Poetry.

THE MASTER'S QUESTION. Have ye looked for sheep in the desert, For those who have lost their way? Have ye been in the wild waste places Where the lost and wandering stray? Have ye trodden the lonely highway, The foul and darksome street? It may be ye'd see in the gloaming The prints of wounded feet.

Have ye folded home to your bosom The trembling, neglected lamb, And taught to the little lost one The sound of the Shepherd's name? Have ye searched for the poor and needy, With no clothing, no home, no bread ? The Son of Man was among them, He had newhere to lay His head.

Have ye carried the Living Water To the parched and thirsty soul? Have ye said to the sick and wounded, "Christ Jesus makes thee whole ?" Have ye told my fainting children Of the strength of the Father's hand ? Have ye guided the tottering footsteps To the shore of the "Golden Land ?"

Have ye stood by the sad and weary To smooth the pillow of death, To comfort the sorrow-stricken, And strengthen the feeble faint ? And have ye felt, when the glory Has streamed through the open door And flitted across the shadows, That I had been there before?

ROOM AT THE TOP.

Never you mind the crowd, lad, Or fancy your life won't tell : The work is the work, for a' that, To him that dooth it well. Fancy the world a hill, lad; Look where the millions stop : You'll find the crowd at the base, lad, There's plenty of room at the top. Courage and faith and patience! There's space in the old world yet The better the chance you stand lad, The further along you get. Keep your eye on the goal, lad ; Never despair or drop,

The Lireside.

Be sure that your path leads upward

There's always room at the top.

THE RED-HOT PENNY. the winter months, when the roads were bad, t allow travellers to go across his grounds, on his own private road, and out into the public thoroughfares again on the other side. This short out lessened the traveller's journey by a good mile and-a-half; or otherwise he would have to go all around the park, which he was now permitted to pass through. During the winter, therefore, the traffic along this private road became so great that some of the vilpenny by opening the gate at the entrance of the does?" grounds for the carriages and light carts that came

hitherto proved very generous. Presently Sam he lived. paused in his jumping over a snowy stump, and said, "Ben, do you hear anything?" Both boys listened, and in a moment or two,

snowy ground. The gate was thrown open in an sometimes aboud. instant, and a dog-cart passed through, the horse driven by a gentleman, who threw a copper to the heard of him he was going ahead, laying a solid boys as he went by. The snow was deep and the penny fell with some force, and sunk into it, so that in the waning twilight it could not readily be you, knows how to take care of his gold-dust." seen. However, both boys were down at once on their hands and knees, hunting eagerly for the He was a poor toy. He had not been to California hidden treasure. Once more the sound of wheels He never was a miner. Where did he get goldmet their ears; and just as Sam sprung to open it, | dust? Ah! he has seconds and minutes, and these Ben's hand turned over some snow, and lighted on | are the gold-dust of time-specks and particles of the penny. Acting upon a sudden impulse, he time, which boys and girls and grown-up people are popped it into his pocket, saying to himself, "Sam apt to waste and throw away. Tom knew their needn't know, and then to-morrow I can buy that | value. His father, our minister, had taught him whistle I've been wanting so long." The carriage that every speck and particle of time was worth its passed on its way, but the coachman gave the boys | weight in gold, and his son took care of them as nothing, and Sam returned to the search.

Ben still feigned to look for the penny. "No; I'm afraid it's no use looking any more," roplied Ben. "It's rather cold; shall we go?" "All right, said Sam. "We'll come down early in the morning, and look for it." So off went the brothers to their home.

Poor Ben crept into his bed without saying hi prayers that night. Somehow he did not feel as if he could pray, with that penny, and the lie he had told about it, burning into his conscience. Neither could he sleep. The penny was under his pillow; and he felt as if it was getting hotter and hotter till it scorched his cheek. Restlessly he into an unquiet, dreamful slumber. But even in his dreams the penny seemed to

scorch him. Now he was racing, as if for life dagger behind him. At another time he thought he was struggling in a river, with ice over his head, and a penny round his neck, dragging him down, in cups or small tin pans, and bake quickly.

At last he awoke, the horrors of his dreams still no longer. "Sam," said he, "I want to tell you something.

I did find that penny, after all; and here it is I'm so unhappy, I don't know what to do." Then tender-hearted Sam put his arms around his brother, and tried to comfort him, but seeing luke-warm water, and flour enough to roll. Cut come as you can. Jesus did not say, "Come unt that nothing made him feel much better, he whis- in small cakes and bake in a quick oven. pered at last, "Come, Ben, let's kneel down here and tell God about it. Mother says that's the only way to get right again." So they knelt down together by Sam's bed; and Ben sobbed out a con-

lession of his sin, and prayed to be forgiven. Then the boys went back to their beds and fell asleep. We are glad to tell you that Ben did not lose his tender conscience as he grew older; nor did he ever forget the misery of what he called the " Redhot penny night."-Advocate, (Sydney, Australia).

BRITISH INDIA.

