

Poetry.

"I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK." Ah, tell me nought of gold and treasure, Of pomp and beauty here on earth!

The Fireside.

A STORY FOR BOYS. Editors of The Independent.—Nearly twenty five years ago I read the following touching story in a newspaper.

THE TIMELY WARNING.

My father after an absence of three years returned to the house so dear to him. He had made his last voyage, and rejoiced to have reached a haven of rest from the perils of the sea.

HOME HINTS.

To DESTROY INSECTS.—Hot alum water is a recent suggestion as an insecticide. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, spiders, chinch bugs, and all the crawling pests which infest our houses.

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"I sha'n't go to school," said I. "She looked astonished at my boldness, but replied calmly: 'Certainly you will go, Alfred, I command you!'"

"I will not," said I, with a tone of defiance. "One of the two things you must do, Alfred—either go to school this moment, or I will lock you in your room and keep you there till you are ready to promise implicit obedience to my wishes in future."

"I dare you to do it," said I. "You can't get me up stairs." "Alfred, choose now," said my mother who laid her hand upon my arm.

"No," I replied, but quailed beneath her eyes. "Then follow me," she said, as she grasped my arm firmly. I raised my foot—oh! my son, heart I raised my foot and kicked her, my sainted mother. How my head reels at the torrent of memory rushes over me.

"What may I tell mother from you?" she asked. "Oh! Alfred, for my sake, for all our sakes, say that you are sorry. She longs to forgive you."

"I won't be driven to school against my will," said I. "But you will go if she wishes it, dear Alfred," said my sister, pleadingly.

"Another thought, slower and sadder than my sister's, disturbed me. A voice called me by name. It was my mother's. 'Alfred, my son, shall I come in? Are you sorry for what you have done?'"

"I cannot tell what influence operating at that moment made me speak adversely to my feelings. The gentle voice of my mother, that I had so often met in the 'Me' father's hand," said he.

"I cannot tell you my agony as I looked upon her. My remorse was tenfold more bitter from the thought that she would never know it. I believed myself to be a murderer. I fell on the bed beside her. I could not weep, but I sobbed in my bosom; my brain was all on fire. My sister threw her arms around me, and wept in silence.

"My son, the suffering which memories wake, must continue as long as life. God is merciful; but remorse for past misdeeds is a canker-worm in the heart that will not be healed. My father ceased speaking and buried his face in his hands. He saw and felt the bearing his narrative had upon my character and conduct. I have never forgotten it. Boys who spurn a mother's control, who are ashamed to own that they are wrong, who think it manly to resist their authority and manfully to try to influence, beware! Lay not up for yourselves bitter memories for your future years."

"What the doctor orders wine for our James, who has got a brain fever, and that is some of it, explained the mother. 'I wish I was sick, and had such good stuff to take all the time,' continued the girl.

"The doctor says so, and I suppose he knows," was the satisfied reply. The sick child recovered after a protracted siege of disease. Nothing tasted in him like wine until he learned to love something stronger. He became a drunkard, and his sister drank all that she could get, as she affirmed, because she loved it.

FUNERALS IN MADAGASCAR. The funeral customs are not the same throughout the island. In the centre of the island they build stone tombs, part under ground and part above ground.

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