Poetry.

GATHER THEM IN.

BY THE REV. HENRY BURTON, M. A.

Gather them in at the Master's call
To the banquet of his love;
Gather them in, there's room for all
In the Father's house above;
Go, then, and tell them,
Go and compel them,
And out of the woe and the mire of sin
Gather them in, gather them in!

Gather them in, the halt and lame,
By the winning word and deed;
There is healing still in the wondrous NAME,
And a help for every need;
Go, then, and tell them,
Go and compel them,
And out of the woe and the mire of sin
Gather them in, gather them in!

Gather them in, there is none so low
But the Lord shall bid him "Rise;"
There is none so sunk in the deeps of woe
But may climb the highest skies!
O! go, then, and tell them,
Go and compel them,
And out of the woe and the mire of sin
Gather them in, gather them in!

Gather them in, the young and old,
For the Father's love is free;
For each and all there's a harp of gold
And a house by the jasper sea;
O! go, then, and tell them,
Go and compel them,
And out of the woe and the mire of sin
Gather them in, gather them in!

Then as the blood-washed raised their songs
To the LAMB upon the throne,
As you hear the harps of the countless throngs
Their joy will swell your own;
For out of the highways
And out of the by-ways,
And out of the woe and the mire of sin
You gather them in, *you* gather them in!

WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM.

God doth not bid thee wait,
To disappoint at last;
A golden promise, fair and great,
In precept-mold is cast.
Soon shall the morning gild
The dark horizon rim,
The heart's desire shall be fulfilled;
Wait patiently for Him."

The weary waiting times
Are but the muffled peals,
Low prelude of celestial chimes,
That hail his chariot wheels.
Trust him to tune thy voice
To blend with seraphim;
His "Wait" shall issue in "Rejoice!"
"Wait patiently for Him."

He did not bid thee wait,
Like driftwood on the wave,
For fickle chance or fixed fate
To ruin or to save.
Thine eyes shall surely see—
No distant hope or dim—
The Lord thy God arise for thee;
"Wait patiently for Him."

—*Selected.*

The Fireside.

THE BOY JAMIE.

Mr. Ferguson, on his out way to the potato field, stopped in the door and looked hard at his son Jamie, sitting in one corner of the kitchen. "What in the world is that boy about?" he said, at last. "Sounds as though he was reading! I wonder if the laddie can make believe like that.

Then he stepped nearer and listened. Certainly the boy was reading! Well, what was there strange about that? Why, bless your heart, Jamie was not thought to be large enough to read! Nobody had taught him, at least nobody at home had done so, and who else would?

"Why, Jamie, lad, how is this?" his father asked. "Where did you learn to read?"

Then Jamie, his cheeks rosy red, explained that when the boys said their catechism he had listened and learned some of the answers by heart, and then found the place and read them over afterwards, until he knew all the words; then, when he went to see Granny, at the foot of the lane, he had got her to tell him words that he did not know, and he studied them, until by and by Jamie did not understand himself how he found he could read.

Great was the delight of the father and mother. Jamie could read before they supposed that he knew more than his letters. He should be sent to school. And to school he went.

But there was a good many things to learn not taught in the school which he attended.

One afternoon he came home early, and found wonderful things going on in the cottage. The roof was very old, and at one corner it had fallen in; this Jamie knew and had wondered about a good deal.

"It must be fixed," his father said; "but how?"

"What a lot of men it will take to lift it!" said Jamie, lying in his bed in the early morning and looking up at it. "Where will father get them all? And how will they reach up there? What can they stand on while they lift it? I don't see how it is to be done. Behold, on this afternoon, he found a long beam standing upright on the floor, another was laid across it, and his father at the end of the lengthwise beam was pushing it down, and lifting the roof as though it were but a plaything.

"Why, father!" said Jamie, so astonished that he spoke almost in a whisper, "are you a giant?"

"Oh no, lad," said his father, laughing. "I'm not a giant; this isn't very heavy lifting. The man who told us to do it in this way was a giant; he had his strength right in here;" and the father touched that part of his head where the brains were supposed to be.

Never was anyone more astonished than Jamie.

"What is it?" he asked. "What does it?"

"Why, laddie, it is a lever."

"But, father, what is a lever, and what makes it do so?"