It has already been explained in the Companion that the cause of the trouble between Russia and England is that England holds the great peninsula of India, and that Russia's advances seems to MYSTERY RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED. threaten that dependency.

The question is often asked, How came the English to be in India at all? How did she conquer it, and what is the character of her rule there? It will perhaps make the situation in Asia more clear if some answer is given to these questions.

hundred years. But they went there in the first some heaftation, was, "Yes; but not now." instance merely as trading colonis's. The discovery by Vasco da Gama of a water route to Asia, question. around Africa by the Cape of Good Hope, in the latter part of the fifteenth century, gave a start to of putting it." commercial enterprises from European nations in

English made their appearance there.

It was in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in 1600, that a company of London merchants received a "Go thy way for this time; when I have a con- See Isaiah i. 1-18; Ac s ii. 22, 23, 36-42; iii. charter giving them an exchaive right to trade in venient season I will call for thee." And, ah 1,re- 13-19, 26; viii. 18-23; Rev. xxii. 17.

India; and it was in 1612 that the first English member, too, we never hear of the conversion of trading post was established at Surat on the west Felix. Say not, then, there is time enough yet.

This was the beginning of the famous East India Company. Gradually the trading post of this company increased on both the west and the east coasts and in due time these settlements came to have governments and troops of their own. Then there came a period of bitter wars with the

natives, who were jealous of this foreign intrusion. The company now raised armies, and as they defeated the native princes, began to annex and establish their rule over their provinces. A brilliant soldier, Lord Clive, made extensive

conquests over the native States in the middle of the last century; and his victories really laid the foundations of the political empire of the Ecglish in India. After a time, the dominions of the East India Company extended over many large territor ies; and the company either ruled the provinces by their governors, or reduced the princes to be their vassals.

By the end of the last century, India had really become subject to the company. But its exclusive privileges were taken from it by Parliament, which opened the peninsula to all British merchants. As the English dominion, always bitterly contested by | are healed." (I-aigh liii. 5). the native princes, spread over the pennaula law and order and improvement replaced the old barbarous state of the country.

Almost a quarter of a century sgo, the East India Company ceased to exist. Its powers and privi leges were assumed by the British Government and the Governors General of India, who had hitherto been appointed by the company, were now chosen by the Crown. A new Cabinet office was ye may be also." (John xiv. 2, 3). created, the Secretary of State for India; and the rule of the great dependency came under his hands. At present, with the exception of a little Freach or Portuguese settle uent here and there on the coast, the whole peninsula acknowledges the sway of Britain. The States are either direct'y under British control, or are under British influence and

protec ion. The Er glish rule in India has been, on the whole, wise and beneficial. It has planted European civilization in a great Asiatic country. The Eng lish methods of conquest were often cruei, and in times past the English have committed many acts of severity and oppression.

On the other hand, they have developed the resources of the country; have built railways, telegraphs and high roads; have spread education and established courts of justice; have suppressed many barbarous rites and customs; have elevated the moral and material condition of the natives; and have secured them peace, defence and orderly government. - The Youth's Companion.

HELPING HIS FATHER.

Some years ago, a boy whose name was Webster, then nearly four years old, was taken from his home to that of his grandpa, where he remained Everybody in the village of Heppinglee agreed several weeks. His grandpa was a Christian man, that it was very kind of Squire Meadows during and always asked God's blessing upon the food bemorning when the breakfast was finished.

When little Webster was taken home, the first ime he sat at his father's table in his high chair, he said before he began to eat, " Papa, why don't 'ou talk to God before 'ou eat, as grandpa does?" And the father said, "O grandpa is a good

"But papa," said Webster, "a'n't 'ou a good lage boys were in the habit of earning an honest | man?" Why don't 'ou talk to God as grandpa

And the good mother, sitting on the other side of the table, said, "Father, that is God's voice to One evening, Sam and Ben (for these were you." And it was; and then, for the first time. their names) remained there later than usual. It the father, as the head of his own house, and had been market day in the neighboring town, and mother and child bowed their heads, while a bless | men lefthanded?" so many carts had passed and the children were ing was brokenly asked on the fond. That was the 5. Where is the sentence, " There is but a step still lingering in hope of some more chances for a beginning. After the breakfast, the father read between me and death?" penny, as the drivers of the market-carts had and prayed, and continued the practice as long as

TOM'S GOLD-DUST.

their practised ears detected the quick trot on the dust," said Tom's uncle, often to himself, and s-i-1. Tom went to col'ege, and every account the

foundation for the future.

"Certainly," said his uncle; "that boy, I tell "Gold dust !" Where did Tom get gold-dust ? though they were. Take care of your gold-dust. "You've not found it, have you?" said he, as and lay up something for old age-for time as wel as for eternity .- Exchange.

HOME HINTS.

FURNITURE POLISH. - Equal parts of linseed oil, urpentine, and alochol; apply with a piece of soft

DELICATE CRACKERS -Two pints of flour, one pint of sweet cream, yelks of three eggs. Roll ou: thin, stick, and bake like any other thin biscuit.

