How oft with living power thy hallowed word Borne on a Father's voice has sought mine

Whilst God's own Spirit in my bosom stirred, And whispering, taught me, "'tis thy life to

How oft a sainted Mother's gentle band Has led my thoughtful eye to search thy page, Whilst she would fondly urge her b'est com mand

To make thee guide in youth and hope in age-How often from thy precepts have I turned

What fires of joy within my soul have burned, Caught from thy record of a Saviour's love.

Guide of my Father's path-my Mother's stay Be thou my comfort on life's thorny road, Lead me with them to seek thy blessed "way," bright abode.

My Father's Bible ! Oh, my Father's God, Thanks for a Father that hath loved thy law! Teach me to heed the path that he hath trod, And living waters from thy fountains draw.

Thanks for a Mother passed into the skies, Treasured among the jewels of thy love! Give me on wings of faith like her to rie And seek my home in that blest world above.

The Dancing-School. BY MRS. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

"Oh, maxima," said a bright little girl of fourteen, bursting impatients into the room where her mother was sitting, "won't you let me go to the dancing school, along with Ellen information. She had said that she disapprovare very sick?" she inquired, as she bent over and Jane ?"

know anything about a dancing school."

go, won't you, mother ?" said she, coaxingly, present eager and excited state, feel the force of paleness passed like the shadow of death over and throwing her arms round her mother's any kind of reasoning on the subject?

back the beautiful hair, and gazed into the bright those cotillion parties." eyes of the child, and at last replied, in the good old form so convenient to mothers, and so un- ence between them and the school-its all dance, satisfactory to children, " I'll see about it." "Oh, mother ! now do say yes."

Well, my dear, perhaps I shall ; but I must So Mrs. Seldon acquiesced. have time to think about it, and talk with your papa; meanwhile, I want you to go an errand or me up the street."

mother, as she watched the light, graceful step of her daughter from the window; and Mrs. agement, but her sister made no reply.

that practised hackneyed assurance one often promise me you will not stay after ten." sees in young girls who early gain what is called a knowledge of the world."

" But seriously, sister," said Mrs. Seldon, " do you think that there is any harm in Isabella's taking a quarter or two at the dancingschool? I have thought about it often. It seems to me that there is a very unreasonable prejudice stricter classes of religious people. Why is one a strong and effectual barrier against any influagainst this particular amusement among the kind of motion so much worse than any other ? Why is it worse to move to music than to move without music? worse to exercise in dancing than on horseback, or in any other way? There is, I think, a great deal of prejudice upon this subject, among religious people, to which I am not sure it is my duty to conform."

"Well, sister, I too have thought on this subject." said Mrs. Clarke, " for you know I have to the conclusion that the stricter religionists are right, it is not because I think there is any more harm in one kind of motion than another, or any mysterious sinfulness in the particular motions of dancing. As far as I can see, it is in itself a very innocent and graceful amusement." "Well, then, why would you not send your

Well, my dear sister, I consider the first bject to be attained in the education of my "Your cousin, Emily Clarke, has lately join-

unfavorable for the growth of a steady Christian her mother. I suppose?"

Certainly," replied Mrs. Seldon. she must dance as others do, at the same times enjoy most." and places, with the same sort of dress and accompaniments that others do. That is to say, she must attend dancing parties and balls, just

as they are, and not as they might be made." she has come to her present age—you know she ed thoughtful and abstracted.

-would it be safe-would it be wise ?" their health," said Mrs. Seldon.

"But is not the ill-health of women in these "There are appearances I cannot at all like."

narrisge."

"But, after all," said Mrs Seldon, "it is not and here her voice failed. the dancing that does the mischief."

school, she inevitably is drawn into places and replied the physician. "I have done all I canscenes on which all the evils I have spoken of there is no hope now but in God." are attendant."

prove of public balls, " I never meant to allow The idea of losing their idelized daughter had Isabella to go anywhere where I could not with never really crossed Mrs. Seldon's mind, and it propriety go with her, and of course I should not entered now with a deadening and overwhelmthink of going to such places.. I disapprove, ing force; but, alas for her, that was not all ! too, of large, crowded parties, and late hours, She knew, she felt, that if there were any truth and tight dressing, particularly for such a deli- in the religion she professed, her child was uncate constitution; but I don't see why learning prepared to die. She knew by her own and oft to dance must necessarily involve her in them. repeated professions, that she did not love, and to dance must necessarily involve her in them.