"Ah, noo, laddie, you've got me. I dunno what makes it do so; it's the power in it somehow; you find out as you did about the reading, and then tell me, Jamie lad."

And "Jamie lad" resolved to do just that thing. After that, all over the Ferguson farm you might have found levers. Many a thing Jamie discovered about them.

For instance, he learned that the longer the beam was, the heavier weight would it lift. After a while he rigged up a wheel, tied a rope around a heavy weight, wound the rope around the axle of the wheel, and discovered to his great joy, that he gained just as much power as the wheel was broader than the axle was thick.

Having settled this, and a great many other points to his satisfaction, little Jamie, not yet ten years old, concluded that he would write a book about levers. "Other people ought to know about things," said Jamie, sitting down on a stump to think it over. "Just think how many great big things they could lift if they only knew how!" He forgot all about the fact that somebody had told his father. It seemed to him that he had discovered the whole thing. At least he had discovered the "Why." So he wrote patiently for days, trying to make very plain the things he had learned. But, alas for poor Jamie! A traveller came that way, who saw his wheels and levers, talked with him about them, was shown the book almost ready for printing, and behold the traveller brought out a book already printed that told the whole story, and a great deal more, and Jamie discovered that the world was full of people who knew all about levers.

I shouldn't wonder if he shed some tears; but when he got over his first disappointment, he was very glad to find that his discoveries agreed with the book, and that the book could teach him something new.

Not long after that, Jamie learned something which astonished him so much that for a while he forgot all about levers.

He went on an errand to the minister's, and there he saw a map of the world.

"Oh why!" said he, forgetting his fear of the minister in his great astonishment. "The world is na *round*, like that, is it?"

"Aye, that it is, laddie," said his pastor.

And then Jamie was so full of questions that the minister laid down his books and explained; and finally lent the wonderful map to be copied.

Do you wonder that a boy who commenced life in this way, was, years after, giving public lectures on the moon's motions?

Lectures so wise and so interesting, that he became known all over England as a very remarkable scholar.

He has been dead more than a hundred years; but people have not forgotten him.—*Pansy.*

JOSH BILLINGS ON INFIDELITY.

Impudence, ingratitude, ignorance, and cowardice make up the kreed ov infidelity.

Did yo ever hear ov a man's renouncing Christianity on hiz deth-bed, and turning infidel?

Gamblers, nor free-thinkers, haven't faith enuff in their possession to teach it to their children.

No theist, with all hiz boasted bravery, haz ever yet dared to advertize his unbeleaf on hiz tume stun.

It iz a statistikal fakt that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to enter heaven.

I notiss one thing: when a man gits into a tite spot, he don't never send for hiz friend the devil to get him out.

I had rather be an ideot than an infidel; if I am an infidel, I have made miself one; if an ideot I waz made so.

I never have met a free-thinker yet who didn't beleave a hundred times more nonsense than he kan find in the Bible ennywhere.

It iz alwuss safe to follow the religious beleaf that our mothers taught us—there never waz a mother yet who taught her child to be an infidel.

A man may learn infidelity from books, and from hiz assoshiates, but he kant learn it from hiz mother nor the works ov God that surround him.

If an infidel could only komprehend that he can prove more bi hiz faith than he can by hiz reazon, hiz impudence would be mutch less offensive.

Unbeleavers are allwuss so reddy and anxious to prove their unbeleaf, that I hav thought they mite be just a leetle doubtful about it themselfs.

The infidel, in hiz impudence, will ask yu to prove that the flood did occur, when the poor ideot himself kant even prove, to save hiz life, what makes one apple sweet and one sour, or tell whi a hen's egg iz white, and a duk's egg blue.

When I hear a noizy infidel proklaiming hiz unbeleaf, I wonder if he will send for sum brother infidel to cum and see him die. I guess not. He will be more likely to send for the orthodox man who engineers tho little brick church just around the korner.

YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY C. E. BLACK

[The Mystery in this issue will be solved in three weeks. Communications gladly received. All communications intended for this department should be addressed to C. E. Black, Case Settlement, Kings County, N. B., and must be in my office not later than two weeks from each issue.]

STORIES.

SPARE MOMENTS.

A boy, poorly dressed, came to the door of the principal of a celebrated school, one morning, and asked to see him. The servant eyed his mean clothes, and, thinking he looked more like a beggar than anything else, told him to go round to the kitchen.

