

# Poetry.

## "I DON'T PROFESS."

Lines suggested by hearing a lady exclaim, "As for me, you know I don't profess to be religious!"

Alas, alas! those fearful words  
How lightly were they said!  
And all unfeeling the hopelessness  
Of that avowed dread.

In other language let me once  
Repeat the faithful strain,  
God grant the dreadful words I speak  
May not be heard in vain!

"I don't profess one spark of love  
For Him upon whose care  
Dependent am I, day by day,  
For breath of vital air."

"I mark the sun, the moon, the stars,  
The fields, the flowers, the seas,  
Without one grateful thought of Him  
Who made them all for me."

"I glow with health, I smile with joy,  
Nor could nor want I know,  
And yet ignore the kindly power  
Whence all my blessings flow."

"I will not haste where Christians meet  
At sound of Sabbath bell,  
To hear of Him who came from heaven  
To rescue me from hell."

"The precious blood He shed for me  
Shall unavailing flow;  
Nor yet to His memorial feast  
With grateful love I'll go!"

"I do not tremble at the gulf  
That those beneath me lie,  
Where writhes amid the unquenched flame  
The worm that never dies."

"And so I spurn the only arm  
That could, with matchless grace,  
Ere lead me from my awful doom  
In safe and strong embrace."

"I will not lift my voice in prayer,  
Nor bend my knee in prayer,  
And so, though heaven be fair and bright,  
I cannot enter there."

Such were the sad, despairing words,  
The lady lightly said;  
God send her cheek the flush of shame  
For such avowed dread!

JOSEPHINE.

# Miscellaneous.

## "THE HONEST LITTLE MUSICIAN."

"A story, a story; a true story, please! Aunt Kate!" was the exclamation of a group of merry children, clustered round the school-room fire, one dark winter's afternoon, when work and play were both over for the day. "The request was too earnest and unanimous to be refused; and, indeed, long and frequent practice had made compliance with it very easy, so Aunt Kate took the arm-chair prepared for her, and began—

"My story shall be of a little boy in France."  
"But is it really a true story?"  
"Yes, really true."  
"All right, then, Auntie, please go on."  
"Just at the time that the terrible war between Charles I. and his people was raging in our island, a young monarch reigned in France, widely known as the 'Grand Monarque,' though it is hard to understand why Louis XIV. should be called grand, as surely there is nothing so utterly mean as selfishness and cruelty. At this gay court few were so powerful as the Duke of Guise, and few, if any, so beautiful, gay and witty as his cousin, the Duchess of Montpensier, better known as Mademoiselle; and with both those grand personages my little boy's story is connected.

"Baptiste Lull was born in Florence; his parents, poor but respectable, both died while he was yet young—his mother when he was but a few months old. From her he inherited an intense love and a great talent for music. His father lived till the boy was six years old, and then died, leaving him, as his only inheritance, the remembrance of his true and loving words, and good example. 'Be honest, be truthful,' were his last words. 'The honest, true in God, and He will take care of you.' And poor little Baptiste, in the midst of sorrow, and poverty, and temptation, was both honest and truthful. Often his only lodging was on a doorstep. He was too young to work, yet he never staid. One thing besides his words and example had his father left him—an old violin; with this he earned his bread, though often it was but a dry crust or a handful of olives. On it he played from door to door, and the servants seldom sent him away without breakfast or a supper. It was, besides, his loved companion, his comforter, his joy, and his sole possession.

"One evening, as he sat dreamily playing at the door of the principal inn in Florence, the sweet and plaintive tones attracted the attention of the Duke of Guise, who had stopped there for refreshments for an hour, on his return from Naples to Paris. He spoke to the child, as he was much pleased by his frank and modest answers as he played, and when called in to supper, there he ever touched. 'It is gold it will make me rich! I shall have a new coat, and not go to bed supperless for many a day,' were his first thoughts. 'It is a mistake; it must be; that great man could never mean to give me gold for that music. It is not mine, and I must give it back,' were the second.