The most that I would propose would be a simdid not mean to obey the obligations of religion, for Cash or Approved CreditA J. RICKARDS low often from thy precepts have I turned

whilst with the law's convincing power I strove—

low often from thy precepts have I turned

ple evening dance occasionally at her own home, and then she did prefer the world to her Saviour.

It had sometimes made her mother uneasy, that her child should live so, but the thought had

the outset; but once set in motion the excitable thus. She had looked forward to a time when nerves of a young person, and it is not so easy her daughter should become sobered by years, and to restrain them. The child that has danced prepared for the adoption of more serious views with a certain set of companions at this evening party, will wish to join them to-morrow evening Through whom alone they sought Heaven's at a larger one, and next week at a ball, and the salvation would come. She had not thought of at the very outset."

We, child, who?"

We child, who?" ways closes her lessons by a set of cotillion par- was immortal !-was unprepared ! ties, so as to teach us gradually to dance in com- "O, tell me what I can say to her !" she said pany. She invites gentlemen and ladies, and to a Christian friend who stood by; "I'm afraid

ed of balls, and that her child should not attend her daughter. "What dancing-school, my dear?" said her them; yet she was met by one on the very The large blue eyes of her daughter were mother; " How out of breath you are! I don't threshold, and her daughter with flushed cheek raised, and she looked at her mother with a list-"Well, I didn't till this morning," said the ment and desire. Should she forbid her to go? "Am I?" young creature, tossing back her school-bonnet, Should she shut at once from the eager eyes the "Would you not like to have Mr. L --- com and shaking down a beautiful head of curls," but brilliant scenes which she had suffered to be half in and talk and pray with you, Isabella?" Eilen Gillmore told me this morning. There is displayed?—and if she did, what reason should "Wait till I am a little better," said the girl a Madame la Blanche just come from Paris, and she give? How make her appreciate the differshe teaches such lovely steps ! and almost all the ence between the cotillion party and the dancing hand to her forehead; " my head is so confused girls in the school are going. You will let me school? And could she make the child, in her now, I can't think," and as she spoke a mortal

Mrs. Seldon appealed to her husband :--" I Mrs. Seldon looked perplexed. She stroked don't know what to do about letting Bella go to work for which Christian education was design.

"Why, let her go. I don't see much differdance, dance, with the child, at any rate, and has been these four weeks."

" Dear child, how tight this dress is!" said the mother on the eventful evening, as she pre-" I've almost a mind to let her go," said her sided over her daughter's toilette. (It was a new dress, just sent in from the

mantau-maker's for the occasion.) "O, mother, it is not in the least tight, quite Seldon looked at her sister, who was sitting by, in a hesitating way, as if to meet some encourdresses always are; at all events, you know mo-'Isabella has so little self-possession in society fully it sets;" and the bright girl turned sudden-—she is so diffident," continued Mrs. Seldon, in an apologetic tone, "I have often thought I should like to have her acquire more ease and should like to have the should like to have the heart of the freedom of manner, and knowledge of the advantage.

"There, go; you are a wind and with the start flower mother; "stay, though, let me fix that flower mother; "stay, though, let me fix that flower "There, go; you are a wild thing," said her "and it seems to me that at that age, diffidence and retiring manners are more agreeable than mother; "stay, though, let me fix that flower in your hair, and those curls. Now, Isabella,

> " I won't if I can possibly help it," said the child, laughing, and kissing her mother; "you know I shall come home with Mrs. Gillmore, and she told me she should come home early."

Thus had a Christian mother introduced her daughter to a set of associates and amusements If I planted a single potato, what would be the which she herself held to be inconsistent with serious attention to religion, and which formed ence of religious truth on the mind.

