

Poetry.

BRINGING OUR SHEAVES WITH US.

The time for toil is past, and night has come—
The last and saddest of harvest-eyes;
Worn out with labour long and wearisome,
Drooping and faint, the reapers hasten home.
Each laden with his sheaves!

Last of the labourers thy feet I gain,
Lord of the harvest! and my spirit grieves
That I am burdened not so much with grain
As with a heaviness of heart and brain;
Master behold my sheaves!

Few, light, and worthless, yet their trifling weight
Through all my frame a weary aching leave;
For long I struggled with my hapless fate,
And stood and toiled till it was dark and late,
Yet these are all my sheaves!

Full well I know I have more tears than wheat
Branbles and flowers, dry stalks and withered leaves
Wherefore I blush and weep, as at thy feet
I kneel down reverently, and repeat,
"Master, behold my sheaves!"

I know these blossoms, clustering heavily
With evening dew upon their folded leaves,
Can claim no value nor utility—
Therefore shall fragrance and beauty be
The glory of my sheaves.

So do I gather strength and hope anew;
For well I know thy patient love perceives
Not what I did, but what I strove to do—
And though the full, ripe ears be sadly few,
Thou wilt accept my sheaves.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR.
Thy neighbor? It is he whom thou
Hast power to aid and bless;
Whoseaching head or burning brow
Thy soothing hand may press.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the fainting poor
Whose eye with want is dim,
Whom hunger sends from door to door—
Go thou and succor him.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis that weary man
Whose years are in their brim,
Bent low with sickness, care and pain—
Go thou and comfort him.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the heart bereft
Of every earthly gem;
Widow and orphan, helpless left—
Go thou and shelter them.

Thy neighbor? Yonder tolling slave,
Fettered in thought and limb,
Whose hopes are all beyond the grave;
Go thou and ransom him.

When'er thou meet'st at a human form,
Less favoured than thine own,
Remember, 'tis thy neighbour worm,
Thy brother and thy son.

Aunt Hannah and the Church.
Aunt Hannah lived out of town.
"Did I never tell you what a time I had
at our church last winter?" said she to me
one evening.

"No! what of it?"
"Now ain't that strange? Though I had
told every body about it, to be sure. La,
well, 'twill be news to you then! You know
Nora Thordale's darter. She came over
to our house, and said our congregation were
going to have a fair in the village meetin' house!"

"Dof tell," sez I. "Who's goin' to
preach?"
"Oh," said she, mightily smiling, "we ain't
goin' to have preaching; a few young persons
of the congregation, who seem to take a
deeper interest in the Church's welfare than
the members themselves, desired to purchase
a few indispensable articles for the meetin' house;
and we thought if all the Church
would present us with cakes, and pies, and
meats, and such things we would appoint a
night to sell them in the vestry of the church
and take the proceeds to buy the necessary
things. The plan is well received, especially
by the young. You know the money
is to be spent for charitable purposes, and, on
that account, every thing given us will sell
for double its value."

"Well, I wouldn't have believed that there
was so much wisdom left in the world, as to
have conspired up that," sez I.
"Tis even so," said Nora. "And what
will you give? You live on a farm and
farmers produce lots of things that would be
acceptable."

"Well, I will give you two roast turkey
and six roast chickens," sez I, thinking that
would be as much as any body could expect
these hard times.

"Um? Well, what else? 'Tis for the
church you give it, you know. Church
members should not be less anxious for their
interest than the world."

"You see I was a church member, and
she wasn't!"
"Well, I'll give a jar of peach jam,"
sez I.

"That will help along some. A few bushels
of apples, or a roast pig, would be acceptable."

"She was so ravenous, I began to be
sorry I'd offered her any thing. However,
I thought I'd go the whole hog or none, so I
promised the pig and apples."

"Of course you will give us cheese, and
pies, and cakes, and milk, and cream, and
then I think you will have done your part
at givin'." By the way, we are to have his-
torical tableaux, and Mrs. Amos Bruce
wanted you to take the part of the witch of
Endor. All you will have to do will be to
represent that lady, and stand perfectly still
behind the curtain; and people will pay
something to see you."

"Well, I'd old and ign'm'm, and didn't
know what I was about, so I consented. I sent
them the pig, and the turkeys, and the
chickens, and the apples, and the rest of the
things wanted, up to the meetin' house, the
day before the fair."

