Be Strong.

Be strong to hope, oh Heart Though day is bright, The Stars can only shine In the dark night, Be strong, oh Heart of mine,

Look towards the light! Be strong to bear, oh Heart Nothing in vain; Strive not, for life is care, And God sends pain, Heaven is above, and there Rest will remain!

Be strong to love, oh Heart! Love knows not wrong, Didst thou love-creatures even, Life were not long; Didst thou love God in Heaven, Thou wouldst be strong! -Adelaide Proctor

A Child's Thought of God

Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

They say that God lives very But if you look above the pines You cannot see our God, and why

And if you dig down in the You never see him in the gold, Though from Him all that's

glory shines. God is good, He wears a fold Of heaven and earth across His

Like secrets kept, for love untold, But still I feel that His embrace Slides down by thrills, through all things made, Through sight and sound of

every place; As if my tender mother laid On my shut lids, her kisses Half-waking me at night; and

"Who kissed you through the dark, dear guesser?"

Maybe He Tried.

Maybe he tried to be a man, Maybe he did what he could To walk in the paths that wer pointed out As the way of the wise and

good. Maybe he fought with his evil To conquer and beat it down-

stands A fallen thing in the town.

Don't be too hard on him as he

Maybe she tried to be more than

Maybe her struggle was hard; Maybe they gave her instead of The blow of the bitter shard.

Maybe she prayed as she wrung her hands In agony, grief and woe-

Don't be too hard if she has gone The way that she should not go. Maybe we all of us try to be men, And strive to be true and fine

Remember, the struggle may not have been As easy to make as thine.

wav-Don't be too hard on any of us Till you hear what we have to

Maybe he tried to be a man: Maybe he did his best; Who can tell of the agony

That is burning within his breast. Maybe he struggted again and

To master himself once more-

A horrid thing on the floor! -Bentztown Hard. away; far away from here,

Serving at Holy Mass.

Come, children all, whose joy it is To serve at Holy Mass, And hear what once, in days of

In Ireland came to pass.

It chanced a priest was journeying Through wild long ways of wood, And there, where few came pas

sing by, A lonely chapel stood.

He stayed his feet, that pilgrim

His morning Mass to say, And put the sacred vestments That near the altar lay.

For all is silent there?

Aching Joints

parts of the body, are joints that are last few coals of life were dying inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—to ashes. Ah, it was the face of that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

weather.
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He kneels him down and patient

The peasant's hour of prayer. When lo! a child of wondrous

Before the altar steals, And down beside the lowly priest The infant beauty kneels.

He serves the Mass; his voice is sweet, Like distant music low;

With downcast eyes and reverent hands And footfall soft and low.

Et verbum caro factum est, He lingers till He hears; Then, turning to the Virgin's

In glory disappears. Now round the eltars children

Press gladly in God's Name For once to serve at Holy Mass The infant Jesus came.

-Infant Jesus Messenger.

LOTHAN, THE LEPER

Tale of the Hallowed Time When the God-Man Went About The Holy Land Doing Good to All.

(Continued from last week)

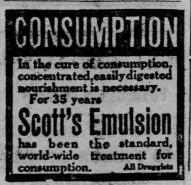
The cool night air was refreshway up into the hills, he turned again and again to look down upon the flickering lights of a sleeping city. The moon was pouring fourth it every glory now and the whole world seemed sol-

At last Lothan stood against the threshold of his own poor hovel, and then, with all the vehemence of a man about to die. he cast himself upon his knees and from the fathomless depths of sorrow and affliction cried oud: "Oh, Father of mercy, near and help me! Thou alone art my God; Thou alone art my strength, for I am broken and

oruised and weary." The glowing warmth of the new day's sun awakened Lothan rom his restless slumber, and he arose and looked out upon the world from the open door of his hut. Ah, what a contrast-he and the world! The city lay glistening in the morning dew and the harvesters and laborers were coming and going upon the Maybe we do not deserve to be highway. The shepherds were gathering their sheep and assembling them in new and verdant pastures, while the flocks frisked here and there rejoicing in the vivifying atmosphere of a bright new day. Lothan looked out upon the city, but the scenes of last night haunted him like a vision, and the awful thought that there within the walls lay his dying mother made the sight an object of anguish and horror. He turned aside and brushing away the mist that clouded his eyes, looked far away. "I will wash at the Don't be too hard on him, lying spring and walk up into the mountains and cross over by the