"I should like to see Mr. ——," said he.

"You want a breakfast, more like."

"Can't I see Mr. ——?" asked the boy.

"Well, he is in the library; if he must be disturbed, he must."

So he bade him follow. After talking awhile, the principal put aside the volume he was studying, and took up some Greek books, and began to examine the new comer. Every question he asked the boy was answered readily.

"Upon my word," exclaimed the principal. "You do well. What, my boy, where did you pick up so much?"

"*In my spare moments,*" answered the boy.

He was a hardworking lad, yet almost fitted for college by simply improving his spare moments. A few years later he became known all the world over as the celebrated geologist, HUGH MILLER! What account can you give of *your* spare moments?—*Canadian Band of Hope.*

A LITTLE ADVICE.

Here are four good rules which I want you all to study well:

Always look at the person to whom you speak. When you are addressed, look straight at the person who speaks to you. Do not forget this.

Speak your words plainly. Do not mutter or mumble. If your words are worth saying, they are worth pronouncing distinctly.

Do not say disagreeable things. If you have nothing pleasant to say, keep silent.

A fourth is—and oh! children, remember it all your lives—think three times before you speak once.

Have you something to do that you find hard and would prefer not to do? Then listen. Do the hard thing first, and get it over with. If you have done wrong, go and confess it. If the garden is to be weeded, weed it first and play afterward. Do the thing you don't like to do first; and then do the rest. Wait not for some great event to turn up. Begin at once and do your work. That is hearty fun which comes after work is willingly done.

THE MYSTERY.

No. 4.—SCRIPTURE QUERIES.

1. How was Elisha engaged when Elijah called upon him to follow him?
2. Where did Christ go immediately after the last supper?
3. To whom did Christ first appear after His resurrection? QUERIST.

No. 5.—SCRIPTURAL ENIGMA.

My 3, 10, 5, 2, 5 was one whom Stephen said was "mighty in words."

My 14, 8, 17, 12, 2, 5, 13, 11, 8, 6 is a lake where Jesus once showed himself unto His disciples.

My 15, 7, 16, 9 was the first mouth of the Hebrew's sacred year.

My 7, 4, 11, 1 is recorded in Genesis 23rd chap., 4th verse.

My whole, consisting of 17 letters is one of the grand doctrines of the Christian system, which was spoken by our Saviour to a noted Jewish ruler. ENIGMATIC.

No. 6.—SCRIPTURE CHARADE.

My *first* is a Hebrew word, denoting house,
And in names of places is often found.
My *second* shows who may accept the Lord,
And in Christian love be found.
My *whole* is very clear to all,
And is without bitterness or mirth;
It is the town where Jesus
Spent His latter days on earth.—ED.

No. 7.—HIDDEN SCRIPTURE BIRDS.

1. A bitter nut is bad to the taste.
2. Bow low or you'll strike your head.
3. The host, rich in silver, dismissed his servant. NO NAME.

No. 8.—DECAPITATION.

Behead a wicked man and leave a term denoting a fountain. ED.

CHAT.

Scriptural puzzles are respectfully solicited. To the one who sends me 10 puzzles, bearing the highest merit, I will give a nice premium. The answers to the last issue will be found below. Search the Scriptures. See issue of January 11th for directions in mailing. Answers may be sent on a postal card. The names of those who sent correct answers will be found below. C. E. B.

(The foregoing not being received in time for last issue is inserted this week, together with this week's matter. In future we hope to receive copy in time.)

THE MYSTERY.

No. 9.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A letter; a fowl mentioned in the New Testament; a door-keeper in the Temple in the time of Ezra; an article mentioned as often used in the time of our Saviour; a letter. NELLIE.

No. 10.—CURTAILMENT.

Complete, the name of a prince I state,
And, also, show where he shared his fate.

If I am now of one letter contracted,
I leave that from which metal is extracted.

Now if you'll again of one letter curtail,
You'll see a conjunction without fail.

If I am curtailed but once more aright,
An interjection is then brought to light. ED.

No. 11.—SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC.

