

Poetry.

"I HAVE NO MOTHER."

I have no mother, for she died,
When I was very young,
But never so still around my head
Like morning mist has hung.

They tell me of an angel here
That watched o'er me, led,
And of a soft quiet hand
That wiped the tears I shed.

With smile she held my tiny arm,
When I began to walk;
And joy and sparkle in her eyes
When I would try to talk.

And often, too, as I was ill,
She kissed my burning brow,
Her voice would fill upon my cheek,
I think I lost them now.

And then she used to kneel with me,
And teach me how to pray;
And raise my little hands in heaven,
And tell me what to say.

O mother, mother, in my heart
The love will still be there;
And may I ever be at her,
To meet and live with her!

Children's Column.

For the Intelligencer;

Boston, December, 27th 1856.

DEAR CHILDREN.—In passing along the street the other evening, I saw two little boys busily engaged looking for something in the ditch by the curb-stone. I approached them. What are you looking for boys? said I. "O, we are looking for guns." What are you going to do with the guns? "Carry them home to mother." And what will she do with them? "Stick them on paper, and sell them." So you see how some little boys have to get a living. Every night people put the ashes and sweepings of their shops and cellars out at the door, so that when the dirt comes around next day, it may take away this rubbish. Early on these cold mornings, you may see little boys and girls as well as men and women turning over these piles of dirt and ashes with their hands, looking for old shoes, old hats, bits of cloth, and old buckles, and anything that can be of the least use, and many things that you would think of no use, these they put in their bags and sell to buy some food. You will see old people, shivering with wet and cold, overhauling these barrels and heaps of dirt for what they can find in them. Quite late the other evening, a man asked me on the street to show him the way to the "station house," where he might sit by the fire, or lay on a bench all night, as he had no money, and had had nothing to eat since morning.

Every day after dinner, I find five or six little boys and girls with baskets, on the steps of my boarding-house, begging for cold victuals which the landlady kindly gives them. I ask them if they can read; some say "yes," some, "no," some say "a little." Do you go to Sunday school? Some say "yes." Most of them say "no, we have no clothes fit." I ask them how old they are. Some are nine, ten, twelve, &c. There are hundreds of little boys and girls wandering about in this destitute state in this city. The ladies, I am told, have what are called sewing circles to grant some relief to them. They buy stuff and then meet in some place and make it up into garments to distribute among these destitute children. I know of some gentlemen who spend five or six dollars a day in providing for these poor people; and after all hundreds are suffering. So boys and girls who have comfortable homes in New Brunswick ought to love and cherish them with grateful hearts for such inestimable blessings. And you who have schools, should strive to get an education which will enable you perhaps to gain a livelihood, should you ever be forced to leave your homes, and go among strangers.

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The Martyred Blind Boy.

In the reign of "Bloody Mary," of England, when the good Bishop Hooper was about to be burned to death, a blind boy, by much importunity, prevailed on the guard to bring him to the bishop. This boy had lately suffered imprisonment in Gloucester for confessing the truth. After the bishop had examined him concerning his faith and the cause of his imprisonment he looked on him steadfastly, tears standing in his eyes, and said, "Ah, poor boy, God hath taken from thee thy outward sight for what reason he best knoweth; but he hath endowed thy soul with the eye of knowledge and faith. God give thee grace continually to pray unto him, that thou lose not that sight, for then shouldst thou be blind both in body and soul."

The boy's name was Thomas Dowry. How often do we long how he had endured imprisonment for the truth's sake is not known; but on his final examination he was brought before Dr. Williams, Chancellor of Gloucester, sitting judicial with the register of the diocese in the consistory, near the south door of the cathedral church, who administered the usual articles, chiefly urging that on transubstantiation, and saying—

"Dost thou not believe that after the word of consecration, spoken by the priest, there remaineth the very real body of Christ in the sacrament of the altar?"

"No," answered the blind boy; "that I do not."

"Then," said the chancellor, "thou art an heretic, and shall be burned. But, who taught thee this heresy?"

"You, Master Chancellor."

"Where, I pray thee?"

"Even in yonder place," replied the boy, turning and pointing with his hand towards where the judge stood.

The chancellor again inquired, "When did I teach thee so?"

Dowry answered, "When you preached there (making a day) a sermon to all men as well as to me, upon the sacrament. You said the sacrament was to be received spiritually, by faith, and not carnally, and really as the Papists have heretofore taught."

The shameless apostate answered—

"Then do as I have done, and thou shalt live, as I do, and escape burning."

The blind boy said—

"Though you can so easily dispense with yourself, and mock God, the world, and your conscience, yet will I not do so."

"Then God have mercy upon thee," rejoined the chancellor; "for I will read the condemnation sentence against thee."

"God's will be fulfilled!" answered the young martyr.

Hereupon the register, being moved with the scene, stood up, and said to the chancellor:

"Fie, for shame, man! will you read the sentence against him, and condemn yourself? Away, away, and substitute some other to give sentence and judgment."

"No, register," said the fearfully hardened man; "I will obey the law, and condemn myself according to mine office."

He did so; delivered him to the secular power, who on the very same day led the blind boy to the place of execution at Gloucester, together with one Thomas Croker, a poor bricklayer, condemned also for the like testimony of the truth; when both, in one fire, most constantly and joyfully yielded their souls unto the hands of the Lord Jesus.—*English Martyrology.*

The Deaf and Dumb Boy.

At the examination of a deaf and dumb instigation some time since, a little boy was asked in writing, "Who made the world?" He took the chalk and wrote in underneath, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

The question was then asked, "Why did Jesus come into the world?" A smile of gratitude overspread the face of the little fellow as he wrote, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

He was then asked the trying question, "Why were you born deaf and dumb, when I can both hear and speak?" "Never," said an eye-witness, "shall I forget the look of sweet resignation and peace as he again took up the chalk and wrote, "Even so, Father, for it seemed good in thy sight."

Varieties.

The Credentials of a Philanthropist.

When a coroner's authority is disputed, he produces his staff; when a doctor's skill is questioned he holds back upon his diploma; when a great public benefactor is assailed by the jealous and the envious, he points to his works and achievements, and they will receive the stamp of his name; but to those who are to receive the first rewards of his labors, he will give them the first fruits of his labors. Stock of EARTHENWARE ever imported in this Province, and shall be able to sell at such prices as will reflect credit upon themselves and the establishment, and do away with the prejudice that exists against Machine Ware. 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