

The "Old Brewery."

We copy the following thrilling lines, written by T. F. R. Mercein, from the "National Magazine" of March. A few words introductory may be necessary. The "Old Brewery" is situated in that notorious locality, in the city of New York, known as the Five Points; erected in 1792, and used as a brewing establishment until 1837, when it became the habitation of a multitude of the lowest dregs of society. In 1850 it was purchased by the "Ladies' Home Missionary Society," of that City for \$16,000, and used temporarily as a refuge for the "utterly destitute." In 1852, the society resolved to demolish the old building, and rear another better adapted to this design of "reclaiming the terribly vicious dwellers at the Five Points." On the 17th of December last, John B. Gough addressed a crowded audience at Metropolitan Hall in behalf of the object, when \$4000 were raised, at which time these lines were sung, viz:—

THE "OLD BREWERY."

God knows it's time thy walls were going!
Through every stone
Life-blood, as through a heart, is flowing;
Murmurs a smothered groan,
Long years the cup of poison filling
From leaves of gall;
Long years a darker cup distilling
From withered hearts that fall!
O! this world is stern and dreary,
Everywhere they roam;
God! hast thou never call'd the weary?
Have they in Thee no home?

One sobbing child, beside a mother,
Starved in the cold;
Poor lamb! they moan awakes no other,
Christ is thy only fold!
One gentle girl that grew in gladness,
Loved—was betrayed,—
Jeers met her dying shriek of madness,
Oaths mock'd the words she pray'd,
O! this world is stern and dreary;
Everywhere they roam;
God! hast thou never call'd the weary?
Have they in thee no home?

Sweet babe! that tried to meet life smiling,
Smiled nevermore!
Foul sin, a mother's breast defiling,
Blighted the young hearts' core!
No holy word of kindness spoken—
No lisped prayer—
Law crush'd the virtue want had broken,
Shame hardened to despair.
O! this world is stern and dreary,
Everywhere they roam;
God! hast thou never call'd the weary?
Have they in Thee no home?

Foul haunt! a glorious resurrection
Springs from thy grave!
Faith, hope, and purified affection
Praising the "Strong to save!"
God bless the love that like an angel,
Flies to each call,
'Till every lip hath this evangel,
"Christ pleadeth for us all!"
O! this world is stern and dreary,
Every where they roam;
Praise God! a voice hath call'd the weary!
In thee is found a home!

—Temperance Agitator.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(Compiled for Montreal Witness, Wednesday, 13th April, 1853.)

Ashes—A slight decline has taken place in pots which may be quoted at 27s. Pearls remain at 27s to 27s 3d.
Flour—Continues depressed. The quotation is 22s 6d for small lots on the spot.

Grain—Nothing doing in any kind except oats which are in demand at 1s 8½d to 1s 9d.

Butter—Parcels of fair quality have been sold at 6d.
Provisions—Mess Pork is held at \$18 a \$18½. Prime and Prime Mess at 13 and \$14 respectively.

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