Poetry.

SOMEBODY DYING TO-NIGHT. BY EMMA F. FISK.

Somebody somewhere is dying to-night Somebody crossing the tide, Mystic and chill, of the river we dread, Narrow-and yet, oh, how wide ! Some one is learning those mysteries which Earth's wisest men long to know;

But white and silent those lips have become, Hushed by death's finger of snow. Dear ones, it may be, are weeping around, Mourning the loss of a friend ; May be a mother laments for her child Bowed as in storm willows bend. May be a grief-stricken daughter or son

Watches a parent depart, Or, it may happen, a sister's hot tears. Or a bereft brother's start. May be a husband with anguish-wrung heart Weeps for the wife of his love,

Powerless to hinder the spirit's swift flight Home to the mansions above. May be a wife mute with agony stands Wiping the death-damps away From the cold forehead of him who has been All her support and her stay.

Mayhap in garret, or cellar, or street, Some one is dying alone, Dying of hunger and cold and disease, Weary, unwept, and unknown; Not even a preacher to offer a prayer-May be his soul will be lost; But may be a glorious haven of rest

Somebody somewhere is dying to-night, Haply beneath tropic skies, India's hot breath, perchance, scorching his check Dimming his fast-glazing eyes. Haply again, 'mid the deep Arctic snows Some one is crossing the tide

Waits one of earth's tempest-tossed.

Sunshine and flowers abide. Or it may be that on some battle-field, Matters it not far or nigh, Some one is willingly yielding his life, Dying as heroes can die. Possibly life has grown weary to one,

Into the beautiful Paradise where

A pathway too rough to be trod, Wherefore, unbidden, he's hurling his soul Into the presence of God. Some one, it may be, is meeting his death Out on the storm-tossing main,

Never again to behold the green shore, Never his loved ones again ; Some foolish boy, perhaps, fled from restraint, O'er the wide ocean to roam;

Now he is dying, and wildly repents, Longing for mother and home. One who was standing a moment agone Joyous and lusty and whole,

Some sudden accident swiftly o'ertakes, To eternity hasting his soul. Haply-and tears swiftly flow at the thought-Some one is bowing his head,

Dying dishonored on scaffold of shame, Paying sin's penalty dread. Somebody somewhere departs every night

Yes, every moment, as now, Into the regions of silence beyond; God knows the where and the how. Pray for the dying ones, ye who are left Threading the mazes of life; Pray to the God of the mourner to heal Wounds of affliction's sharp knife.

Somewhere and some time your feet will have come Down to the dark river's strand, May be that long years of life intervene, May be the time is at hand. Therefore be watchful, and careful to do All that God gives to be done, That, be the cross lifted sooner or late.

The crown may be faithfully won.

The fireside.

ROSS CARSON'S COURAGE. BY FLORENCE B. HALLOWELL. Shouting, laughing, pushing against each other,

the boys rushed out of the school-house pell-mell. "Look out, Ross Carson," shouted Tom Lane, in a tone of pretended alarm, "there's a spider on for any one, Tom. Don't make so much of it. But the pump-handle. Run, quick, it may bite you." I'm out and out glad to be friends with you." There was a roar of laughter at this would-be witty remark, and the eyes of a score or more time forth, and no one ever again even whispered thoughtless boys were bent upon the figure of a that Ross Carson lacked courage. The story of slender, delicate-looking lad who had been one of that brave deed of his on the scaffolding about the the first to get out, and who had approached the new hall had borne testimony to his courage which pump for the purpose of getting a drink.

cup trembled perceptibly, and his lips scarcely noblest thing about his brave act was that he risked touched the water. "Oh, he'll stand anything rather than double up

his little fist," cried Tom, and crowding close to Ross he deliberately knocked the books from under his arm. The slender lad's face flushed at the insult, but he said nothing. He stooped, picked the books up, and then walked on again. He was quite aware of Tom Lane's great anxiety to pick a quarrel with him, but was determined to

that he could not with safety enter into any trial away. of strength with a boy so much older than himself. This was Mr. Harley's first visit with his nephews, His lungs were weak, and the doctor had said they and thus far he had been pleased with their bright, could bear no strain whatever. But it was hard to intelligent faces and kind behavior. Still there was be called a coward, to bear insults of every descrip- something in Jimmy's appeal to his brother that tion without open resentment, to feel that he was impressed him unfavorably, he could hardly tell looked upon with contempt by his companions be- why; but the cloud of disfavor had vanished from cause no taunts or sneers could induce him to fight. his mind when, two hours later, he turned his xix. 18. And he was too sensitive and shy to explain to horse's head homeward. Just in the bend of the them his reasons for not doing so, knowing well road he met his nephews, Jimmy bearing a gun that his explanation would be greeted with ridicule over his shoulder. and laughter. So he bore his various trials in | "Did your father give you permission to carry silence, and not even his mother knew what he en- that gun?" he inquired. dured. He did not know that this forbearance "Yes, sir," replied Jimmy; "didn't he, Dan?" showed him possessed of true heroism, for, like "Of course he did," said Dan. most boys, he had a strong admiration for deeds of "And of course I believe you, Jimmy, without daring, and saw little merit in silent endurance. your brother's word for it," said Mr. Harley Tom Lane was the most daring boy among them

