

## Poetry.

## IF WE KNEW.

Our unkindness of feeling towards others would be greatly modified if we knew all. So, also, where we lack sympathy, we should have it, did we know all. This thought is well put in the following stanza—

If we knew the cares and crosses  
Crowding round our neighbor's way;  
If we knew the little losses,  
Sorely grieved day by day,  
Should we then so often chide him  
For the lack of thrift and gain—  
Leaving on his heart a shadow,  
Leaving on his heart a stain?

If we knew the clouds above us,  
Held by gentle blessings there,  
Should we turn away all trembling  
In our blind and weak despair?  
Should we shrink from little shadows,  
Lying on the dewy grass?  
While 'tis only birds of Eden,  
Just in mercy flying past?

If we knew the silent story  
Quivering through the hearts of pain,  
Would our womanhood dare doom them  
Back to haunts of guilt again?  
Life hath many a tangled crossing  
Joy hath many a break of woe,  
And the cheeks tear-washed are whiter—  
This the blessed angels know.

Let us reach into our bosoms  
For the key to other lives,  
And with love toward erring nature,  
Cherish good that still survives,  
So that when our disordered spirits  
Soar to realms of light again,  
We may say, dear Father, judge us  
As we judge our fellow-men.

Thou hast hastened to join the illustrious departed,  
Sacred song on the death of H. R. H. the Duchess of Kent.

Thou hast hastened to join the illustrious departed,  
And Royalty mourns with the nation thy loss;  
Descend thou, Sweet Peace, on the sorrowful hearted,  
That bright consolation bequeath'd from the Cross.  
Like the wise ones prepared with their lamps brightly burning,  
Not knowing the hour when the Bridegroom might come;  
So ready wast thou, in one moment discerning,  
The King in His beauty to welcome thee home  
And now with the multitude no man can number,  
Redeem'd, and made meet before God to appear;  
No longer thy harp shall in solitude slumber  
But wake to sweet tones in the heavenly sphere.  
Bath. L. M. THORNTON.

## Miscellaneous.

The Christian Traveller.—An Authentic Narrative.

HAVING waited a few days in a beautiful village of the West, I embarked in a vessel which was crossing one of the great lakes. Three other individuals had taken passage, and night coming on found us waiting for a breeze. About nine o'clock, when the sails were being hoisted, another passenger came on board. When we had cleared the harbor he entered the cabin, and seemed to suppose that he was alone; for we had all retired to our berths. The lamp was burning dimly on the table, but it afforded sufficient light for me to discover that he was young. Seating himself beside it, he drew a book from his pocket and read a few minutes. Suddenly from on deck was heard the voice of the captain uttering oaths, terrific beyond description. The youth arose, laid his book on the chair, and kneeling beside it, in a low whisper engaged in prayer. I listened attentively, and though his soul seemed to burn within him, I could gather only an occasional word, or part of a sentence, such as "mercy," "dying heathen," "sinners," etc. Presently he seemed in an agony of spirit for these sweaters, and could scarcely suppress his voice while pleading with God to have mercy on them. My soul was stirred within me. There was a sacredness in this place, and I was self-condemned, knowing that I also professed the name of Jesus, and had retired with my fellow-passengers to rest, not having spoken of God, or committed myself to his care.

Early in the morning I was waked by a loud voice at the door of the companion-way: "Here! Who these are these?" followed by other voices, in threats and imprecations against tract-distributors, heathens, temperance societies, etc. I thought of the young stranger, and feared they would execute their threats upon him; but he calmly said, "Those threats, sir, are mine. I have but few, as you see, but they are very good, and you may take one, if you wish. I brought them on board to distribute, but you were all too busy last night." The sailor smiled and walked away, making no reply.

We were soon called to breakfast with the captain and mate. When we were seated at the table, "Captain," said our young companion, "as the Lord supplies all our wants, if neither you nor the passengers object, I would like to ask his blessing on our repast."

"If you please," replied the captain, with apparent good-will. In a few minutes the cook was on deck, and informed the sailors, who were instantly in an uproar, and their mouths filled with curses. The captain attempted to apologize for the profanity of his men, saying "it was perfectly common among sailors, and they meant no harm by it."

