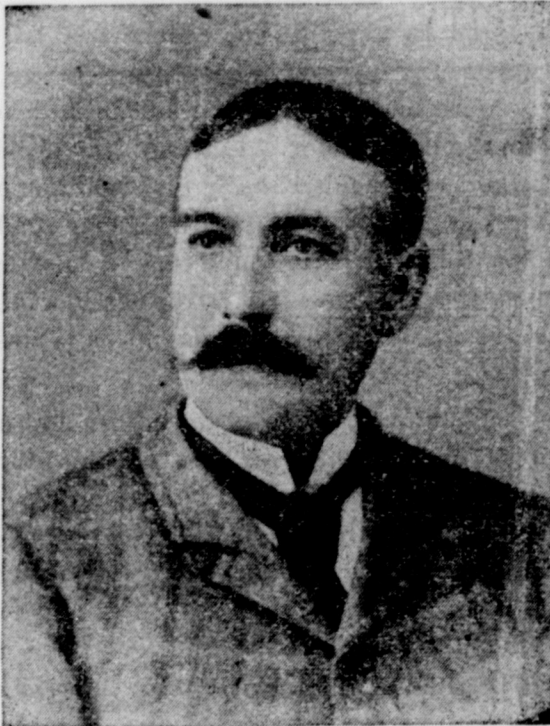
We long to do great things, so we neglect
Oft times to do the little things we can—
The common daily duties, while we plan
Some grand and high effect.

Our eyes are on the future, so we fail
To heed the little stumbling blocks along our way,
That fret our own and neighbors' feet; we say:
What do small deeds avail?

We dream of coming years that shall be fair
With fruitful harvests, though we sow no seed
Of toil and self-denial, prayer and kindly deed—
And time goes unaware.

O dreamer, wake and work! thy place is best
For thee; the passing hour alone is thine;
Do what thou canst do, and no more repine;
Work, and so earn thy rest!

—Christian at Work.



A ST. JOHN BOY'S SUCCESS.

If all the enterprising, go-ahead young men who have left St. John in the last 20 years to seek their fortunes elsewhere had remained in their native place and brought the same originality, the same energy and labor to their assistance as they have away from home, this city would be a different place today. But while we were sorry to lose them, nothing gives us greater pleasure than to hear of their success abroad, to know that fickle fortune has smiled upon them, and appears willing to yield her choicest gifts at their demand.

Among those who thought that there were better places than St. John thirteen years ago was E. M. Estey, who at that time was a clerk in the then well-known drugstore of John Chaloner. He had a decided leaning toward medicine, and his studies before then with Dr. John Berryman stood him in excellent stead in the drugstore. He went to Boston, and after two years of real practical work there in the laboratory, decided to finish his medical studies at Harvard, when ill-health forced him to return to his native province.

Shortly after his return, a good position offering in Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Mr. Estey went there, and was for some time manager in S. W. Dood's drugstore. In 1876 he determined to embark for himself in the rapidly rising town of Moncton, and from then until now he has carried on a steadily increasing and successful drug business in that place.

He soon found that there was as much room for originality, for thought and for enterprise in the drug business as in any other vocation. He was not long in finding out that there was a demand for goods not easily supplied in this market, and he began to think how the difficulty could be overcome. The result of his thinking was the introduction soon afterward of Cod Liver Oil Cream and Philodermia on the market. In addition to these excellent preparations Estey's Iron Tonic made its appearance about the same time and its reputation stands as it was won on its own merits.

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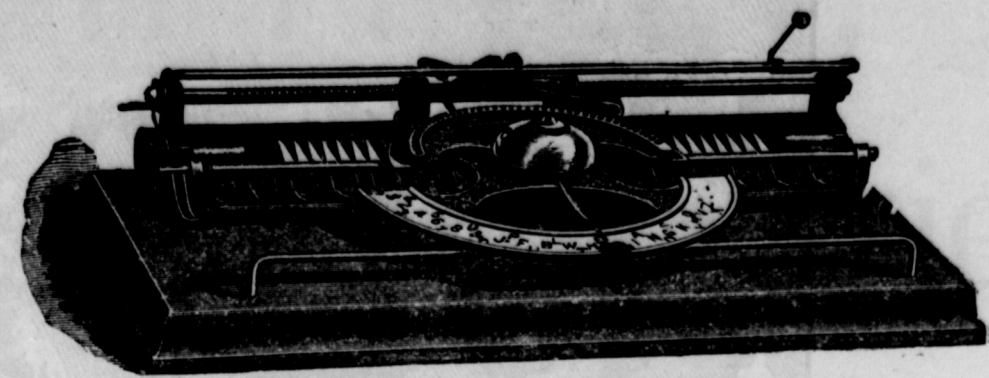
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