spurned,

Will flash before us, and light life's dark night, As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue, And what most seemed reproof was love most geography lesson was over, in which she grew so "Don't."

And we shall see, how, while we frown and sigh, until it was finished. God's plans go on as best for you and me; How, when we called, he heeded not our cry, Because his wisdom to the end could see; And e'en as prudent parents disallow Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,

So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now, Life's sweetest things because it seemeth good. he said, pleadingly-And if sometimes, commingled with life's wine, We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink, Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine Pours out this portion for our lips to drink; And if some friend we love is lying low,

Where human kisses cannot reach his face, Oh! do not blame the loving Father so, But wear your sorrow with obedient grace. And you shall shortly know the lengthened breath Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend,

And that sometimes the sable pall of death Conceals the tarrest boon his love can send. If we could push ajar the gates of life, And stand within, and all God's working see, We could interpret all this doubt and strife, And for each mystery could find a key. But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart !

God's plans, like lilies, pure and white unfold. We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart: Time will reveal the calyxes of gold. And if, through patient toil, we reach the land Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest, had been in his life before. Where we shall clearly know and understand,

## The Lireside.

LONELY LUCY.

Lucy was an only child, orphaned from her baby- Freddy's thin little voice, sayinghood, but love will make up for all shortcomings, and this had been freely given her from the hour when her aunt had taken her to her bosom, saying; anybody," said Mary's sharp tones. "My sister has come back to me again;" and her uncle had declared-

"Nothing shall be too good for Miriam's child." nook in Scotland.

Here Lucy had lived all her life until she was twelve years old.

at Edinburgh. "How long for?" asked Lucy.

" Four years." "What do you say, aunty?" said Lucy, looking

"If it is for your good, my child, I say you darling." should go, by all means." "And what do you say, uncle?"

"It shall be just as you and your aunt like, dear." "Well, I certainly should like to be turned into a clever woman, and they can do that, by all accounts; but it would be doleful to see you only two or three times a year; I should be so lonely.'

and bring you a fresh photograph of aunty." you if you were with her."

"See after her, indeed! I should like to catch her at it; I can trust our Lucy."

Lucy was pupil at a good school in Edinburgh last, to ask if there was a toy shop near. and a lodger at Mrs. Hewitt's. Her uncle, Mr. Raymond, was right so far. Lucy was thoroughly to be trusted. She had been accustomed to liberty

all her life, and knew how to use it. Under a system of moderate indulgence she had grown up a little self-willed and fanciful, but as the class-mate Lucy had spoken to as they went pure and brave as a Christian child should be. What she lacked was girlishness, and her uncle always affirmed this was his fault, for giving her a

pony before she had a doll. But there was a certain charm about her frank, pleasant, graceful manner which protected her through the Edinburgh streets better than any gossiping servant-maid would have done. She was, in truth, with her long, golden brown hair unharmed through a crowd. No one looked at

her rudely, and admiring looks she never saw, she home-woe, as the Germans call it." was too busy thinking. and given Lucy more pocket money for one quarter as she had not poured out for weeks. than she expected to use in a year; but he said,

when she thought it too much-"Nonsense, child; you will have to buy fruit have your schoolfellows to tea."

"May I ask them here?"

"Of, course, whenever you like; I have made arrangements with Mrs. Hewitt. This sounded pleasant, but she scarcely cared to

use so kind a favour, for to Lucy's affectionate nature her schoolfellows seemed terribly cool and business-like. Still she hoped their coolness would thaw by-and-by; and if she missed the dear, smiling faces at home so did they, "those beloved ones," the rosy face and cheery smile of the brave, girlish heart so patiently following studies "over the hills and far away."

"If only I wasn't quite so lonely!" she repeated, one evening, when, having come home from school, dressed and dined, she found that, as usual, she was too late to carry out her pet plan of going to the British Museum, and, after that, for a walk on Carlton Hill, where she could see the glassy lakes and purple mountains spread out at sunset before her, lying, as it were, at the feet of the fine old city of Edinburgh.

"Well, they must be done all the same; that's one comfort. Which shall I do first, grammar or geography? Geography first, for I like it, it is so with herself. tempting; but who could write with that tiresome child crying down-stairs?"

Lucy rang the bell very sharply, and the servant came, panting.

"Whose child is that, Mary ? what is the matter

with it?"

