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POETRY. LOVE.

[FROM THE CURSE OF KEHAMAII.]

They sin who tell us Love can die, With life all other passions fly, All others are but vanity. lu heaven ambition cannot dwell, Nor avarice in the vaults of hell. Earthly these passions are, of earth, They perish where they have their birth. But love is indestructable; Its holy flame for ever burneth, From heaven it came to heaven returneth; To oft on earth a troubled guest, At times deceive at times opprest, It here is tried and purified, And both in heaven its perfect rest; It soweth here with toil and care, But the harvest-time of love is there. Oh ! when a mother mee.s on high The babe she lost in infancy, Hath she not then, for pains and fears, The day of wo, the anxious night, For all her sorrow, all her tears, And over payment of delight!

THE FAMILY.

From the Sunday School Journal. CRIME AND ITS ORIGIN.

I have long been deeply impressed with the fact, that the christian community, as a whole, are most wonderfully ignorant of the origin of crime and its extent. The parent who gathers his family around the sacred altar of prayer, and there commends them to God, and to the keeping of his grace with profound sincerity, thinks himself doing his whole duty, perhaps ; whilst around him, on almost every side, Satan, with his michievous hand, is scattering fire brands, arrows, and death. I say this good man feels, perhaps, that he has done his whole duty, when his christian example and prayer makes his own tabernacle a dwelling place of the Most High. But let such an one take pains to inform himself in regard to the incipient stages of crime around him, with a just and realizing sense of the duty God has imposed on him as a disciple of Christ, to stay the floods of vice, to stop them in their commencement, and he will cry out, " who is sufficient for these things." For the past three years and more, it has been my privilege to spend a part of almost every Sabbath within the walls of our city prison. I have there met not only hundreds, but thousands, whose feet Satan has entrapped in his gins, spread for them -and by a series of crimes which he has induced them to perpetrate, they at last find themselves the degraded tenants of a public prison.

Whilst contemplating the scenes presented to my view, Sabbath after Sabbath, I have often wished I had the voice of an angel, that I could make it heard throughout Christendom, to wake up the dormant powers of our Sabbath school teachers, that they might one and all do their to their own confession. duty so fully and so faithfully, that the rising generation might grow up with such an amount of virtuous principles, laid in the superstructure of their education, that they should avoid " this place of torment." The germ of that series of crimes which makes the subject an outcast from society, is laid in the breast of man at a period much earlier than we are led to suppose from casual observation. When men are in trouble, then it is that they will speak the honest sentiments of their hearts. It has often been my practice to take the poor convict by the hand, and propound to him a series of questions relative to his former history, tracing out the commencement, the progress, and the result of that train of wrong doings, that has placed him in the position in which he finds himself ; and IN NO INSTANCE within my recollection, have I found any man who from having been a virtuous and worthy citizen, by one grand vault throws himself into the vortex of erime and degradation. No, Satan does not work so foolishly as this. He takes the child as soon as he has learned to lisp the name of God, and by a continued process of " little sins," leads him on from step to step, taking pains at every step to blunt his sensibilities-benumb and finally sear his conscience, until he becomes a ready emissary to do his will. Thus it is I find the synopsis of the history of every man and woman, without exception. I would that every Sabbath School teacher and every christian in the land could realize the vast influence the salt of truth would have in preventing this mass of human mind from corruption. Could they but see how much evil they could prevent, how much actual good they could accomplish, did they prayerfully,

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faithfully, and judiciously sow the seeds of truth in the youthful heart, they would bestir themselves, and labor with more assiduity to spread like snow flakes the seeds of truth .-Many of the persons have been induced by me to write out at length the history of their lives, from the earliest period of their recollection to the time of their incarceration. Many of these biographies would furnish a fruitful theme for comment for the philanthropist's pen.

Although each of these may appear to be of little consequence, still the aggregate amount of testimony gathered not only from this source. but from direct answers to the following ques tions from hundreds has led me to this conclusion, that Sunday-school teachers, christians and philanthropists are not aware of the depth and extent of crime in the land.

Yoa will readily discover, that direct answers to the following questions from a few hundred. will give a general index to the character of the class of men I allude to. The questions asked, are these-the age-married-unmarried-temperate-intemperate-living in quiet with their families-living in domestic broils-licentious -profane-Sabbath breakers-liars-thievesgamblers-visiting ten-pin alleys-disobedient to parents-age they left their parents-reasons for leaving home-how long Sabbath school scholars-professors of religion-common education-was the crime charged connected with licentiousness, gambling, intemperance, &c. &c. I should like, had I time, to give you the answers to each question in their due proportions. But I must suffice by giving a few only in de tail, and this will show you in some degree the propostion.

These estimates are made upon the basis of 918 which is the number committed to our prison through the year. By these examinations you will be enabled to form an idea of the general character of the inmates of our prisons not only, but those throughout the land. And this picture is not only a fair specimen of the inmates of our prisons, but of multitudes of men, who have so far eluded justice as to be out of the meshes of the laws of man, but not of the law of God.

I have thought, if the manuscripts in my possession were placed in the hands of a person of leisure, he could therefrom draw many a moral that would be profitable to spread before the public mind. If something more effectual is not done to stop the progress of crime, not only must we have our property taxed to increase our prisons, our police, our halls and officers of justice ; -we must not only increase our bars and bolts for personal security, but we must be led to feel that our liberties as a nation are constantly endangered.

This calculation has as its basis the number of commitments 918. Of this number according 521 are openly licentious. 835 avowedly profane. 862 confessedly Sabbath-breakers. 621 disobedient to parents. 205 say they had pious parents. 713 children ef irreligions parents. Less than one hundred have been connected with Sunday-school, and those few were under the influence for so brief a space of time as to derive no practical benefit therefrom. 104 of this number were between the ages of and 18 years. Well may the philanthropist sigh to contemplate the true position we occopy. Think of the fact that one out of every 25 persons in this podulation is an immate of a prison out of this number of 918, 610 are foreigners. Think of this too ! bus and relation of sub. Rochester, (New York.) TO SONS OF TEMPERANCE! THE subscribers have on hand, and offer for sale, a large supply of REGALIA, made in the neat-est manner, at \$54 per dozen. They are also pre-pared to furnish Grand Division Regalia of the best materials, at Boston prices, \$5 each. Official Em-blems, warranted of sterling silver, supplied at short notice, at £5 15s. per sett. SEALS supplied. The attention of Divisions is respectfully re-quested to these articles, as they will be found on inspection, equal, if not superior to any now in use BAILEY & DAY, St. John, Feb. 26, 1848. Prince Wm. St St. John, Feb. 26, 1848. Prince Wm. St.

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