

POETRY.

A PARENT'S PRAYER.

BY REV. LEONARD WITHINGTON.

At this hushed hour when all my children sleep,
Here, in thy presence, gracious God, I kneel;
And, while the tears of gratitude I weep,
Would pour the prayer which gratitude must feel;
Parental love! O set thy holy seal
On these soft hearts which thou to me has sent,
Repel temptation, guard their better weal;
Be thy pure Spirit to their frailty lent,
And lead them in the path their infant Saviour went.

I ask not for them eminence or wealth—
For these, in wisdom's view, are trifling toys
But occupation, competence and health,
Thy love, thy presence, and the lasting joys
That flow therefrom; the passions which employ
The breasts of holy men; and thus to be
From all that taints, or darkens or destroys
The strength of principle forever free;
This is the better boon, O God, I ask of thee.

This world I know is but a narrow bridge,
And treacherous waters roar and foam below,
With feeble feet we walk the wooden ridge
Which creaks and shakes beneath us as we go;
Some fall by accident, and thousands throw
Their bodies headlong in the hungry stream,
Some sink by secret means, and never know
The hand which struck them from their transient dream
Till wisdom wakes in death, and in despair they scream

But if some useful path before them lie
Where they may walk obedient to thy laws,
Though never basking in Ambition's eye,
And pampered never with the world's applause
Active, yet humble, virtuous too, the cause
Of virtue in the dwellings where they dwell,
Still following where the perfect Spirit draws,
Releasing others from the bands of hell—
If this be life, then let them longer live, 'tis well.

And teach me, Power Supreme, in their green days,
With meekest skill, thy lessons to impart—
To shun the harlot, and to show the maze
Through which her honeyed accents reach the heart.
Help them to learn, without the bitter smart
Of bad experience, vices to decline;
From treachery, falsehood, knavery, may they start
As from a hidden snake: from woman, wine
From all the guilty pangs with which such scenes combine.

How soft they sleep what innocent repose
Rests on their eye, from older sorrows free;
Sweet babes, the curtain I would not unclose,
Which wraps the future from your minds and me.
But, heavenly Father leaving them with Thee
Whether high or low may be their lot,
Or early death await them—be
Their Guardian, Saviour, Guide, and bless the spot
Where they shall live or die, till death forsake them not.

Though persecution's arches o'er them spread
Or sickness undermine, consuming slow;
Though they should lead the life their Saviour led,
And his deep poverty be doomed to know;
Wherever thou shalt order, let them go;
I give them up to thee—they are not mine;
And I could call the swiftest winds to blow
To bear them from me to the Pole or Line,
In distant lands to plant the gospel's bleeding shrine.

When as a scroll, these heavens shall pass away,
When the cold grave shall offer up its trust,
When seas shall burn, and the last dreadful day
Restores the spirit to its scattered dust,
Then, thou most merciful, as well as just,
Let not my eye, when elements are tossed
In wild confusion, see that darkest, worst
Of painful sights, that ever parent crossed—
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To Professor HOLLOWAY.

SIR,—Various circumstances prevented the possibility of my thanking you before this time for your politeness in sending me your Pills as you did. I now take this opportunity of sending you an order for the amount, and, at the same time, to add that your Pills have effected a cure of a disorder in my Liver and Stomach, which all the most eminent of the Faculty at home, and all over the Continent, had not been able to effect; nay, not even the waters of Carlsbad and Marienbad. I wish to have another Box and a Pot of the Ointment, in case any of my family should ever require either.

Your most obliged and obedient Servant,
(Signed) ALDBOROUGH.
A CURE OF ASTHMA AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH.

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(Signed) DAVID WILLIAMS.
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Extract of a Letter from Mr. William Browne, of 21 South Main Street, Bandon, Ireland, dated March 2nd, 1847.

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(Signed) WILLIAM BROWNE.
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To Professor HOLLOWAY.

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(Signed) J. K. HEYDEN.
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