"It's missus' little nephew, miss; sickly he is, and a bad temper too, I think; three years old, but you'd never think it to look at him. His mother died last week, and missus has got him to mind while his father looks about him a bit-hope With clenched fists and frowning brows, he stood he'll be quick, that's all."

"Perhaps he would be good with me for a little servant's attempt to move him away. time; bring him here.

louder from the irritation of a treshly-washed face | himself. and a clean pinafore.

"What is his name?" asked Lucy. "Freddy, miss."

"You ain't got no home, stupid!" said Mary as these-

angrily; and Lucy did not wonder that her con solations had been found so very useless. "Freddy," said she, kindly, " will you be still if again, he received it with angry "I don't care." I let you stay here, and have tea with me?"

"You may leave him then, Mary." Lucy had never been used to children, and did not in the least know what to do with Freddy; The things o'er which we grieved with lashes but he was quiet now, and anything was better than to hear his frettul cry; so she gave him an apple, and, saying to herself with smiling grace, show any signs of hearing. "Freddy, won't you "He that is down need fear no fall," seated him come to me?" And we shall see how all God's plans were right, on the carpet, bidding him be good until her

> deeply interested that she torgot all about Freddy | "Don't what, Freddy?" When she looked down, she found he had crawled to the hem of her dress, and, with his face laid with Lucy; he now spoke gravely, but firmly

lovingly upon it, had fallen asleep. "Poor little fellow !" said Lucy, a sudden rush of tenderness flooding her heart and filling her eyes and, Freddy, I can't leave off loving you, because with tears. She took him up, and, half awakened, you are so very sad."

"Mammy, kiss Freddy." Not the mother he had lost could have kissed makes me sorry, too." him more gently than Lucy then; he nestled down in her arms and, wearied with crying, fell fast

Freddy lay still in happy slumber till Mary, him in her arms, he drew back, sayingbustling in with tea-things, awoke him. He clung to Lucy in such a fright that she was afraid it to Lucy in such a fright that she was affaid to might offend Mary. Luckily, however, that young loves me, only Freddy, and he seems not to care Brown, Slate, Blue, Green, &c. person was not troubled with keen sensibilities, and | for me any more." she acceded pleasantly to Lucy's request that she might keep him for the evening.

Freddy enjoyed his tea, there could be no doubt | beat. With a great sob, he drew down her cheek about that. Lucy fed him, like a bird, with bits to his lips, and said, "I do cere." of bread and butter and watercress, and still Freddy said "Nice" and "More;" he had been we keenly feel the need of them; but his tones feeding on tears all day, and now, refreshed by were eloquent, and brought tears to Lucy's eyes. happiness and sleep, was ready for more satisfying food. Lucy had indeed the gift of doing well that was not all for him. That evening seemed whatever she chose to do, and having made it her the happiest the two had ever spent together. usiness that evening to cheer the little desolate boy, he found himself better amused than ever he lay on the couch, he nestled close to her, only

She sang to him some of Dr. Watts' songs about on her soft hands. I think that we shall say, "God knew the best." the "Busy Bee," told him stories made for the occasion, much to her own surprise, until, at last, was not sleep only, because it was sweeter. some comical play made the weakly boy laugh so much that she was alarmed, and, taking him on her knee, she talked him into sober sense enough to be willing to go to bed, with a cake for the present and a promise for the future.

The next evening Lucy heard, outside her door "Me come, lady want me."

"Not she, indeed; one dose of you is enough for | child; he would just have pined himself to death | U Then Freddy rose pitiful and angry, " Me did be

a good boy all the long day, me did." "Let him come in, Mary," said Lucy, and

He had been a shipowner, but was retired from Freddy sprang to her; then, taking his old seat on nesses that the poor can take from the rich without business, and resided in a remote and very lovely the floor, he said, with the gravity of an ancient a feeling of degradation: again I thank you." judge, "No noise." Stillness reigned for the next two hours, while "like cures like in other things than medicine. We

Lucy wrote, and Freddy seemed resting from his were both too much alone. Well, I am glad Now, however, her governess, who was married, day's fatigue of being good. Mrs. Hewitt was I was so lonely." strongly advised that she should be sent to school | deaf and dull, and Mary cross, doubtless he had found it rather hard work. Now and then he would give a little bird-like chirp of content, that was all, till Lucy, laying down her pen, said-"There, that ought to get 'highly satisfactory' on it. We've earned our tea now, Freddy, my

