

Poetry.

THE OLD MAN'S PRAYER.

Suggested by a sermon from Luke xxiv. 29: "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

Tarry with me, O, my Saviour!
For the day is passing by;
See, the shades of evening gather,
And the night is drawing nigh;
Tarry with me—tarry with me!
Pass me not unheeded by!

Many friends were gathered round me
In the bright days of the past;
But the grave has closed above them,
And I linger here the last!
I am lonely; tarry with me!
Till this dreary night is passed

Dimmed for me is earthly beauty;
Yet the spirit's eye would fain
Rest upon thy lovely features:
Shall I seek, Lord, in vain?
Tarry with me, O, my Saviour!
Let me see thy smile again.

Dull my ear to earth-born music:
Speak, thou, Lord, in words of cheer!
Feeble, tottering my footsteps,
Sink my heart with sudden fear
Cast thine arms, dear Lord, around me—
Let me feel thy presence near.

Faithful memory paints before me
Every deed and thought of sin;
Open thou the blood-filled fountain—
Cleanse my guilty soul within;
Tarry, thou forgiving Saviour!
Wash me wholly from my sin.

Deeper, deeper grow the shadows;
Paler now the glowing west;
Swift the night of death advances—
Shall it be a night of rest?
Tarry with me, O, my Saviour!
Lay my head upon thy breast.

Feeble, trembling, panting, dying,
Lord! I cast myself on thee;
Tarry with me through the darkness;
While I sleep, still watch by me,
Till the morning—then awake me,
Dearest Lord! to dwell with thee.

Miscellaneous.

THE LOST CHILDREN.

"I'm so cold, Nell, won't morning ever come?"
"Cause then we can get just a little bit warm in the sun."

"I guess there won't be any sun to-morrow, its snowin'." Come, Jamie, get in my lap and I'll put my arms around you. The closer we get the warmer we'll be."

"Don't your feet ache awfully?"
"Yes, and my head too."
"Poor Nell," said Jamie, passing his hand caressingly across her throbbing forehead.

"What are you good-for-nothing young-uns a doin' now, hey? I'll tell you to clear out of this cellar, and never darken the door of it again. Yer more plague than profit. Go, I say; don't stand there lookin' as if yer thought I didn't mean it."

Who are these little ones thus turned out in the street on a wild December night?

Nell and Jamie Willis were the children of wealthy parents, who resided in New York City. Mr. Willis died when Nell, his oldest child, was but three years old. He left a will in which, after providing for his family, he bequeathed twenty thousand dollars to his brother, and the rest of his property to charitable institutions. The will stated that should one or both of the children die before their uncle, the money belonging to the dead should be transferred to him. This wicked uncle, though unsuspected of any such treachery, resolved to put the children out of the way, supposing he would then receive their wealth. Accordingly, he employed a man to watch them in their daily walks, telling him to improve a favorable opportunity and throw chloroform in the nurse's face, then seize the children, and drive off to a hotel situated among the dens of misery which abound in New York.

One mild spring afternoon this fiendish plan was carried into effect. Milly, the servant, homeward bound with her little charge, suddenly became unconscious. Nell, together with Jamie, was hurried into a carriage, when they too were drugged, and fell fast asleep. Their uncle had arranged with a woman, who lived in a shanty and supported herself by stealing, to take care of them, in consideration of his paying her a certain sum monthly. He told her to keep the children closely confined, give them enough to eat, and not to beat them. Aside from these directions, he cared not if the bed they slept on was a heap of rags, or the air they breathed foul enough to make the strongest sick. At this time Jamie was only a year old, a tiny bud transplanted from a pleasant garden into a worse than wilderness. When Nell opened her eyes in a dismal room filled with broken furniture, she uttered a scream, and commenced crying wildly, calling alternately mamma, papa, Milly. Old Mag tried in vain to soothe her, by saying that mamma would soon come, and offered her cake and candy, but the sight of such a repulsive looking creature only increased poor Nell's terror, and Mag really believed she would die. It would be useless to attempt a minute description of the sorrows these little ones passed through during the first few weeks, before they became partially reconciled to their new home. Chloroform was given them freely in order to keep them quiet, and when the detectives who were searching the city for the lost children came to the shanty where Mag lived, Nell and Jamie were hidden behind boxes in a dark closet, asleep.

Kindness under any circumstances will alleviate grief, and the heart of a child though easily wounded is easily healed. Mag had not always been wicked; even after years of vice there were tender chords in her heart which Nell and Jamie, in their sweet purity, touched. This woman, whom the world called hardened, grew to love the children. So when Nell had grieved herself ill, she yielded to Mag's tenderness and believed her when she said her mamma and papa were dead and gone to live up in the sky. Jamie was only a baby, but he pined sadly for his mother's care, though he learned at last to rest peacefully in Mag's arms, with his head pillowed upon her bosom.

