

that anything was the matter till four or five days before he died.

The father was anxious for a foreign doctor, and to speak to Mr. Gardner, but the mother would not consent until she had exhausted all her heathen resources. An old woman was called in who burnt the poor little baby in many places. The agonized mother laid her darling upon a mat on the floor, as if neglected or deserted, called him a pig, a dog, and other names of reproach to try and deceive the evil spirit seeking his life. To the child himself she would speak, begging him not to go away, but carefully called him her "little daughter."

At the last the father saw Mr. Gardner, and begged him to bring the doctor, which was done at once. The doctor says that nothing could have saved his life.

Carrie and I went to see them, only to find the child had died a few hours before.

The father sat beside his dead as if crushed by his sorrow. The mother and sister in the bedroom off, comfortless. The poor woman's grief was intensified by the neighbor coming to laugh and triumph, because her baby had not been taken.

The woman who died last spring lived in adjoining rooms on third flat. She was very fond of this baby, and used to say she wished to have it. Now the poor mother thinks she had come and taken him for company in the spirit land.

I was very glad and encouraged to find I was not repelled in this hour of sorrow, but my sympathy gratefully received. I trust Carrie's words, spoken for Christ, may not be forgotten.

Superstitions regarding the house will not allow the family to sleep again within its walls, so when I shall find them again I do not know. The father, years ago, was baptized in San Francisco, but the wife's heathenism has prevailed of late.

I tell this story for one purpose only, viz.: To call forth prayer in behalf of these parents and their intelligent little daughter. Should Christ be received into their hearts, in deed and in truth, not only would they be *set free*, but the daughter's feet would be unbound in a double sense.