"'Es," said Freddy, decidedly, "we be both very

"I think I am going to spoil you, little pet." Freddy's reply was to put up his face to be kissed--such a pale, thin face, with the large bright eyes so humid with tears that Lucy said lovingly--

"If petting is the medicine Freddy wants, he "I could run up to Edinburgh in the holidays, shall have it, and soon get stronger." It seemed that it was so, a week of happy evenings made "But where should I live ?" said Lucy, anxiously. | such a difference. Sometime they went to the "Well, I think you may as well go where I park close by, and struck up a biscuit friendship always stay. Mrs. Hewitt is a thoroughly respect- with the ducks. Sometimes they stayed at home, able woman, and I should feel comfortable about enjoying long one-sided talks, which Freddy generally answered with kisses; but, out or at "But a person like her would have no authority," home, they were happy, and while the motherless said her aunt; "a child all alone with no one to boy grew round and rosy, a deeper change was taking place in Lucy; all unconsciously, the womanliness she lacked was coming to her now with the charge of a little child. It was for So the matter was settled. A few weeks after, Freddy's sake that she conquered her shyness, at

"Yes," was the reply; "I pass one just at the

end of the square, we can go together. "It is for the little boy in the house where ! dge; he is such a fragile, loving little fellow.

"Are you not lonely?" said Margaret Fawcett, ogether to the toy shop. "I was, till I found this child yet more so, and we cheered each other."

"Perhaps that is how you came to be praised so for your paper on the poets." "Mr. Twining only wrote 'satisfactory' on it."

"But he said, after class, that you had, more than any of us, the grace of tenderness." "It must be through Freddy, then," said and sunny, hazel eyes, a "fair Una" for walking Lucy laughing. "It was very hard when I first "that is the third silk dress you have worn since came, it seemed the only way to keep down my you came to my house; pray, how many do you and decrease in the first cost of material they are able to

"Is it far away, your home?" said Margaret, to buy another." "Seven! Of what use are seven Mr. Raymond had overwhelmed Mrs. Hewitt her voice dropping to a gentle accent of sympathy silk dresses to you? Why, I don't own as many as with instructions as to her young lodger's comfort, that set tree one of Lucy's torrents of words such that." "Specs not, miss," said the smiling darkey;

"Right up among the Scotch mountains; oh! quality white folks everybody knows is quality; such a lovely place, overlooking the country. Our but we bettermost kind of colored pussons has to grounds are near to a lake, where the water is so dress smart to distinguish ourselves from common here, you know, and cakes and things when you clear and deep, it is like looking into a shining niggers." mirror. They say there is a buried city under the lake, but that is only a story of years ago." Margaret smiled a pleasant smile of understand-

ng, broadening into fun as she said-"Do you know, I am beginning to believe in ou; some of your teachers have been praising you as the eleverest girl in the school, but I said I did not believe in clever people who could not talk.' "Remember I am only a learner now, not a teacher, so it is better for me to be a listener than a talker; one of the wisest men in Greece said, ' Of all virtues he chose silence."

"I talk enough for the two of us," said Margaret, but you must forgive me, it is my besetting sin.' "Certainly. This is Mrs. Hewitt; come in and see Freddy."

Margaret went in, and stayed for a chat-one those deep talks that lay the foundation for a true paths, but the triends said that he was too often friendship; this was to last for years. When Margaret reached home she began speak-

ing of her new friend to her mamma, saying-"She is dreadfully sensible." Mrs. Fawcett remarked that perhaps some of

Margaret's class-fellows might find the same fault "No," said Margaret, quaintly; "I am not sensible, I am simply clever; but Lucy is more than that. I should have been half afraid of her, only all the while she was talking like an oracle, as Charlie says, she was petting a pale, motherless boy there, and letting him climb into her lap; it was quite a picture."

