

THE LITTLE BOY THAT DIED.

The following beautiful poem, which has been attributed to several different authors, was written by Joshua D. Robinson, Esq., of Newburyport, a Member of the Massachusetts Legislature for 1857 and 1858, and was first published in the Newburyport *Union* of May 1, 1850. The occasion of its composition was the death of the brother of the writer, a beloved and interesting boy of but four years of age. The tender pathos of the lines can but awaken feelings of sympathetic emotions. Four verses of the composition have recently been travelling through the papers with the authorship attributed to Dr. Chalmers:—

I am all alone in my chamber now,
And the midnight hour is near,
And the fagot's crack and the clock's dull tick
Are the only sounds I hear;
And over my soul in its solitude
Sweet feelings of gladness glide;
For my heart and my eyes are full when I think
Of the little boy that died.

I went one night to my father's house—
Went home to the dear ones all,
And softly I opened the garden-gate,
And softly the door of the hall,
My mother came out to meet her son,
She kissed me, and then she sighed,
And her head fell on my neck, and she wept
For her little boy that died.

And, when I gazed on his innocent face,
As still and cold he lay,
And thought what a lovely child he had been,
And how soon he must decay;
"Oh Death! thou lovest the beautiful,"
In the woe of my spirit I cried,
For sparkled the eyes, and the forehead was fair,
Of the little boy that died.

Again I will go to my father's house—
Go home to the dear ones all,
And sadly I'll open the garden-gate,
And sadly the door of the hall.
I shall meet my mother, but never more
With her darling by her side;
But she'll kiss me and sigh and weep again
For the little boy that died.

I shall miss him when the flowers come
In the garden where he played;
I shall miss him more by the fire-side
When the flowers have all decayed.
I shall see his toys and his empty chair,
And the horse he used to ride;
And they will speak, with a silent speech,
Of the little boy that died.

I shall see his little sister again
With her playmates about the door,
And I'll watch the children in their sports
As I never did before;
And, if in the group I see a child
That's dimpled and laughing,
I'll look to see if it may not be
The little boy that died.

We shall all go home to our Father's House—
To our Father's House in the skies,
Where the hope of our soul shall have no blight,
And our love no broken ties;
We shall roam on the banks of the River of Peace

And bathe in its blissful tide:
And one of the joys of Heaven shall be
The little boy that died.

And therefore, when I am sitting alone,
And the midnight hour is near,
When the fagot's crack and the clock's dull tick
Are the only sounds I hear,
Oh, sweet o'er my soul in its solitude
Are the feelings of sadness that glide,
Though my heart and my eyes are full when I
Of the little boy that died. {think

THE ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.'—John xiii. 34.

The learned and pious Usher* once, unknown,
Came to an English priest, on foot, alone,
And asked his leave to preach the ensuing morn,
But on the traveller he looked down with scorn.
The jeering priest demanded if he knew
Heaven's high commands—how many or how few.
Usher replied that God's commandments, given
On sacred record, were, in all, eleven.
The priest directed (this good man to mock)
That on th' eleventh he should address his flock.
He did; and, brought to tears, the people heard
What he as Christ's peculiar law declared,
That all by deeds alone their faith should prove,
And every man his brother learn to love.
The priest, confounded, in amazement stares,
For he'd 'received an angel unawares.'

* Bishop of Armagh.

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