

## Poetry.

### THE KING AND THE MILLER.

BY ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.

There dwelt a miller hale and bold  
Beside the river Dee;  
He worked and sang from morn to night,  
No lark more blithe than he;  
And this the burden of his song  
Forever used to be:  
"I envy nobody—no, not I!  
And nobody envies me!"

"Thou'rt wrong, my friend," said old King Hal;  
"Thou'rt wrong as light can be,  
For could my heart be wrought as thine,  
I'd gladly change with thee—  
And tell me now what makes thee sing  
With voice so loud and free,  
While I am sad, though I'm the King,  
Beside the river Dee?"

The miller smiled, and doff'd his cap—  
"I earn my bread," quoth he,  
"I love my wife, I love my friend,  
I love my children three;  
I owe no penny I cannot pay,  
I thank the river Dee,  
That turns the mill that grinds the corn,  
To feed my babes and me."

"Good friend," said Hal, and sighed the while,  
"Farwell! and happy be;  
But say no more, if thou'rt not true,  
That no one envies thee;  
Thy mealy cap is worth my crown,  
Thy mill my kingdom's fee;  
Such men as thou are England's boast,  
O miller of the Dee!"

## Miscellaneous.

### JESSIE'S BIBLE.

Jessie's father was a drunkard.  
I hope none of the bright eyes which will fall on these words will grow dim with tears as their owners are obliged to think, "So is my father!" for it is a sad thing to have a drunken father.  
Jessie was a dear child. God had remembered her trouble, and had softened the great grief which had come upon her by giving and preserving a lovely Christian mother to be her earthly guide; and that mother's prayerful teachings had been blessed. Jessie, too, became a Christian.

What a comfort she was to that mother! Many an hour they sat together at evening, when the father was out in his drunken revels at the dram-shop. They talked together of the love of Jesus; of his precious promises; and of the happy home above to which they felt sure he was bringing them, though through sore trials. And many a prayer they offered together for "poor father," as Jessie always called him when she prayed.  
They never gave him up; they never ceased trying, by kind words and affectionate treatment, to win him back to what he once was; for Jessie, as well as her mother, could remember the time when he was a very different man. And even now there were days when he was sober; when he worked to support his family; and when he felt sadly to remember the grief he had caused them. Then he would be tempted again and fall.

Jessie was preparing a surprise for her father. The surprise was to be a present to him on his next birthday—the present to be a beautiful little gilt-edged Bible, which she was to buy herself, and which she thought he would prize as coming from the little daughter whom he so much loved, and to whom, when not under the influence of strong drink, he was so kind.

A good Christian lady was in the secret, and in various ways she helped Jessie to add to the pennies which she was keeping safely in a drawer in her room, and which were increasing in number in a way that assured her she would have enough to buy the Bible.  
Jessie had already begun to count the days to the day that she should purchase her gift, when one of the dark times came, in which her father yielded to the appetite that cursed his home. He wanted money to buy more rum; and coming into the house when Jessie and her mother were out, he commenced a search. Finding nothing where he had more than once laid hands upon small sums which his thoughtful wife had saved and laid aside for better uses, he entered his little girl's room, and there he quickly discovered her hidden treasure. With a drunkard's baseness and meanness, he eagerly seized it and hurried to the tavern, where it was soon in the landlord's till behind the bar.

Poor Jessie! She knew at once, on going into her room, that somebody had been there, and hastening to her drawer, found, to her sudden distress and dismay, that her money was gone.  
"It's father!" sobbed Jessie; "and when I had saved it for him, too!"

And it was impossible for her mother to keep back her own tears, as she strove to comfort little Jessie. But they knew where to go for consolation, and she who loves and pities his children, soothed Jessie's sorrow.  
When the wretched husband and father came home, he was greeted with no reproaches. Had he been himself, he would have noticed the sad, patient faces of his wife and child; but he saw none of this, and was aided, as he had often been before, to reach the little bed room, where he was soon in a drunkard's sleep. Late in the evening he awoke. Jessie and her mother still sat together. The door stood ajar. They were preparing to retire to rest. They had been talking of other matters, but Jessie's grief seemed to return as they were about to offer their evening prayer, and he heard her voice: "I should not feel so bad, mamma, if I had saved it for myself; but to think that after I had saved so many weeks to get enough to buy father that Bible for my birthday-gift, he should take it and spend it for what hurts him and us so much!" and then he knew that the tears of both mother and child were falling.

He was awake now, and listening; and a sharp pain was at his heart, for he understood all that he had heard and all that he had done.  
"Well, darling, there is one who will help us," was the comforting word of Jessie's mother; "let us pray, now." And then their prayers were offered; first the mother's, then Jessie's; and when he heard his sorrowing child pleading for a blessing on her "poor, dear father," he was made to feel himself to be such a vile and wicked wretch, that he could hardly refrain from groaning and crying aloud.

It would make too long a story for me to tell you here how Jessie's father was carried through the struggle that began that night. No such battles can be fought and won with human strength alone. But that evening was the last in which he came home as a drunkard, and Jessie's money was the last he ever spent for rum.