> Taking a circuitous path to avoid the reapers who were now taking ossession of the fields, he crossed the hillside to the mountain-spring that came gushing down the valley. Leaning over the refreshing water, he stopped to cool and bathe his brow; but, ah! what a icture he saw reflected there! An emaciated, ghostlike face trembled and quivered in the waters; a pair of wild, despairing eyes were looking into his own.

falls to the lake. Ah, I must go



ing specter-a face in which the last few coals of life were dying

Lothan the leper! And, mad Sufferers dread to move, especially

with anguish now, he plunged his after sitting or lying long, and their hands into the trickling water condition is commonly worse in wet vivid and haunting image. And this is Lothan—the once strong handsome Lothan, the lad of great ambition, the pride and love of a mother's heart, but now a leper, a toy broken and useless in Hood's Sarsaparilla the relentless hand of a great deheaven, he cried: "Oh, God

> oday! The cry was rung aloud from a despairing heart, and as it echoed and resounded on the hillside nought but the silent earth and

heaven seemed to hear. "Hail, my friend!" Lothan turned quickly and looked into the face of a stranger. Startled though he was, Lothan could not then forget his duty and shrink ing back, cried, "Unclean!" He would have fled, but the stranger unmindful of his warning, re strained him and, touching him upon the shoulder said again, image in the water and feeling it flammation his duty to flee, his eyes met the eyes of the stranger-beauty and igliness encountered each otherand Lothan was powerless to move. The stranger's large blue eyes seemed to transfix him; they sierced into his very soul and warmed the coldness in his veins. And His face-kindliness beamed in every feature; and when He spoke it seemed to be the voice of Dandruff. a mother. His every movemen bespoke superiority and dignity

tself; His perfect manlines eemed but the figure of a king in peasant's garb. "Why didst thou moan, my friend; and why cry out thy wil-

deed, in dreadful suffering?" And Lothan, struck a master—touch me not, for, see I am unclean; behold, this leprosy must needs soon complete its work," and the words died into Hagyard's Yellow Oil and it cured the echo of his voice.

"Master!" But Lothan stop ped, for here upon the ground was a strange, strange figurewas the shadow of a great cross Lothan turned abruptly and sought the eyes of the Master that were already looking into ralgia. his own, but the Master only smiled, a faint and kindly smile as if tempered in its joy by the keenness of a great impending sorrow. And the Master looking smile die gently upon his lips said: "The sword of sorrow an death is sharp, indeed, my friend but it never cuts through the armor of love. Why, then, is it ford says: "It affords me much so hard to die?" And then looking pleasure to say that I experienced and grace, blushed with the a box 50c, name that weakness must we

in the presence of strength. "Ah, Master," Lothan answer ed, it is not hard for me to die for from hope and happine have fled like the winds of vesterday; but, Master, there is another, another dying whom blood-she is my mother. It was but last night I knelt at her bedside; there, too, was my littl prother kneeling, fast asleep. ooked npon my mother's burning cheek. I felt the awful fever on brow, and, Master, how onged for one last embrace! But, no! The voice of demons swarm in on me with that unholy word, 'Unclean!' Unclean!' dared not touch her, and I fledfled back here to die upon th hillside, Ah, Master, you know

not how I love her!" The Master listened; He was gazing out upon the city, as i nmindful of the words He heard Aye, as every man should love nis mother," He said, and He drew closer and took Lothan's and in His: "and as I love mine. but He turned away, as if at the nadequacy of his words. "Tonight thou must go again to thy mother, and when you find her as "Ah, but, Master-" and Loth-

ing expostulation. (To be continued next week.)

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