"With your leave, captain," said the young stranger, "I think we can put an end to it." Himself a sweater, and having just apologized for his men, the captain was puzzled for an answer; but after a little hesitation replied, "I might as well attempt to sail against a head-wind as to think of such a thing."

"But I meant all I said," added the young man.

"Well, if you think it possible, you may try it," said the captain.

As soon as breakfast was over, the oldest and most profane of the sailors seated himself on the quarter-deck to smoke his pipe. The young man entered into conversation with him, and soon drew from him a history of the adventures of his life. From his boyhood he had followed the ocean. He had been tossed on the billows in many a tempest; had visited several missionary stations in different parts of the world, and gave his testimony to the good effects of missionary efforts among the inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands. Proud of his nautical skill, he at length boasted that he could do anything that could be done by a sailor.

"I doubt it," said the young man.

"I can," answered the hardy tar, "and will not be outdone, my word for it."

"Well, when a sailor passes his word he ought to be believed. I know a sailor who resolved that he would stop swearing, and he did so."

"Ah," said the old sailor, "you've anchored me; I am fast, but I can do it."

"I know you can," said the young man, "and I hope you will anchor all your shipmates' oaths with yours."

Not a word of profanity was afterwards heard on board the vessel. During the day an opportunity presented itself; he conversed with each sailor singly on the subject of his soul's salvation and gained the hearts of all.

After supper he requested of the captain the privilege of having worship in the cabin. His wishes were complied with, and soon all on board, except the man at the helm, were assembled. The captain brought out a Bible, which he said was given him in early life by his father, with a request that he would never part with it. We listened as our friend read Matthew's account of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection; and then, looking round upon us he said: "He is risen—yes, Jesus lives; let us worship him."

It was a melting scene. Knees that seldom bowed before, now knelt at the altar of prayer, while the solemnities of eternity seemed hanging over us. After prayer we went on deck and sang a hymn. It was a happy place, a floating Bethel. Instead of confusion and wrath, there was a sweet peace and solemnity. We ceased just as the setting sun was flinging upon us his last cheering rays.

The captain, deeply affected, went into the cabin, lit his lamp, took his Bible, and was engaged in reading till we had retired to rest.

After this, for three days, we regularly attended family worship, and had much interesting conversation on various subjects, for there was nothing in the religion of the young stranger to depress the cheerfulness of social intercourse.

From his familiarity with the Bible, his readiness in illustrating its truths and presenting its motives, and from his fearless but judicious and persevering steps, we concluded that he was a minister of the gospel. From all he saw he gathered laurels to cast at his Master's feet, and in all his movements aimed to show that piety was not to be trifled with. A few hours before we arrived in port we ascertained that he was a mechanic.

Before we reached the wharf, the captain came forward, and with much feeling bade him farewell; declaring that he was resolved to live as he had done, no longer. His wife he said, was a Christian, and he meant to go and live with her; and added, "I have had ministers as passengers in my vessel Sabbath days and week days, but never before have I been reminded of the family altar, where my departed parents knelt." As we left the vessel, every countenance showed that our friend, by his decided, yet mild and Christian faithfulness, won the gratitude of many, and esteem of all.—Can. Rep. Reg.

## Half Destroyed Bible.

A father in South Carolina was about sending his son to college. Fearing lest the principles of christian faith which he had endeavored to instill into his mind would be rudely assailed, he trusted in the efficacy of that Word which is quick and powerful, he purchased, unknown to his son, an elegant copy of the Bible, and deposited it at the bottom of his trunk. The young man entered upon his college career. The restraints of a pious education were soon broken off, and he proceeded from speculation to doubts, and from doubts to a denial of the reality of religion. After having become, in his own estimation, wiser than his father, he discovered one day while rummaging his trunk, with great surprise and indignation, the sacred deposit. He took it out, and while deliberating on the manner in which he should treat it, he determined that he would use it, as he should need it, to wipe his razor on while shaving. Accordingly, whenever he went to shave, he tore out a leaf or two of the Holy Book, and thus used it till nearly half the volume was destroyed. But while he was committing this outrage, a text now and then met his eye, and was carried like a barbed arrow to his heart. At length he heard a sermon which discovered to him his own character and his exposure to the wrath of God, and riveted upon his mind the impression which he had received from the last torn leaf of the blessed yet insulted volume. Had words been at his disposal he would have freely given them all, could they have availed in enabling him to undo what he had done. At length he found forgiveness, at the foot of the cross. The torn leaves of that Sacred Volume brought healing to his soul; for they led him to repose on the mercy of God, which is sufficient for the chief of sinners.