"The temptation was strong—how strong we who were never friendless and hungry can hardly imagine; but he remembered his father's dying words, and resolved, 'I may be poor, but I will never be dishonest.'  
"But how return it? In vain he begged of the Duke's servants to let him speak even for a moment to him; they only pushed him roughly aside. The carriage was at the door; another minute and the Duke had taken his seat in it; another minute and he would be gone. In desperation the child sprang on the doorstep, favored by the darkness, in the hope that when the carriage stopped, as surely it would soon stop, he should manage to return the gold to its rightful owner. Then only he remembered he had left his one friend, his loved violin, behind him, and bitter tears rolled down his cheeks at his sad loss; but it was too late now to change his plans; besides, anything but dishonesty; and on and on he went, Baptiste with difficulty keeping his place on the step, till at length, to his joy, a halt was called. Eagerly he watched, earnestly he begged for an interview; but again his efforts were as less, the carriage was again just on the move. Too tired long to stand on the step, yet determined not to give up, he placed a basket slung under the carriage containing a favorite dog. He crept deftly into it; the dog seemed glad of company, and together they lay there, and slept and slept on till the sun was high in the heavens, when they awoke in all the bustle and noise of an arrival in the court-yard of the inn at Turin.

"Perseverance is nearly sure to be rewarded; besides, 'fortune favors the brave.' So here our hero

did gain admittance to the Duke's presence, and to his little story, and laid the louis d'or on the table. Amused and surprised with the honesty, the courage, and the perseverance of the child, he spoke kindly to him, told him the money was his own, and offered to send him back to Florence, or to take him with him to Paris. Baptiste had nothing to regret at Florence; but his violin, and he had golden dreams of the glories of Paris and of making his fortune there; so he chose Paris, and the Duke desired that he should have some place in his suite.

"Poor little fellow! troubles be little dreamed of before him."

"The Duke did really intend to provide for the child; but great men have a great many things to do, and to think of, and there were troubles in the kingdom. Moreover, the Duke had not learned the lesson so early taught to little Baptiste, never to break a promise; so he was at first neglected, and then forgotten. His place was in the kitchen, his work among saucers and stewpans, a servant of the servants, and words and often hard blows his portion; and as to music, not even the soft, sweet tones of his native tongue; at times the longing for it became so intolerable, and then he would play it better on his violin, his dear little violin. But he was a brave little fellow, and quick-witted, and not easily daunted. If he could not get a violin, at least he had saucers. He had observed that these, when struck, gave a different tone according to their size and shape. To arrange them in right order, to find their tones by striking them, was the work of time; at length he succeeded in producing music, wonderful and unique.

"The cook and other servants first were amused as they saw the boy thus employed every spare minute—they were not many; then they thought he had surely gone mad. It became, however, a different matter when the saucers were not to be found in their places when needed, and when, besides, sundry, dainties and bulges were the result of an unusually long practice. The cook's anger was extreme; his abuse of poor Baptiste grew louder and fiercer, and the climax, which proved also the crisis of his life came soon, and thus it came.

"A great party was given by the Duke of Guise the entertainment provided for the guests was the wonderful violin-playing of Michael Lambert, the celebrated musician of the day. The guests had arrived, and were enjoying themselves upstairs, while in the kitchen great preparations were making for supper; when from those lower regions most strange sounds—music certainly, but unlike any heard before—were interrupted by angry voices, reached the drawing-rooms. The sounds were so loud, so continued, that curiosity got the better of ceremony, and how and guests all rushed down to ascertain its cause. Strange was the sight that met their eyes: a long row of saucers of all shapes and sizes, before them a boy—our old friend—jumping from side to side as he struck them with a long stick, and drew forth tones such as saucers never breathed before or since. There, too, was the cook, frantic with rage, as he exclaimed, 'Rascal! villain! my saucers! my saucers! what are you doing? Not one hour more shall you spend in this house!' While Michael Lambert, amazed and delighted, shouted, 'Don't stop him; turn out the cook! What melody! what time! what taste!' Truly, it did seem as if all had gone mad. When the Duke could make himself heard, he put an end to the tumult. Not without shame was he put in mind, by the child's answers to his questions, of the little orphan stranger he had brought with him to Paris only to forget. He desired Lull to change his dress for a page's, and come to the drawing-room.

