

Miscellaneous.

COUNTRY CHILDREN.

Little fresh violets, Born in the wildwood, Sweetly illustrating Innocent childhood; shy as the antelope, Brown as a berry, Free as the mountain air, Romping and merry.

RELIGION IN THE VALLEY.

BY AN OLD PHYSICIAN.

Our methods of thought in the contemplation of death, as it seems to me, prevent our appreciation of all that we may know concerning its experiences. We are prone to think of the dark valley as a passage shrouded in unconsciousness, through which the mind enfeebled and profoundly obscured, is carried, until, released from its mortal part, it enters upon the realities of the immortal state.

vision. With his hand still to his forehead, he continued in this attitude for a few moments, then his hand relaxed, his jaw fell, and his spirit took its flight. I was impressed in witnessing this death-scene, that death had come upon him most unexpectedly, and that when he found himself in the death-struggle, his eye and his attitude indicated the terror which seized his mind as eternal scenes seemed to break upon his vision.

THE POWER OF CHARACTER.

At home I remember one very excellent woman, in many respects saintly, a lover of meetings, and prayer, and good men and women, active, and useful. She was universally held to be a pattern Christian. But her son, an educated and intelligent young man, was a skeptic. I used to wonder how it was. He went through two or three revivals of religion, but they did not seem to produce the slightest impression upon him.

On the other hand there have been many persons who have been so impressed with the even, calm, and beautiful lives of persons who never opened their lips to speak on religion, who had been tied so that they could never get to do any work, at meeting or anywhere else, but have steadily shown such a charming Christian life and disposition that myriads looked upon them and said, there is religion in the world, I know there is religion there. They had seen it.

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