\* \* \* \* \* Meanwhile, Freddy had fallen in to a fit of temper. in a corner of the room, successfully resisting the

For the first time since she had begun to no Lucy wondered at her own speech, and Mary | tice him Lucy saw Freddy in one of his naughty looked yet more astonished, but she was only too fits-passionate sullen, and defiant, as often hap- that a well-known banker of Paris has absconded, happy to obey, and, accordingly, the little dark- pens in these sudden storms of temper. No one leaving a deficit behind. Mrs. Partington thinks eyed, dark-haired fellow appeared, crying yet knew what had caused it, least of all, Freddy that it was very good of the poor man to leave it,

when he might have got off with everything. Mary had snatched him up suddenly to change | THE TURPENTINE OF AUGUSTUS .- "Augustus, his pinafore, but her sharp movements were nothing | dear," said she, tenderly pushing him from her as incommon; perhaps she and her mistress had the moonlight flooded the bay-window where they "I want to go home; oh! I want to go home!" strained rather too tightly the influence which Lucy were standing, "I think you had better try some had over him. All day long he had such words other kind of hair-dye your moustache does taste I so much like turpentine."

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you." Till now, when the threat was brought out AND ITS "You want a good punishing, and you shall REMARKABLE ANSWERS "'Es," said Freddy, making an effort to silence have it," said Mary, preparing to carry him off. Lucy, however, rather dreaded the grim servant's BY REV. WM. W. PATTON, D.D., notion of punishment, so she said-

"If you are not good the lady will not love

the little culprit remained behind.

"Don't speak so kindly."

Lucy answered him in the same way.

"I isn't sad at all ; I's bad."

"Don't be sorry !"

"I never could be anything but kind to others,

"Well, that is the worst kind of misery; it

her hand pleadingly, but, as she would have taken

"Won't you be angry with me for being naughty?"

"Oh, no! Nobody in all this big Edinburgh

While Lucy wrote, and Freddy, tired and still,

stirring now and then to press his penitent kisses

Freddy's eyelids drooped in a quiet repose that

When Mary came in with the supper, she said-

" No," said Lucy, firmly, "it is not managing;

Freddy was angry no more. In a week or two

"It was just everything. These are the kind-

"After all," said Lucy to herself that night,

SUCH FUN.

Is head and ears a fairy book; .

Rob is a rogue with hair of tow;

Fastened down there

In the big arm-chair,

Last but greatest is Baby Joe.

Stiff and angular, strong and square,

He can't get up and he can't slide out:

Nothing to do but to wriggle about,

Suck his thumbs and his rubber ring,

And wonder vaguely about his shoes

How they ever came on his feet?

(Shiny and small, such as babies use):

If they're made to look at, or only to eat;

Thinks quite strongly of making a spring

In the hope of breaking the naughty thing

That holds him a prisoner, snug and tight,

But here comes Rob, with a funny face,

All his sorrows and griefs are past;

Soft and rosy from elbow to wrist.

They can play it all over again.

Such Fun!

Ripe and shining and smooth and fair.

Here is something to do at last.

Baby looks up and takes heart of grace;

He gurgles and crows

And wrinkles his nose,

With one little dimple that comes and goes;

He stretches an arm with a doubled-up fist;

For Rob has been puffing his red cheeks out

Baby Joe strikes hard with his fist of pink

And capers and dances and whirls about;

Till they look like big apples he's holding there,

Rob jumps to his feet with a laugh and a shout,

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own?" "Only seven, miss, I'se savin' my wages sell their goods CHEAPER THAN EVER.

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ing another's feelings or his finger. He said the

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feelings?" "Because you can't tie a rag around

"Whar's yer backbone, dat ye can't rose up and

stand temptation?" exclaimed the good man. "]

was dat myself once. Right in dis yere town I had a

too. Nobody was dar to see me, and I reached

out my hand and de debbil said take em. Den a

good sperit whispered fur me to let dem boots

"No, sah; not much. I took a pa'r o' cheap

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shoes off de shelf an' left dem boots alone !"

chance to steal a pa'r of boots-mighty nice ones

them," explained the dear child.

An' you didn't take 'em ?"

asked which was the greater evil of the two, hurt\_

other evening conversing earnestly with an acquain-

tempted to permit him to become a Christian.

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" A girl of sixteen

To which the doctor replied :

In that tiresome chair from morning till night,

Madge, wee woman, with earnest look

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"Well, you does manage him well, miss."

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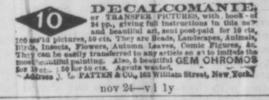
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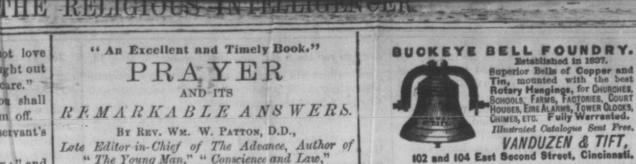
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