The uncle did not obtain the property which he had expected would be given him. He thought that after a few months of searching and waiting, Mrs. Williams would give up all hope of ever hearing from her darling again, and he should have the coveted thousands bestowed upon him. She said there was no certainty her children were dead, and as long as she lived their property must be kept for them. As the will provided that only in case of death was the money to be transferred, George Willis could not get possession of it, nor did he dare press the matter, lest suspicion should rest upon him. He was vexed beyond expression at her husband's death, the sorrowing

mother went to a Western village to make her home with a sister. George Willis little feared detection now, and as he cared not what became of Nell and Jamie, he withheld their support from Mag. "She couldn't trust them with their support from Mag," he thought. "She didn't want her children to be wicked like herself," and she tried to prevent their learning the lying, stealing, and profanity by which they were surrounded. The influence of the teachings which Nell received in her boyhood went with her into the haunts of misery, and though as she grew older the memory of her mother became fainter, yet there lingered in her little mind a remembrance of a sweet loving mamma who told her about heaven. Nell watched over Jamie in her childish way, and when she heard him say naughty words, which he learned from the street boys, she would tell him "there was a nice home up where the stars were, and if he was good he'd be carried right up to it some day."

Three years had the children lived with old Mag. At last she was taken sick and died, one summer afternoon. Nell clung to the lifeless body crying bitterly, and when night came Jamie laid his head on the cold bosom to sleep, just as he always did when it was warm with affection. The next morning a man sent by the city authorities took the body away. The children were left homeless; what would become of them?

A woman who lived in a cellar near Mag's shanty concluded that as Nell and Jamie were good-looking, they might bring her in some money. She could send 'em out beggin', sure people would be sorry for two pretty children like them and give 'em some stamps. So they went to Liza O'Brien's dreary damp cellar. There was no more comfort for them now, nothing but weary days spent in the street, sometimes having their hands filled with pennies for the cruel Liza, and again receiving her cuffs because they had none.

Bearing pain which children of the rich cannot dream of, Nell and Jamie lived three years longer. Nell was now nine, a thin, pale-faced girl, with black eyes so expressive that for their sake she received many a dollar, which had not Liza spent it for drink, might have made the little one who earned it comfortable.

It was Liza who had turned the children from her door the cold December night. Nell had grown sick and couldn't beg much, so Liza determined to get rid of her and keep Jamie; but coming home in a drunken frenzy, she thrust them both from her door into the wild winter snow storm. Let us return to the children and see what became of them.

"Oh, Nell," sobbed Jamie, "what'll we do? It's dark, I'm afraid."

"Praps we'll meet somebody," choked Nell, "and I'll tell 'em we ain't got no place to go. They might take us somewhere to get warm."

"We'll freeze, we'll die, Nell, we will. Oh, I'm so cold."

Nell felt numb all over, and the tears ran silently down her cheeks, too; but she thought more of Jamie than of herself.

"Here they, have on my shawl, I can get along without."

"You'll freeze."

"No, I won't."

"There's a shawl, Jamie, let's get in it."

"My ears do ache, I can't stand it, I can't."

"I'll put my hood on you, I'm getting real warm now; let's lie down and go to sleep."

They lay down together on the hard boards, and Nell folded Jamie in her freezing arms. Warmer she grew, and her eyes were just closing in sleep when she roused herself with all her might to speak.

"Jamie, dear Jamie, I'm going up to the sky to see mamma and Meg. God will take care of you, good-by, don't forget Nell."

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A CHANCE FOR BARGAINERS. WE are closing up our Wholesale Trade, and now offer the balance of our Wholesale Stock to dealers in City or Country at great reductions. We have for sale: a large stock, viz.: Alum, Blue Vitrol, Indigo, Whiting, Copperas, Gadsden, Pickles, Pure Ground Pepper, Allspice, Finest East India Coffee, Sugar, Saltpetre, Currants, Rosin, Lampblack, Yellow Ochre, Venetian Red, Washing Soda, Salts, Olive Oil, Patent Medicines, and a number of other goods, including Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Nail Brushes, English made Scrubs, and a lot of Sundries, all of which are in good order, and will be disposed of at cost to clear out the stock. An early call is solicited from buyers. HANINGTON BROS. Foster's Corner.

REOPENED AFTER THE FIRE.—We are happy in being able to announce that our Drug Store has reopened for Business this morning. We will be glad to wait upon old friends and new at the Old Stand, Foster's Corner. HANINGTON BROS. Apothecaries.

QUAKER BITTERS, &c.—Finest Quaker Bitters; Hamlin's Lavageur; Williams' Pink Pills; Campbell's Quinine Wine. For sale by T. B. BARKER & SONS.

HERBS AND ROOTS.—3 cases containing a full assortment of Herbs and Roots put up in 1 lb., 4 lb. and 1 lb. packages. Just received and for sale by T. B. BARKER & SONS.

GLASSWARE, ETC.—Just received ex bark Enigma from Liverpool: 18 crates of Druggists' Bottles; 2 cases of 1 case of Druggists' Wrapping Paper. Wholesale and retail by (ap 10) T. B. BARKER & SONS.

LADIES' STRAW HATS AND BONNETS.—The latest Spring Styles in White, Black, Brown, and all the colors. For sale by (ap 10) T. B. BARKER & SONS.

TIMOTHY SEED.—Landing this day, ex schr. Mary. 4