At many successive times, Isabella's pastor had endeavoured to draw this engaging young solemn manner, I should be afraid to do anycreature within a circle of religious influences, thing that would induce me constantly to dis Those of her own ege in his flock had often been drawn around him to listen with tenderness and interest to his instructions; and in many a heart and for months afterward the farmers, with the dawn of an eternal life began to glow. But fear of Burgess before their eyes, talked of the Isabella was still unmoved. The world had been blessings rather than the evils attending their made too attractive, and heavenly things too undaughters growing up; and though I have come real, and she could not sacrifice the one to the other. Her mother multiplied serious counsels'

and expostulations, and often regretted among Chemical Effect of Under Drainher Christian friends that Bella appeared so entirely given up to the world. In times of peculiar seriousness, she attended prayer-meetings, and wept and prayed for the conversion of her child; but still the interposition on which she had grounded her hopes of that child's salvation came not.

child is, that she should become truly religious; ed the Church," said her mother to her on one and I suppose, sister, that all who make the occasion, after some little serious conversation; rective they reach it. The existence of stagnant profession that we do must make this their first "surely, my daughter, it is time for you to be water implies the absence of air, which is at thinking on these things."

"Well, then, if I find that any partuiclar easier than I can," replied Isabella. "She has face, and therefore we can readily understand amusement, however graceful and attractive, is nothing to give up compared to what I have." how essential it is to render the depths of the likely to lead my child into places and scenes "I do not understand you, my child," said soil which our plants require for their perfect

character, I am to relinquish for her that amuse- "Why, you know she has never been allowed active. This is not only required because root ment, and choose for her others that will not to mingle in any sort of gaiety. She has not will not penetrate a bed of stagnant water, and have that tendency. You agree with me in this, thought of it-I believe has never desired it; all will prosper organic and inorganic ingredient her amusements and pursuits are such as she which require alterations only to be effected by could go on with just as well after making a pro- the absorption of gases from the atmosphere "Well then, with regard to dancing, you can- fession of religion as before. Now, you know, By drainage you not only afford to plants the not make the world over, but must take it as mamma, it is not so with me. I cannot become deeper bed to sustain them, at the rate of 100 you find it ; if your daughter learns to dance, a Christian without sacrificing the very things I tons per acre for every inch of depth gained.

Mrs. Seldon sighed, and was silent.

A few weeks after this, and the closed blinds, ingredients which are constantly associated with the muffled knocker, the stillness, and the look fresh air and moving water." of anxiety through the whole house, told of the "Why, with regard to such parties, balls and presence of sickness and sorrow. The young assemblies, if I were not a Christian mother, I light-hearted girl was stricken by disease, and should object to them seriously on account of the chamber which had so often rung with her their influence on health. Just think how many gay laugh, was now hushed with almost the stillunfavorable influences they unite the hot, ness of death. Suddenly had she been smitten. ascertain where he ought to dig to obtain water crowded rooms—the sufficating air—the tight It was at a late hou, on a bitter cold evening, dress which fashion prescribes for such occasions that she emerged from the atmosphere of an the ground, next to the hard-pan. In the mornthe exercises so long protracted, and at hours over-heated room, and the sudden blast of the ing he found it quite moist, but not sufficiently when health would rather require that the child night went through her like the childness of to suit his fancy. Next night he tried it in anoshould be asleep—the quantity of indigestible death. The work was done in a moment—the ther spot, and it was found very wet on the folfood and stimulating drink, which, under the next morning found her burning with fever and lowing morning. "There," said Patrick, " you influence of excitement, is so freely partaken delirium. The physician came and went; but will find water not many feet deep, and plenty and worst of all, the sudden passing from all this daily as he felt her pulse, his brow grew trou- of it." Sure enough, in a few days' digging, to the chills of the night air. Now tell me, my bled-his enquiries and directions more minute, Patrick confirmed his prediction, notwithstand dear sister, do you think it right, even in a physical point of view, to expose the health of your side, and cast anxious glances round the room, filled the well to overflowing, and cast anxious glances round the room, child to such influences as these? You have and listened with hurried eagerness to every de- exceedingly difficult to bail out the water so as watched over her, a delicate, sickly child, till tail of symptoms, and, when questioned, seem- to stone it. The philosophy of the operation

