So well their wants he pictured That when the plate was passed, Each listener felt ms pocket, And goodly sums were cast; For all must lend a shoulder To push the rolling car That carried light and comfort

That night their wants and sorrows Lay heavy on my soul, And in leep meditation I took my morning stroll, Till semething caught my mantle With eager grasp and wild, And looking down with wonder, I saw a little child:

A nale and puny creature In dirt and rags forlorn What could she want, I questioned Impatient to be gone.
With trembling voice she answered, "We live just down the street, And mamme she's a-dyin', And we've nothing left to eat."

Down in a wretched basement, With mould upon the walls, Through whose half-buried windows God's sunshine never falls, Where cold, and want, and hunger Crouched near her as she lay, I found a fellow creature. Gasping her life away.

A bed of dirty straw. A hearth all dark and fireless-But these I scarcely saw, For the mournful sight before me, The sad and sickening show Oh, never had I pictured A scene so full of woe-

The famished and the naked, The babes that pine for bread, The squalid group that huddled Around the dying bed; All this distress and sorrow Should be in lands afar: Was I suddenly transplanted To Borrioboola Gha ?

Ah, no! the poor and wretched Were close beside my door, And I had passed them becaless A thousand times before, Alas for the cold and hungry That met me every day, To the suffering far away.

There's work enough for Christians In distant lands we know; Our Lord commands hisservants Through all the world to go, Not only to the heathen; This was the charge to them-"Go preach the word, beginning First at Jerusa em."

OChristian God has promised A cup of pure cold water Shall find reward in heaven, Would you secure the blessing, You need not seek it far; Go, find in yonder hovel A Borrioboola Gha.

### Taking the Census.

In Chambers' Journal, a parish schoolmaster, who was a census taker, narrates synopsis of the newspaper laws: a few of the incidents he witnessed. One of them is as follows:—There are three maiden ladies—sisters. It seems the not answer the law) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being

Now, Mis McFariane is a very fitted lady; though Miss Cameron tells me she has been calling very often at the manse or the publisher may continue to send it since the minister lost his wife. Be that as it may, I said to her that I would be happy to fill up the paper, and asked her the office or not. There can be no legal in the meantime to give me her own particulars. When it came to the age column, she played with her boot on the carpet, and drew the black ribbons of the name or another, or whether he has subbag through her fingers, and whispered: scribed or not, is responsible for the pay. - "You can say four-and-thirty, Mr. Mc-Laughlin." "All right, ma'am," says I, for I knew she was four-and-thirty at any rate. Then Miss Susan came over any rate. Then Miss Susan came over the ground that a man must be ground to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds handsome young creature, with fine ringlets and curls, though she is 'a little ringlets and curls, though she is a little tender-eyed and wears spectacles. Well, when we came to the age column, Miss Susan played with one of her ringlets, Susan played with one of her ringlets, and looked in my face sweetly and said: "Mr. McLaughlin, what did Miss Mc-Farlane say? My sister, you know, is considerably older thad I am-there was a brother between us.

"Quite so, my dear Miss Susan," said I; "but you see the bargain was that each of you were to state your own

"Well," said Miss Susan, still playing with her ringlets "you can say age-thirty-four years, Mr. McLauchlin."

In a little while the youngest sister came in. "Miss McFarlane," said she, "sent me over the census paper

"Oh, no, my dear," says I, "I cannot part with the paper.

"Well, then," said she, "just enter my name, too, Mr. McLaughlin." "Quite so. But tell me, Miss Robina,

why did not Miss McFarlane not fill up the paper herself?"-for Miss Robina and I were always on very confidental

"O," she replied," "there was a dispute over particulars; and Miss McFarlane would not let my other sister see how old she was; and Miss Susan refused to state her age to Miss McFarlane, and so to end the quarrel we agreed to ask you to fill in the paper.

Yes, yes, Miss Robina, said I, "that's quite satisfactory and so I'll fill in your name now if you plase

"Yes," she uttered with a sigh, when we came to the age column--"Is it abso lutely necessary," said she, "to fill in the age?" Den't you think it a most impertinent question to ask, Mr. McLaugh-

"Tuts, it may be to some folk, but to a sweet young creature like you it cannot matter a button."

"Well," said Miss Robina. "But, now, Mr. McLaughlin, I'm going to tell you a great secret," and she blushed as she softly continued:-"The minister comes sometimes to see us.'

"I have notice him rather more atten tive in his visitations in your quarter of late, than usual, Miss Robina.

"Very well, Mr. McLaughlin; but you must not tease me now. You know Miss McFarlane is of the opinion that he is in love with her, while Miss Susan thinks her taste for literature and her knowledge of geology, especially her pamphlet on the Old Red Sandstone and its fossils as confirming the Mosaic record, are all matters of great interest to Mr. Fraser, and she fancies that he visits so frequently for the purpose of conversing with her. "But," exclaims Miss Robina, with a look of triumph, "look at that!"-and she held in her hand a beautiful gold ring. "I got that from the minister this very day.

I congratulated her. She had been favored pupil of mine, and I was rather pleased with what had happened. "But what" I asked her, "has all this to do with the census."

"Oh, just this," continued Miss Ro bina, "I had no reason to conceal my age, as Mr. Fraser knows it exactly, since he baptized me. He was a young creature then, only three-and-twenty; so that's just the difference between

"Nothing at all, Miss Robina," said I "nothing at all; not worth mention-

"In this cheerful and passing world," said Miss Robina, "three-and-twenty years are not much after all, Mr. Mc-Laughlin?"

"Much," said I. "Tuts, my dear it's nothing-just, indeed, what should

"I was just thirty-four last birthday, McLaughlin." said Miss Robina: "and the minister said the last time he called that no young lady should take the cares and responsibility of a household upon herself till she was-well, twenty eight, and he added that thirty-four was late enough."

"The minister, my dear," said I, "is a man of sense." so thus were the Miss McFarlanes' census schedules filled up, and if ever some one in search of the "Curiosities of the Census" should come across it, he may think it strange enough, for he will find that the three sisters McFarlane are

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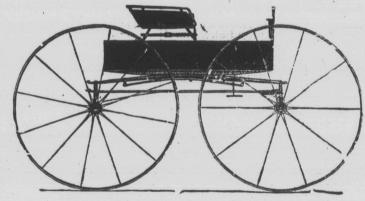
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