## THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

# Poetry.

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"LOST FOR WANT OF A WORD !" " Lost for want of a word !" Fallen among thieves and dying, Priests and Levites passing The place where he is lying; He is too faint to call, Too far off to be heard-There are those besides life's highway Lost for want of a word !

All in the black night straying Among the mazes of thought. False light ever betraying. Oh ! that a human voice The murky darkness had stirred ! Lost and benighted for ever!

Too high, it may be, and noble, To be ever checked in his sin, Or led to Christ in his trouble : No one boldly and truly To show him where he has erred-Poor handful of dust and ashes! Lost for want of a word !

A word that you might have spoken; Who knows what eyes may be dim, Go, scatter beside all waters, Nor sicken at hope deferred; Let never a soul by thy dumbness Be lost for want of a word.

## RUTH LEE AND HER LITTLE FRIENDS.

from the book she repeated : "Ruth Lee !"

said

sent before this term : and so near the examination,

That afternoon, Ella, Bora, Mollie, and Edna hands with ; and I shall not soon forget the look resolved themselves into a committee of arrange of disgust that swept over the man's face as he ments, and set to work with right good will. Their turned away from the filthy marble basin. Mrs. parents approved the plan, and promised aid in Jones sat by the bed-side, dressed in the same Mattention given to CHURCH BELLS. parents approved the plan, and promised aid in Jones sat by the bed-side, dressed in the same various ways. All the other girls, who went to the silver-gray serge. The buttons were all off now, school joined in cordially, and many nimble fin- for it was open from top to bottom. In the midst gers accomplished a great deal. of this confusion stood a tall dignified, earnest-

They made such quantities of tidies, mats, pin- faced man, watching with streaming eyes the fast cushions, toilet-setts, needle-books, breakfast- waning breath of his only child. I was not surprishawls, sofa-pillows, babies' sacques and socks and sed to hear him groan, as he bent over the face of caps, leather dressing-cases, spool-cases, glove and his darling: "My all! my all! my all!" and I handkerchief boxes, boxes afghans, wrought chair- was also not surprised when, a few months atter, I seats, and I know not what, as would stock a heard that Mr. Jones had gone to California, and

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that she ought to be taken to New York as soon my husband took a notion to eat fried sole leather as she is well enough and have her eyes examined !" he'd eat it, for all the good my influence would my favorite play fellow all summer. But one day And Ella paused, out of breath.

SAY SO .- Nilie was four years old. He had been

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