THE SOWER.

A FTER the joys of earth, After its songs of mirth, After its hours of light, After its dreams so bright, What then ?

Only an empty name, Only a weary frame, Only a conscious smart, Only an aching heart.

After this empty name, After this weary frame, After this conscious smart, After this aching heart—

What then ?

Only a sad farewell To a world loved too well, Only a silent bed With the forgotten dead.

After this sad farewell To a world loved too well, After this silent bed With the forgotten dead—

What then?

Oh ! then—the judgment throne ! Oh ! then—the last hope gone ? Then, all the woes that dwell In an eternal HELL !