## THE HIDDEN TRACT.

A Swiss girl, of frivolous character, who thought she had only to leave her home in order to get on in the world, and become happy, joined a number of young persons who went to Prussia as governesses. One of her sisters had placed unknown to her, in her trunk, a Bible and some tracts. The expectations that she had formed prior to setting out were not realized, and she complained in her letters that she led a melancholy life. "I have," she said, "no pleasure here, and no dancing parties. The agreeable days that I spent in Switzerland are past, never to return." These complaints naturally excited

the sympathy of her parents and worldly friends, but were a source of grief to her pious sister. This affectionate girl, who was filled with deep anxiety for her spiritual welfare, was at last able to rejoice: for, some months afterwards, she received a letter from her, commencing in quite a different strain from her former ones, and showing the joy of a christian who had found her Redeemer. She wrote: "One evening as I took up a volume of pious reading, I felt that I was, I scarcely know how to read, a tract fell out which I carelessly took up, and found it to be 'Nicodemus, or the New Birth.' I felt inwardly urged to peruse it, and I read, the scales fell from my eyes. I perceived, and felt my misery, and during many days I was so unhappy that every one believed I was ill. At last I could pray, and I am now so happy that would desire to tell what I feel to every one."

## TESTS OF DECLENSION.

1. Constant association with careless professors.—Duty will carry us in the world, but only sin makes us of the world. The question is not, are our relatives, or our acquaintances, worldly. But are our chosen friends so? The first is consistent with a state of grace—the second never so.

2. Vanity.—If we do not caterize this, it may bleed us to death. "If a man is naturally vain," says Cecil, "he will be in danger of sacrificing everything to a name."

3. A tendency to speculate in money matters.—This often precipitates a fall. It drags us into bad companionship with men whose idol is gold. It casts into that quiet which is essential to prayer. It damages us in the judgement of others, and when we know others think we are sinking, we are apt to sink. And it often drags us into practices inconsistent with Christian integrity.

4. Going to distinctively worldly amusements.

5. Indulging some continually besetting sin.—Soon this corrupts our whole standard of truth. We make a new gospel to make this permissible. And this new gospel gives us a new Master.

It is true that sometimes this besetting sin is cured by violent remedies, as in the case of David and Hezekiah. But can we choose this—the disgrace to the Church, if not to ourselves—when now, by a vehement effort, the evil could be removed?

But take no narcotics to your conscience, so as to indulge in this besetting sin! For the stupor they produce may be that of death.

6. Seeking popularity.—We yield and yield, until at last the whole fast-lane goes.

7. Shortening prayers.—Declension first knocks at the closet door. It is the only gate by which it can effect an entrance. But when in, it possesses the whole house.

8. Luxury after a revival.—There are always ebbs and flows in the human heart, but beware lest you increase the reaction. Satan, like the wreckers, watches for an ebb tide to seize the vessels that may be temporarily stranded.

9. Prosperity.—Uninterrupted ease often foretells a fall.

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1 case Black and Fanny Satin Vestings, Black and Colored Velvets and Fanny Silk Vestings. The whole comprising a superb stock of Merchant Tailor's Goods.

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APRIL, 1861.

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Ladies' and Misses' Strong Boots and Shoes in great variety. Gentlemen's walking and dress Boots and Shoes. Children's strong and fancy Boots and Shoes, of every description and pattern.

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1st May, 1861.

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