The next day my husband tackled up his
old horse and chaise to carry me to the fair.
Our old chaise, somehow or other, don't look
very old. There's a hole in the top and
sides, and some of the spokes of the wheel
squeak powerfully, too. Well, we hadn't
just got into town, when it seemed as if
all the boys out of jail came hollerin' and
hootin' after us as if they were possessed."

"Hurrah for the witch of Endor!" Her
chariot approacheth? Make way for her
majesty."

"Do ask them unsightly critters to be
civil," sez I to my husband; "my patience
is gone entirely."

"At that he clambered out of the chaise,
and after 'em, lick-ort-split, tight as he
could leg it. And oh, mussy sake! he drop-
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was full of folks, laughin' and starin' as if
they hadn't no respectability in 'em. I got
out of the chaise, and made my way through
the crowd, and when they wouldn't make
room, I elbowed them right smartly. I'm
desp't of flesh, and when I hit 'em they
gave back as if they'd been truck with a
dagger."

Paid twenty cents to go into the church.
The tables inside did not look beautiful.
Nora, she explained the fixins to me. There
were grad-boxes, that contained a hundred
things worth one cent, and one thing worth
ten, and paid five cents a grab; and if you
grabbed right, you would get twice your
money's worth. And there was a ring cake.
'T was divided into fifteen slices. You paid
a dollar a slice, and one slice contained a
ring worth fifty cents. So he that got the
right slice got a ring. And there were
guess cakes, and ever so many such kind of
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fully, as though I was making a fool of my-
self. I stood there feelin' desputely, and had
just made up a face to cry over my unfor-
tunate condition, when, all of a sudden, down
came the curtain, and there I stood right
 afore 'em all! They sot up such a hurra' as
I never heard before—or since. I elbowed
my way through 'em like wildfire, and made
for the gettin'-oot place, and struck off
home."

Well, I went home with all my witch
of Endor riggin' on. When husband came to
the door to let me in, he was so frightened
that he set the dog on me. The dog came
towards me, growled, and run as if he'd
break his neck, and I haven't seen him from
that day to this. I at last convinced my
husband that I was his beloved wife. When
I explained it all to him, the way he growled
was a caution."

Well, they dressed me up to represent the
witch of Endor; I never was very handsome
and they rigged me up at such a rate that I
must have looked awful. I stood behind the
curtain, and people paid a nippence to come
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smoke like devils!" Smokers should bear
in mind their pedigree! Barbarous! sensu-
al! devilish!

Indians are great smokers. I believe they
get drunk on smoke; and as the Spirit of God
does not convert drunkards when drunk, here
is one reason why they are not converted.
Mighty tribes go down to death, in mournful
procession, on STRONG DRINK and TOBACCO.

The red man Billy, gave the white man
Tobacco—the white man gave the red man
Rum; tell us, if you can, which got the best
end of the bargain? or, more to the point,
which inflicted on the other the greatest
curse?

A LITTLE observation, Billy, will teach you
that things which are alike usually go to-
gether. There is a chorus of voices. Rum
and Tobacco stand connected with all sorts
of vices and crimes; and, if we may believe
physicians, Tobacco takes the lead in the
gloomy catalogue.

"A desire is excited," says Dr. Rush, "by
Tobacco, for strong drink, and these lead to
intemperance and drunkenness."—"Chewing
and smoking Tobacco," says Dr. Stephenson
"exhausts the salivary glands of their secre-
tions, thus producing dryness and thirst.
Hence it is, that after the use of a cigar and
the quid, brandy, whiskey, or some other
spirit, is called for." Dr. Woodward says:
"I have supposed that Tobacco was the
most ready and common stepping-stone to
that use of spirituous liquors which leads to
intemperance."—"In the habit of smoking,"
says Dr. Muzzey, "there is no small danger.
It produces a huskiness of the mouth which
calls for some liquid; hence the kindred habits
of smoking and drinking." Dr. Alcott, Dr.
Agnew, Dr. McAllister, Dr. Coles, Dr.
Twitchell, Dr. Warren, and a host of others,
whose word should be law, proclaim the same
doctrine. [Anti Tobacco Tract.

Do you Want a Boy, Sir?
"Do you want a boy, sir?" said George,
a little urchin, scarcely eight years old, to a
spruce-looking clerk in a large store.

"Want a boy? Why, who wants to be
hired?" asked the clerk, looking with a pu-
zled glance at the little applicant.

"I do, sir," replied George.

"Look here, gentlemen," cried the young
man, speaking to his fellow-clerks, "here is
regular Goliath seeking work! Wants to be a
porter, I spose. Look at him. Ain't he a