is of a nervous and highly excitable temperament "Doctor," said the father one morning, as the place from the surface of the earth during the physician stood in a fixed, despondent attitude, night, water rises up from the depths below to

days proverbial? Where is there one girl in said the physician, with a heavy . gh, - we must

not think it possible that this disease can ---"Unless some change in the symptoms speedily

" No, but if your child goes to a dancing- occur, I can feel but very little encouragement,"

How impossible it seems to the untried in af-"Well, but," replied Mrs. Seldon, " I disap- fliction, that death can touch what they love best! "I have heard many talk as you do, sister, at never crossed her mind that she might also die

week after at a fancy-ball, and so on. And believe me, that you will find any of these places a Man while she was not aware. Who can say harder one to say 'No,' than if you say 'No' how she now hung over her child, as hour after hour passed, and no healing or favorable change appeared ! she thought not now of the beauty morning after she had been some weeks at Ma-dame la Blanche's, " we are going to have a ball next week." been her pride, her idolatry ; she thought of but

and brightening eye, was fluttering with excite- less, languid gaze, and answered passively

And was the whole work of life, the whole ed, to be begun and finished in such an hour ?

Agriculture.

There is a moral for all faithless and complaining farmers in the following anecdote, which it An eccentric lawyer, named Burgess, many

years ago lived in a New England village, and became quite famous for his 'skeptical notions.' Attending a town meeting, after its adjournment

'I never plant anything,' replied Burgese, with a solemn face: 'I am afraid even to put a potatoe in the ground,'

'It's no wonder,' groaned one of the mest eminently pious persons present, 'it's no wonder: for a man who disbelieves in revealed re ligion could not expect to have his labora bless

my work,' replied Burgess; 'but I am afraid result? Why, I should get up in the morning, look about and growl: 'It's going to rain, and it will ruin my potato!' then I should in dry weather say, 'The drought will kill my potato; in fact, gentlemen,' concluded Burgess, in trust Providence.

The reproof was keenly felt by many present

A paper on drainage by the well-known agri cultural engineer, Mr. J. B. Denton, has a for cible paragraph on the result of this process worth remembering :- " Every one must have observed how our cultivated plants, our crops and trees, dislike stagnant water ; and how their roots travel along its surface under ground, diessential to the development of vegetable growth "Certainly," replied Mrs. Seldon, " of course," "Cousin Emily could become a Christian much in the soil as it is to cur existence above the sur development, percolative or permeable, free or but you correct the influence of injurious con stituents of the soil; and, what is more, you

How to Find where Water is.

A gentleman related his experience in this mat-

carry into the deepened bed those fertilizing

seems to be that as the great evaporation taker "But girls do all these things, and yet keep gazing on his patient, "do you apprehend dansupply the loss, and accumulates in the vicinity
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but to one who was dec soul's welfare, he freely o revival." For nearly a year the that little Church, and still aloof, restless, dissatisfied gentle showers of divine general out-pouring of the until, as he afterwards ex very last proffer of mercy he break away from the

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visited his people and wramong them, he remained

How many to-day are position. They see their si that they must be cleans Christ. While others are at the foot of the cross, re hands of God, and finding " they, though thoroughly cor are standing apart, to all proudly indifferent. But w honest expression of their fession must be, "I dres wherefore? Because, duris heart must necessarily become more hardened. They are d to become followers of Chr or by refusing, steel ther truth, and shut out, perhaps ences of the Spirit. God grant that many who

against him, to whom a revi

son, may learn to prize suc

as he permits those who when he opens "the wind pours out a blessing in answhis faithful children.—Am.

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the atoning blood of Christthat is too simple ; I must o than that ?" Just then an my mind. It was this : Brother, suppose you would not keep good time. but all effort is vain. N do with it ?"