all. He boasted that he had the coolest head, the his uncle's gaze. Mr. Harley noticed his nephew's the head of this column. Let others offer prizes. strongest arm, and the greatest amount of courage | confusion and rode on without further comment. of any fellow of his age in Hillsboro', and none disputed his claim. He was always ready for a fight, did you draw it, Jimmy? asked Mr. Harley that his powers of teasing. Ross might have been fairly "Didn't I, Dan ?" treated by the other scholars but for Tom, who was never weary of exciting enmity against him and, understanding how to magnify the veriest To every question that I have asked you to-day you trifles, was ever showing him up as "the biggest have appealed to Dan to confirm your reply. Cancoward in Hillsboro' Academy.' But retribution was near at hand, and Tom was

to be strangely punished for his sins in respect to Ross.

A new town-hall was being built in Hillsboro', and a very high, imposing edifice it was to be, with a steeple second to none. Tom Lane heard his Harley kindly. "The boy who always speaks the returns are more than double. Get a setting of Must give undoubted reference as to good character and father, who was the contractor for the building, say truth has no need to seek confirmation from anthat a magnificent view could be obtained from this other. Do you mean to go through life always self of this fact. half-completed steeple, and the next day at the having to say : 'Didn't I, Dan ?' " noon recess Tom proposed to half a dozen of his "No, uncle; I'm going to try to speak the truth salt water; not salt enough though to cause a young friends to go up and take a look for them- so that people will believe me as well as Dan," said smarting sensation. Nothing is more strengthen-

carpenters wont make any fuss."

narrow, winding stair led up to it; and the boys never says, lately, 'Didn't I, Dan ?' soon attained a height that made their heads swim Mr. Harley thought it was because Jimmy was to read or work in insufficient or too broad light. as they looked down, breathless, and saw how small gaining confidence in himself. Do you, children? Reading with the sun upon one's book is very in-

"A good place for a suicide," said Tom as he

"Do be careful," said a low voice in a tone of entreaty, and looking around, the boys saw Ross Carson standing near. He had come up the stairs "How came you here, you little coward?" asked Solicited.

"The carpenter gave me leave to come up," an-

swered Ross quietly. "I did not know any one was up here, and I was anxious to see the view. But it is a dangerous place." "It's likely you think so," sneered Tom. "You'd find the head of a barrel a dangerous place. As for me, I'd like to see the place where I wouldn't go!

Tom rudely.

Boys, do you see that?" He pointed to a scaffolding which had been erected about the steeple for the use of the workmen. It projected several feet, and overhung the vast chasm below.

"We see it; but what of it?" asked Louis Ray-"You'll see what of it," answered Tom. "It's

a jolly place to dance a hornpipe;" and before his companions could realize his intention, he had climbed out upon the scaffolding and was walking fearlessly about it. The boys started in sheer amazement at such recklessness, and begged him to be careful. But their fears for his safety only made Tom

more anxious to show his boasted courage, and he began rather a feeble imitation of a sailor's horn-"Wouldn't it be a long jump to the pavement?"

As he spoke he looked down-a fatal thing; for his head, which had until now been so cool and steady, began to whirl strangely. He could not remove his eyes from the awful chasm below him.

It seemed to fascinate him.

The boys looked at each other in horror. They saw the terrible danger which menaced him; they knew it was only a question of moments now before he must fall and be dashed to atoms on the pavement below. He stood in a kind of stupor, looking down into the fascinating gulf, his eyes wild and staring, his face white with terror. He, too, knew the awful danger in which he stood, but he was powerless to help himself. The slightest change of position, even the raising of his eyes, and he must fall. The gulf seemed drawing him on ; his brain grew more torpid with every instant, and his eyes seemed starting from their sockets. Back of him shuddered his horror-stricken comrades, waiting in an agony of suspense for the fatal end of this terrible drama; before and below him yawned the great chasm, at the bottom of which the people

moving along looked like dwarfs. Suddenly there was a movement among the boys, and Ross Carson, with white face and set teeth, climbed quickly and noiselessly out of the steeple on to the scaffolding, and with steady step approached the boy who stood on the brink of such a fearful death. " If he touches him, Tom will fall," whispered