Lambert handed him his own violin and told him to play. The kind action, the sight of an instrument like that so dearly loved and bitterly sorrowed for, overcame him altogether; he burst into tears; gentle words and bright encouraging looks soothed him; and he took the violin, and from it drew music that seemed to tell the story of his past sorrow as well as his present gratitude and joy. More than one fair face was wet with tears when he stopped. His fortune was made at last; no danger that he should be forgotten again; and it was unwillingly that the Duke yielded to the urgent entreaties of Mademoiselle that he would give him to her care, but she would take no refusal. Lambert engaged to give him lessons; 'he will be a greater violinist than I am,' he said, 'and I will have the making of him'; and he lived to see his pupil the first performer in Europe. So great was his fame that the King himself demanded him from Mademoiselle, and put him at the head of his own band, 'Les Petits Violons.'"

"He was a great composer as well as performer. The King gave him the Professorship of the Royal Academy of Music. His life henceforth had all that fame and riches could give. He died at the age of fifty-three; of that death we know nothing, but that as he lay on his dying-bed he composed both words and air of a hymn beginning, 'Sinner, thou must die.' His once powerful voice sung it faintly again and again, till the sweet tones were silent in death."

—London Children's Hour.

## LOSING HIS LOAD.

An amusing incident, says some paper, occurred in Albany recently. While a gang of telegraph men were stringing wire from a reel in a wagon, the horse being driven along slowly, a countryman rushed to the driver, and in the innocence of his heart, informed him that he was losing his load; that his wire was scattered all along the road behind him!

Some men look upon what is given in charity as so much lost money. It is set down as gone—lost. But, as the lost wire "paid out" all along the way, were not lost, but were thereby forming a bond of union between different and distant cities and countries, perhaps destined to endure the globe, so that what was lost would be found again, in more than a thousand-fold; so the lost gift of beneficence is a link, if no more, in that blessed bond of charity which is to bind heart to heart until the world shall become as one great brotherhood. Each little gift of love bestowed along life's sorrowful highway, making glad some weary brother-man, shall, after accomplishing its immediate mission, go on in its round of mercy (for it does not stop with him whose heart you have gladdened), until it comes back to you in richer measure than you gave. Even then it shall not cease its ministry; eternity shall be the measure of its continuance. Forever shall it add its quota to the happiness of the universe. A good deed can never die; that which is given in true charity can never be lost. True as striking was the epithet offered to be inscribed upon his tombstone by a benevolent rich man: "What I kept, I lost; what I gave, I kept!" Says Dr. Hoeg, "Property is like manna, it will not bear hoarding."—Am. Paper.

A MR. REYNOLDS—Good John Newton was as equally faithful as he was ingenious in administering reproof. He one day heard a minister preach, who affected great accuracy in his discourse, and who occupied nearly an hour on several labored and tedious distinctions. Having a high esteem for Mr. Newton's judgment, he enquired of him whether he thought these distinctions were full and judicious. Mr. Newton said, he thought them not full, as a very important one had been omitted. "What can that be?" said the minister; "for I have taken more than ordinary care to enumerate them fully." "I think," replied Mr. Newton, "for when many of your congregation had travelled several miles for a meal, you should have said, 'I have forgotten the important distinction which must ever exist between meat and bones.'"

THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, 32, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON, AND ROYAL ASSURANCE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

Chairman of the London Board—SAMUEL BAKER, Esq.

The Royal Insurance Company is one of the largest Offices in the Kingdom.

At the Annual Meeting, held in August 1859, the following satisfactory results were shown—

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The most gratifying proof of the expansion of the business is exhibited in the following facts—(last the increase alone of the last three years exceeds the entire business of some of the existing and of the recently defuncted fire insurance companies.)

The Premiums for the year 1859 being..... £130,000

While the Premiums for the year 1858 were..... 136,148

Showing an actual increase of..... 3,852

or upwards of 20 per cent. in three years.

The recent returns of duty made by Government for this latter year (1859) again show the "Royal" as more than maintaining the ratio of its increase as stated in former years. Only one among the London insurance offices exhibits an advance to the extent of 24 1/2 per cent. of the Company, while all the others respectively fall short of the modest 10 per cent. advance.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The amount of new Life Premiums received this year is by far the largest received in any similar period since the commencement of the business, and has exceeded the average of amount received by the most successful offices of the Kingdom. The number of policies issued in the year 1859, being 1,200, exceeds the total number issued in the years 1858 and 1857 combined.

