

THE YEAR'S FAREWELL.

Portry.

MRS. M. M. B. GOODWIN. Autumn has lost her sunny smiles, Her brow is wet with tears, Her sandalled feet follow the path Of the departed years, Though robed right royally, she came In purple and in gold, Her faded garments, old and brown, Are torn in every fold.

With bountiful, gift-laden hands She knocked at Nature's door ; Scatt'ring her treasures far and wide, She's dying, old and poor. The wild wind sweeps her vacant halls, Her purple grapes are pressed, Her harvest-moon in splendor mild, Has faded in the west.

And while she shuts Time's iron gate With fingers cold and chill, She sees, through tears, King Winter set His watch-fires on the hill. Disrobed and pale, she falls asleep, Folded to earth's cold breast ; The seal of silence on her lips-Eternal is her rest. * * * * * * * For some of us the Spring has passed-For some Summer is o'er-While others, gathering harvest-sheaves, Find Winter at the door. But Winter's cold, white mystery Will break, in loving tears, When we have climbed where angels stand, Above life's stormy years.

And if our ladder's golden rounds Are prayers and generous deeds ; If, never faltering, we have tried To help the world's great needs ; If, clambering up the mountain ide-Our guide, the Morning Star-We've battled in Truth's sacred ranks, We'll find heaven's "gate ajar !"

Though with her gleanings tares are found, Or thorns, or withered leaves, God will accept our toil-worn grain From out the tear-stained sheaves. And though chill fingers spread the pall, If Love and Faith unite, A "harvest-home" our coming waits, Upon the " plains of light.'

The fireside.

CELIA'S COMPOSITION.

Celia was twelve years old ; a bright little girl at was thinking about them this morning, because I shocks ; of sudden wind-storms, interrupted by her lessons, anxious to be at the head of her classes, happened to see the bottle that has the salt of equally sudden calms; of violent rains at unusual and a general favorite in school. No matter how | lemons in it; you take out iron rust from linen | seasons ; and especially of a reddening of the sun's long or hard the lesson, the first little face to with that. And there is a salt-petre, and salt of disc and of a haziness in the air, sometimes lasting brighten as the teacher marked it off to the class, hartshorn, and the salts you take for medicine. for months, evidently believing that these phe was sure to be Celia Brown's ; hers the first voice And mamma says we could scarcely have any food nomena had some connection with earthquakes. to exclaim : "Oh, I reckon we can get it if we try that would be fit to eat withou salt. I must tell The unquestioned results of earthquakes have right hard ; and I certainly will do that !" you what a funny thing Willie said when I was been the formation of new lakes and water courses, Accordingly, Miss Nelson was prepared to receive talking about my composition to mamma. He said, at the same time obliterating old ones ; the formaa bright look of acquiescence from Celia, at least, "Tell Miss Nelson that salt is the only thing that tion of new valleys; the formation of fissures in when she one morning announced to the little class will catch a pigeon, only I never can get near the earth's surface, and the occasion of landslides. that a composition would be expected from each enough to throw it on the tail." Well, my letter is -Cin. Commercial.

one on the Friday of the following week, but she done. I am very sorry to disappoint you, dear was disappointed. To her surprise, Celia's face Miss Nelson, and I will try real hard next time. I said as plainly as words could have speken, "I tried this time and I could have done it, only I can't possibly do it, Miss Nelson, and it's of no sort knew of nothing to say. of use to try."

* "What are we to write a composition about Miss Nelson ?" asked one girl, whose face matched Celia's in expression. "I don't know enough to tell of any one single thing in this whole world !" Miss Nelson smiled.

"Oh, yes, you do, my dear," she replied plea santly. "I think you will find you know something worth telling about salt, when you put on your thinking-cap and make up your mind to try. At any rate, that is what I expect you to do-try ! And I will let you know afterward how nearly you sound." have succeeded to my satisfaction."

Celia Brown never said a word. She just closed her lips tightly, and shook her head in atter despair. mar or geography, miles of arithmetic, would not told if her tongue had gone out to spend the even-

lesson this afternoon," added little Willie ; " you her one, two, three's much mamma !"

to write a composition for next Friday," said Celia, in what direction to flee. disregarding her brothers' personal remarks, and looking anxiously at her mother ; " and I know I can't do it, if it would save my life ; I would rather undertake to recite seventeen chapters of history !" " Nonsense," said her father laughing; "it is

quite time you learned to use your mind in composition. Seventeen or even twenty-seven chap- broad foundations and substantial walls. ters of history will not do you half the good that son give you a subject ?"

tone. "The idea of such a subject ! I can't think disastrous earthquake of the early part of the Chrissalt ?"

"I wouldn't write upon salt, either ; nasty stuff ! sister !"

OLD AND NEW. BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

The Old Year sat beside the hearth

And ere he vanished from the earth

In thoughtful mood ; the hour was late ;

I am your affectionate scholar,

CELIA BROWN. To Celia's great astonishment, Miss Nelson in sisted upon considering this letter a "composition" -as, of course, it was ; and she read it herself be fore the whole school. The secret of Celia's ability

to write a letter where she could not write a " com position," lay in the fact that she unconsciously followed little Willie's advice, and wrote what she thought and felt, without regard to " how it might

EARTHQUAKES.