Louis Raymond. Low as the whisper was, Ross heard it, and half forward, and throwing both arms around Tom's waist, dragged him backward. It was all over in an instant. In the face of a

earful and imminent danger Ross saved his enemy, and slowly, carefully, for every step was peril, drew him back to the steeple, and with the help of the other boys got him inside once more, white as a corpse, it is true, and utterly unnerved, but safe. There was little said by any one. In silence Ross helped Tom descend the winding stair, and then walked home as quickly as possible. "I don't feel well enough to go to school again

this afternoon," he said to his mother, "so I'll weed out your flower-beds for you." "You are pale," said Mrs. Carson. "I'm afraid you study too hard.' Ross did not answer, but threw off his coat and

began to weed the beds, hoping by hard work to overcome the nervousness which had possessed him ever since leaving the new town-hall. He was still weeding, a couple of hours later

when he heard the tramp of many feet, and looking up, he saw about a dozen of his schoolmates coming n at the little wooden gate, Tom Lane first of all. "I've come to ask your pardon, Ross Carson," said Tom, holding out his hand. "You've taught me this day what true courage is, and made me see what a cowardly sneak I've been.' Tom's lips quivered as he made this humiliating

onfession, and his eyes were moist with the tears which he could restrain with only the greatest

Ross took the proffered hand in a warm and hearty grasp as he said, "I'd have done as much And friends, fast and true, they were from that

was sufficiently convincing, and the people of Hills-His face flushed painfully as Tom's jest fell on boro' were proud of their young townsman. In his ear, and the hand that held the tin drinking- their eyes he was a hero. But I think that the his life to save that of his enemy .- Illus. Chris. Weekly.

"DIDN'T I, DAN?" "Jimmy, have you watered my horse this

morning ?' "Yes, uncle, I watered him; didn't I, Dan?" he added, turning to his younger brother. "Of course you did," responded Dan.

The gentleman looked at the boys a moment, give him no excuse for doing so. For Ross knew | wondering a little at Jimmy's words; then he rode

Jimmy's face flushed and his bright eye fell below

and generally came off victor in any contest. He afternoon, while looking over a book of drawings. had no pity for weakness, no charity for timidity, "Yes, sir," replied Jimmy, with a look of conand thought all those who feared him fair game for scious pride; then turning to his brother he added,

Mr. Harley closed the book and laid it on the table. "Jimmy," he began, "what does this mean? not your own word be trusted?"

Jimmy's face turned scarlet, and he looked as if Thanks. he would like to vanish from his uncle's sight. "Not always," he murmured, looking straight down at his boots.

Jimmy, impulsively. "I have a pass from father," he said, "and the Mr. Harley spent the season with his nephews, this simple tonic for a few weeks, had put aside the and before he left he had the pleasure of hearing spectacles they had used for years, and did not re-The ascent to the steeple was easily made, for a people say, "What's come over Jimmy Page? He sume them, continuing, of course, the oft-repeated

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And one I loved-how long since then ! With wounded spirit felt the wrong; I wish that I could once again Win back the heart—the hand—the song!

If I could only take it back ! The angry word so rashly said. And I was wrong; but then, he too-Well let it pass-long years have fled, And though our friendship is the same,

Undimmed by years of toil and care, My memory makes me blush with shame To know my words are written there. I wish that I could take it back ! The blow I struck in deedless wrath The day-the hour-his ruddy face Come often in my changing path.

He felt the blow-the sudden smart Soon passed from off his boyish cheek, But left upon my own sad heart A wound whose cure I vainly seek. If I could only take it back !

One hasty word I did not mean : It came upon my lips, and went To his dear spirit cold and keen. But the sweet love that healed the pain Was bathed in Heaven's seraphic light, And we shall meet at home again,

In cloudless glory, pure and bright. If I could only take them back, And blot them from the years that were, And weave a vow of peace and love Within the Gospel of my prayer,

How sweet the holy immortelles My heart would round their hearts entwine. And I would never take them back-Those gentle words and deeds of mine! -Home and School

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destruction, & haughty spirit Please give the passage. No. 145.—BIBLICAL CHARADE.

My first is a boy's nickname, Though it you may not share ; My second, also, pertains to hoys, And is considered the heir. The name of a man of might

In my whole you'll plainly see ;-One who was made very weak Through woman's treachery. No. 146.—Numerical Enigma.

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(The Mystery solved in three weeks.)

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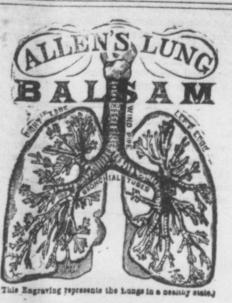
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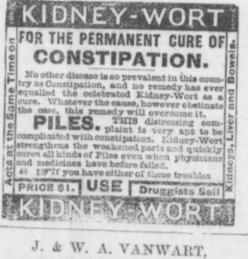
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