EXCELLENT MUFFINS -One quart of flour, two eggs, one gill of yeast, and water enough to make tossed about till at last, towards morning, he fell a thin dough, with a little salt. Bake them in drops, in an oven, for they cannot rise sufficiently

Por overs - Four cups of flour, four of milk, down a snowy road, and a great big penny like a four eggs. The whites and yelks are to be beaten separately, a small tablespoonful of melted butter added, and a teaspoonful of salt. Put the batter

BREAKFAST CAKES .- A pint and a quarter of flour, half a pint of Indian meal, one pint of milk. upon him. He could bear the stings of conscience one gill of yeast. Make up at night for breakfast next morning. In the morning add one egg; bake on a griddle. They much resemble finnel cakes. COORIES - One cup of molasses, one-half cup of butter, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, two teaspoonfuls of soda, or saleratus, dissolved in a very little you say you cannot come as you ought. Then

of rice in a pint of water for half an hour, dip in a received. Come creeping, crawling, any way, only painters' brush, press the brush against the side of come. You say you do not repent enough. You saucepan to squeeze out the surplus liquid, dab the | never will ; for penitence, like all other graces, i. brush on the glass; it will give the appearance of ever growing, and no one's penitence can equal his ground glass when dry.

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"Ah !" said the other, "I don't like that way

invited. Come then with a broken heart, that He "But," said the minister, "it is your own way may heal it; or, as Leighton says, "If thou find that direction. Portuguese and Dutch settlements of putting it; for Christ Himself declares that it unbroken, yet give it Him, with a desire that it had long existed on the coast of India before the 'He that believeth not is condemned already, and may be broken." However unable to come aright, the wrath of God abideth on him." make the effort-come as you are-only come, and Remember that Pelix of old said to the Apostle, Jesus will not, cannot reject you.

This you cannot know. Delay may be the ruin of

"Ask, and ye shall receive; Seek, and ye shall find ; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." -Matthew vii. 7.

CHILDREN'S HYMN. I have heard of a Saviour's love. And a wonderful love it must be; Bot did He come down from above

Out of love and compassion for me? "This is a faithful saying, and wortay of all aceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy i. 15). I have beard how He suffered and bled,

But then, is it anywhere said That He languished and suffered for me? "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we

How He languished and died on the tree ;

I've been told of a Heaven on high, Which the children of Jesus shall see; But is there a place in the sky

Made ready and furnished for me? "In my Father's house are many mansions; i it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you ; . . . that where I am, there

> Lord answer these questions of mine; To whom sha'l I go but to Thee? And say, by Thy Spirit Divine, There's a Saviour and Heaven for me.

Yes, yes, yes, for me, for me; Yes, yes, yes, for me; Our Lord from above, in His infinite love, On the Cross died to save you and me. - The Guspel Trumpet.

> THE UNRIGHTEOUS SHALL NOT INHERIT KINGDOM OF GOD.

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-1 Corinthians vi. 9.

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No. 112. - DROP LETTER PUZZLE. FROM "BLANCHE," SUNBURY. "That boy knows how to take care of his gold- | s- t-a- t-e w-v-s t-e-e-f a-

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E- sa -U N- ahu -M E- lia -B CHAT.

BIBLE STUDY.

IOPIC : COME TO JESUS.

BUT I AM NOT WORTHY, AND CANNO COME ARIGHT." If you imagine that any sinner is worthy of sa vation, you quite mistake the nature of the Gospe It is a free gift, not a reward. No one is worth, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. John, were not worth But Jesus is so full of love that, unworthy as w all are, He invites us to come. If He regards on sin as no objection, why should we? Jesus know. that fifthy rags cover you, that a leathsome diseasinfects you ; yet He says, "Come unto me !" O account of these very things, He says, Come How unreasonable, then, for you to refuse because you are unworthy. You might as well say you were too hungry to eat, or too poor to receive help as that you are too unworthy to come for pardon Your very unworthiness makes you welcome. But me running, or walking upright," but simpl To IMITATE GROUND GLASS .- Boil a teaspoonful "Come." Come in any manner, and you will be sins. But we are not saved because we repenenough, but, if we do repent at all, we are saver because Jesus died. You say you do not love God spough. You never will, till you get to heaven. But we are saved, not because we love God, but enough. True, and every Christian needs to pray Lord, increase my faith !" But if you truly look to Jesus for salvation, that is faith; and, though i may be very weak, none who possess it can perish. Perhaps you say your heart is totally bad, and therefore that your mere cries of distress are no prayers which God can accept. Be encouraged by the case of Simon Magus. His "heart was not right in the sight of God;" he was "in the gali of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity :" yes

told to gray. Even he, if he repented, would be

be, your condition cannot be worse than his ; ye

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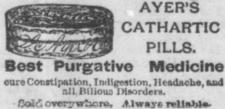
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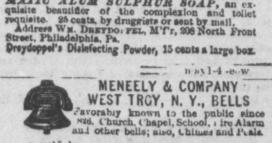
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