Australian papers of recent date report destruc-It was of no use to talk to her ; a composition she tive earthquakes in the Philippine Islands, and could not write. Pages of spelling, half the gram- cable dispatches during the past few weeks have announced shocks throughout Spain, Portugal, Southhave daunted her anything like the mere word | ern France and Austria-those in the latter councomposition. She could not think of anything else try being especially severe. As calamities of this that afternoon, and at the tea-table looked so ab- character seem to follow each other in rapid sucstracted, and was so unusually silent, that her big cession, it is in the nature of probabilities that we brother Tom, just home from college desired to be shall, before many days have passed, hear of earthquake shocks of even greater violence in other

parts of the world. There is no natural calamity " Oh sister ! How you did practice your music that terrorizes mankind as does an earthquake. I comes with little, if any warning, works its dejust banged and tore ! I reckon she didn't count struction, and passes away almost with the rapidity of thought. There is rarely any opportunity to

"Mamma, Miss Nelson told all the girls in my class | escape from it, and if there be time one knows not

While no country escapes earthquakes, some are more subject to their visitation than are others. Among these are Central and South America, Spain and Portugal, and Calabria. In South and Central America the inhabitants endeavor to provide against them by building their houses low, with So frequent are slight earthquake shocks that it rix lines of carefully written composition will do. is said that somewhere on the surface of the earth And you will not find it difficult, Celia, if you do one occurs every day. Volcanic districts are esnot make up your mind against it. Did Miss Nel- pecially subject to earthquakes, and one among the carliest on record is that which resulted in the de-

"Yes, papa-salt," was the reply, in a disgusted struction of Herculaneum and Pompeii. The most sons are said to have perished at Antioch alone. During the last century and a half have occurred

The past he fain would contemplate "I brought a wealth of joy for those Who had o'erburdened been with grief," He said, " and for unnumbered woes Furnished the cordial of relief. " To some I gave a garden's bloom, Sweet pansies and forget-me-nots ; To some the cypress and the tomb, The barrenness of desert spots. With Love I tarried for a while, Breathing the sweet elysian air ; And bidding hope serenely smile Across the threshold of Despair. "I entered on my natal hour Burdeued alike with bliss and bane, Commissioned by my Lord to dower Some hearts with ease, and some with pain. Where happiness had rich increase, I shall be honored long, I know ; But those I robbed of joy and peace-They will be glad to have me go ! " I've followed many a bridal train ; Have watched by many a lonely bier ; With birth and death, with loss and gain, Made up the record of the year. And now beside December's gate Where hangs the year's alarum bell, I pause to scan the past, and wait The sound of my own funeral knell. " One !-- How the hours have slipped away Two !---Some will weep with sore regret ; Three !-- Could I still on earth delay--Four !- Some good I might accomplish yet. Five !--- An angelic song awoke ! Siz !-- Surely are the fetters riven. Seven !-- Soon shall I hear the final stroke--Eight !-- Chime sweetly with the clock of heaven ! " Nine !-- I am nearer to my goal !

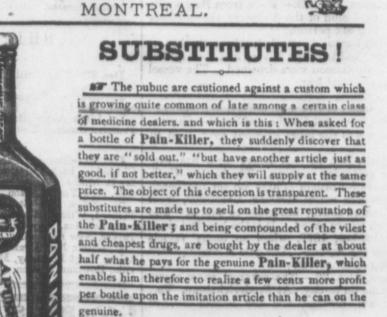
Ten !--- Time must eternity begin ! Eleven !--- Awake, immortal soul ! Twelve !--- Farewell ! and let the New Year in !'

friends hearing her complain, said :

lessened; I gained in weight; the hacking cough left me; refreshing sleep returned; my spirits became buoyant, the mind active and vigorous. I continued taking the Syrup month after month ; but owing to the damp, foggy climate of St. John, my recovery was necessarily slow, although I could observe a gradual return of strength for three years, during which time I continued taking the remedy. My present weight is one hundred and eighty-eight, being thirty-eight above my usual. I have no symptoms left denoting disease. The only notable sign during twelve months was the expectoration. Now that has stopped, and I consider myself well. The reader may ask, How do you know your difficulty to have proceeded from ulcerated or tuberculated lung ! I answer, In the most certain of all modes for ascertaining. In March last I coughed from the right lung a piece of PHOSPHATE OF LIME, half the size of a pea, which could have come from no other place, and which the highest authority in Lung Diseases (Laennec) states is the result of tubercle, which has been cured. Added to this, I had the leaden-colored, purulent, blood - streaked expectoration, and the opinion of one of the best diagnosticians in the country. I believe I have experienced all the symptoms incident to the two first stages of Consumption, and have successfully combatted them, so that I do not despair of any case where there is left sufficient lung-tissue to build upon. I can only add that the mere monetary consideration of increased sales would never induce me to publish this report, but a sincere sympathy for the poor Consumptive, with whose misfortune I believe it villany to trifle. Respectfully

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