YET, OF THESE, THE FOLLOWING TABLES SHOW THE RESULTS OF BUSINESS DURING THE LAST YEAR—

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The remarkable increase in the business of the last year, is mainly consequent upon the large bonus declared in 1859, which amounted to no less than 42 per cent. on the amount of the sum assured and averaged 50 per cent. upon the premiums paid.

FRANCIS M. DAVE, Manager and Actuary.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Secretary to the London Board.

All descriptions of property taken at fair rates, and Fire losses paid promptly, on reasonable terms of loss—without reference to the least delay.

JAMES J. KAYE, Agent for New Brunswick, Opposite Judge Hatcher's Building.

# THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER

NEW GOODS, of this Spring's Importation, bought at Auction, very low, and will be sold cheap, viz.: Gents' Rubber Coats, Gents' Tweed Coats, Gents' Mantles, Gents' Hats, Ladies' Waterproof Mantle Tweeds, Cotton Ties, &c. &c. &c. A. LOTTIMER.

SHOE LACES at 12 cents a gross, at Fredericton, June 12. A. LOTTIMER.

CHEAP CARPETING—Over 2,000 Yards Carpeting, various widths, selling at reduced prices. A lot of superior All-Wool Carpets, in new patterns, will be sold at 10 cents per yard, lower than the same quality can be purchased for elsewhere in the city. Imperial Buildings, 4 King Street. J. SIMON NEALIS.

## SELLING OFF LESS THAN COST.

A PORTION OF STOCK REDUCED TO Half Price.

As the Subscriber intends devoting his whole attention to the BOOT, SHOE, AND ROOM PAPER Business, he has determined to sell his whole Stock of STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, WITHOUT RESERVE.

For less than Cost, till the whole Stock is disposed of.

SALE COMMENCED ON MONDAY, the 24 day of December, inst.

A large assortment of Boots, Shoes, and Room Papers, at our usual low prices. A. LOTTIMER.

Fredericton, Dec. 6, 1867.

MAY 20, 1868.—Just received this day per ship "Albatross," from Liverpool: 2,000 Rolls Room Paper. For sale low. A. LOTTIMER.

VICTORIA HOUSE, Prince William Street.—Per Steamship "Acadia"—One Case French Kid Gloves, in Jumper, Dusters, &c. &c. VICTORIA HOUSE.

DRESS TRIMMINGS.—One Case Dress Trimmings, Buttons, &c. VICTORIA HOUSE.

FLANNELS, LININGS, &c.—Fifteen Packages, containing Flannels, Cloakings, in all the leading Colors, &c. Bargains are being had at the Victoria House. For sale. VICTORIA HOUSE.

BROOKS' MACHINE THREAD.—Victoria House.—One Case Machine Thread, 40 lbs. 25 lbs. 20 lbs. 15 lbs. 10 lbs. 5 lbs. 2 1/2 lbs. 1 lb. 1/2 lb. 3/4 lb. 1/2 lb. 1/4 lb. 1/8 lb. 1/16 lb. 1/32 lb. 1/64 lb. 1/128 lb. 1/256 lb. 1/512 lb. 1/1024 lb. 1/2048 lb. 1/4096 lb. 1/8192 lb. 1/16384 lb. 1/32768 lb. 1/65536 lb. 1/131072 lb. 1/262144 lb. 1/524288 lb. 1/1048576 lb. 1/2097152 lb. 1/4194304 lb. 1/8388608 lb. 1/16777216 lb. 1/33554432 lb. 1/67108864 lb. 1/134217728 lb. 1/268435456 lb. 1/536870912 lb. 1/1073741824 lb. 1/2147483648 lb. 1/4294967296 lb. 1/8589934592 lb. 1/17179869184 lb. 1/34359738368 lb. 1/68719476736 lb. 1/137438953472 lb. 1/274877906944 lb. 1/549755813888 lb. 1/1099511627776 lb. 1/2199023255552 lb. 1/4398046511104 lb. 1/8796093022208 lb. 1/17592186044416 lb. 1/35184372088832 lb. 1/70368744177664 lb. 1/140737488355328 lb. 1/281474976710656 lb. 1/562949953421312 lb. 1/1125899906842624 lb. 1/2251799813685248 lb. 1/4503599627370496 lb. 1/9007199254740992 lb. 1/18014398509481984 lb. 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