1. One whom the Lord did favor with tokens of grace;
2. He whom God fed in a secluded place;
3. A city once in lower Galilee;
4. And David's friend who served him faithfully.
5. In appellation termed "the Mount of God;"
6. The wife of him who bore the blooming rod.
7. On this island was shipwrecked Paul,
8. A near relative of the beloved Saul.
9. One who was by a prophet relieved of leprosy;
10. And one who partook of the forbidden tree.

My *initials* give the place of agony resorted to by Christ ere He was nailed upon the tree.—ED.

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.)

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

No. 1.—"Love your enemies."
No. 2.—1 Eli, 2 Samson, 3 David, 4 Noah.
No. 3.—Solomon.

THE PRIZE.

The prize, six copies of the *Canadian Band of Hope*, and an elegant Chromo, 10x14, entitled "Crossing the Meadow," has been awarded to T. W. & Estella A. Musgrove, Carleton, St. John. The word "girl" is found in Joel 3: 3.

CHAT.

The competition for the prize offered in this issue will close in two weeks. All letters must be in my office on the 8th February. All puzzles must be *original*. Please send *nom de plume*. If in an envelope, do not seal MS., and prepay by 1c. stamp. Let all try! "If at first you don't succeed, try! try again!" A large number have sent a correct answer to the prize query, but were too late for the prize.

T. W. & E. A. M.—The Mystery and query solved correctly. Send us some puzzles. The prize has been mailed you. Hope you will receive it safely.

Edith E. Sherwood, Kings.—Nos. 1, 3 of the Mystery solved correctly. Query correct. Try again!

Mary McLeod, Kings.—The Mystery and query solved correctly. Come again. Writing good.

F. P. Good, Kings.—The Mystery solved correctly. The correct answer to the query is Joel 3: 3. In Zechariah 8: 5 the word is in the plural. Let us have some puzzles.

Geo. P. Parlee, Kings.—The Mystery and query of Jan. 11th solved aright. Do not be discouraged, but try again.

Ella C. Smith, Sunbury.—Nos. 1 and 3 solved correctly. Query correct, but too late for the prize. Come again.

Nellie Emerson, Sunbury.—The Mystery and query are correct. Thanks for puzzle. It will be published. Glad you are interested. Come again.

Fred. E. Sharp, Kings.—The Mystery of Jan. 11th is correctly solved. The answer to query came too late. Do not be discouraged.

Julius S. Hartt, Carleton.—The solutions to Mystery correct. Thank you for puzzles. Come again. Try for the next prize. Query correct.

J. E. Gosline, Northumberland.—Solutions and answer to query all correct. Will be pleased to have any assistance. Thanks for kindness. Come often.

E. Z. Keirstead, York.—The Mystery solutions and query are correct. Keep trying!

W. H. McDonald, Carleton.—No. 3 and query correct.

Adelia McLeod, Kings.—The Mystery solutions are correct. Work neat. Let us hear from you often.

Isabel H. Day, York.—The Mystery and query of Jan. 11th solved correctly. Persevere!

Lillian A. Holdsworth, Lynn, Mass.—Your answer to the query in the *Chat* was correct. For one so young you do exceedingly well. Thanks for kind information.

Clara L. McLeod, Carleton.—The Mystery, &c., solved correctly. Try your skill at puzzle-making.

Eppie Charters, Westmorland.—Solutions to Nos. 1, 3 and query in the Mystery of Jan. 11th correct. Thanks for pleasant contents of your letter.

Lottie R. Steeves, St. John.—The Mystery and query solutions are all correct. Work very neat.

Mariannie, Kings.—Thanks for your nice lot of puzzles. They will be published in due season. The Mystery, &c., correct. Come again.

D. A. Vanwart, Carleton.—No. 3 correct; also, query.

J. S. Durkee, Yarmouth, N. S.—We are very much pleased with your puzzles. They will find insertion. Come anon. The query and 1 and 3 of the Mystery correct.

Alma A. Chase, Carleton.—All correct. Write us again.

Nellie Morrison, Saml. E. Patterson, Maggie M. Mabee, Kings; Eliza L. Robinson, W. P. Staples, Minnie Moore, Wm. R. Reud, York; Bertie Tracy, Lelah Baker, H. E. Day, Ella A. Kennedy, Carleton; B. Hannah Worden, Sunbury; Mabel Colpitts, Westmorland; E. B. Palmer, Queens; E. M. Freeman, Kings, N. S., have sent correct answers to query.

HOME HINTS.

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