Jessie's friend, the Christian lady, heard the story, and she found a way to help her so that she could buy a little gilt-edged Bible, all her own, to give her father when his birthday came; and it was one of her brightest days.

"It shall remind me, little Jessie," said her petti-

ent father, as he received the Bible, "not only of what I have been, and what I have done which has caused you and your dear mother so much pain, but also of what I ought to be, and with the help of God I mean to be to you hereafter."

And so in many ways little Jessie's thought of giving her father a Bible for a birthday present proved a blessing.—From the Child at Home.

### GROWING.

"Papa, the vine that you planted under the window grows every day," said John to his father.

"It was made to grow," said his father.

"It grows every day."

"It was made to grow every day. Can you see it grow?"

"No, sir, I can't see it grow, but every morning when I go to see it, it has grown some. I can see that it has grown, though I can't see it grow."

"Are vines and plants the only things which grow every day?"

"Children grow."

"Yes, they grow larger: is there any other way in which they grow?"

"Yes, sir, some grow better, and some grow worse."

"Can you see boys grow?"

"No, sir, but I can see when they have grown."

"Can you see boys grow better?"

"Yes, sir."

"How do they grow better?"

"I don't know, sir."

"You said you could see them grow, and hence you ought to be able to describe the process."

"I can see that some behave better than they used to."

"You infer that they have grown better, because you see they behave better."

"Yes, sir."

"Can't you tell me how persons grow better?"

"By doing better."

"Certainly, there is no other way. If a boy wishes to grow better, he must behave better—that is, do right. The more carefully and faithfully he does right, the faster he will grow."

"I don't see that growing better is any different from doing right."

"When a person perseveres for a long time in doing right, does he do it any more easily than he did when he first began?"

"Yes, sir, a great deal easier."

"To what is it owing that he does it more easily?"

"He has got used to it."

"Why does getting used to a thing make it less difficult to do?"

"I don't know, sir. Will you please to tell me?"

"No, I can't tell. I know that it is so, but I can't tell why it is so, except by saying, that the mind or soul is so made that the often it does a thing, and that habit renders a thing easy; but that is only saying, that the mind is so made that the often it performs a certain kind of act the more readily it performs said act."

"Our teacher often exhorts us to form good habits."

"Does he tell you how to form them?"

"Yes, sir, he says we form the habit of getting our lessons well, by always getting them well."

"How do we form the habit of speaking the truth?"

"By always speaking the truth."

"How do we form the habit of self control?"

"By always controlling ourselves."

"If we always control ourselves, the habit has already been formed. We form habits of self-control by constantly striving to control ourselves. We may not always succeed, but if we constantly keep on trying, the habit will be formed. The whole of education consists in the formation of habits. He who has good habits of reading, studying, remembering, thinking, and willing, is a well educated man."

"Must not a man know a great deal, in order to be an educated man?"

"In forming the habits which constitute him an educated man, he will acquire a good deal of knowledge, but education does not consist in the amount of knowledge one possesses, but in the condition of his mind."

John did not clearly understand what his father meant by "the condition of his mind." He thought that the more knowledge one had, the better he was educated. He thought one's great business in studying was to acquire knowledge, whereas it should be the promotion of right habits.—*Examiner and Chronicle.*

### A KNOWING DOG.

"No dogs admitted, sir," said the porter to a gay assemblage, as a young man and his dog appeared at the entrance; "you must leave him behind, if you go in."

"Very well," said the young man—"stay about here, Prince, until I come back!"—and he joined the crowd within. By-and-by the young man wished to refer to his watch, when behold! the chain had been snapped in two, and the valuable timepiece was gone. He considered the case a moment, and then a sudden thought flashed into his mind. So, stepping out, he whispered the fact to the porter, and gained permission to take in his dog for a minute or two.

"Look here, Prince," said he, "you know dog, my watch is stolen; and he showed him the empty pocket and the cut chain. "Do you understand, old fellow? In there, sir, is the thief. You find it, my good doggie, and I'll get you a famous treat. You understand, do you?" Prince wagged his head and tail, and gave his master a wonderful knowing look, and then the two stole quietly into the place again. Quietly this dumb detective glided around among the people, sniffing away at this one's coat and that one's chain, until at last he set his teeth firmly into the coat-skirt of a gentleman-looking man, and could not be shaken off. The young man quickly made known the case to the by-standers who gathered around him, and had the thief's pockets duly searched. Six other watches were found about him, which he had gathered in the course of the morning, and which his rightful owners were very glad to get their hands on again. Prince selected out his master's property in a twinkling, as that was all he cared for, and gave it to him joyfully. It would have taken a very good policeman to do the work so neatly and quickly, and all agreed that he merited as fine a dinner as a dog could have. A good beef-bone and bowl of milk, however, abundantly satisfied all his wants, and then he was just as ready to do the same favor over again.

Don't Give Up.—A few days since, we heard of a little boy who put on a pair of skates for the first time, and, as usual in such cases, his feet went faster than his head, and he fell.

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