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AUTUMN.

'Tis the golden gleam of an autumn day,
With the sun shining and all in play;
And a tender touch upon everything,
As if asking remembered the days of spring.

In the listening woods there is not a breath
To shake their gold to the sward beneath;
And a gleam of sunshine on them lies,
Though the sun is hid in the shadowed skies.

The cock's clear crow from the farmyard comes,
The ruffled bell from the lofty towers,
And faint and dim, and from far away,
Come the voices of children in happy play.

Over the mountains the white rain draws its veil,
And the black rocks, moving, across them sail,
While nearer the swooping swallows skim
Over the sleepy river's frosted brim.

No sorrow upon the landscape weighs,
No grief for the vanished summer days,
But a sense of peaceful and calm repose
Like that which age in autumn knows.

The spring-time longings are past and gone,
The passions of summer no longer sway,
The harvest is gathered, and autumn stands
Serenely thoughtful with folded hands.

Over all is thrown a memorial hue,
A glory steal on the real world's view;
For memory sifts from the past its pain,
And suffers its beauty alone to remain.

With half a smile and with half a sigh
It ponders the past that has hurried by;
Now it, and fresh it, and true it all,
Content it has vanished beyond recall.

Glorious autumn, thus serene,
Bidding loving all that has been!
Thus calm and contented let me be
When the autumn of age shall come on me.

—*H. W. Shorp, in Blackwood for October.*

BEECHER-TILTON.

Mr. Moulton's Statement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The *Graphic* publishes an advance edition containing a few letters not heretofore published, of which the following is important.

(Mrs. Tilton to Mr. Moulton, between April 7 and Nov. 2nd.) Dear Francis, I did tell you two falsehoods at your last visit. At first I entirely misunderstood your question, thinking you had reference to the interview at your house the day before; but when I intelligently replied to you I replied falsely. I will now put myself on record truthfully. I told Mr. Beecher that at the time of my confession T. had made similar confessions to me of himself, but no developments as to persons. When you then asked for your own satisfaction "Was it so?" I told my second lie. After you had left I said to T., "You know I was obliged to lie to Frank, and I now say rather than make others suffer as I now do I would lie, for it is a venial sin to tell the truth when it will make others miserable. I would have told you the truth, if you had met confess to me, but I would have taken the faults of his perhaps, but from long years of sensibility, I felt I could not, for my sake, to be careful not to lead me into further temptation. You may show this to T., or Mr. B., or any one. An effort was made for truth."

"Wretchedly,"

"ELIZABETH."

The following of recent date, is also published:—(Mrs. Tilton to Mr. Moulton, April 25th, 1874). Mr. Moulton—It is timely I should make a quick endeavor to undo my injustice towards you. Yesterday I learned from Theodore last evening that you greatly opposed the publication of his statement to Dr. Bacon. I had complied you with Mr. Carpenter's advising it. Forgive me and accept my gratitude.

ELIZABETH R. TILTON.

The Arbitration Committee of the Plymouth Church, consisting of twenty of the most influential members of the church, met on Thursday, 13th inst., at Henry Ward Beecher's residence, Clinton avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Sherman's evidence, Hicks stated, for the purpose of explaining the report of the Investigating Committee, which was read by the Chairman, Mr. Sage. After about an hour spent in the reading of the minutes of the report, an adjournment took place until evening.

Mr. Cleveland, a member of the Investigating Committee said to-day that it was almost certain that there would be no formal explanation at Church meeting to-night, as it was not yet entirely completed, and much revision was required. He added that, should there be anything in Mr. Moulton's statement requiring investigation, the Committee would be ready to hold supplemental meeting and examine whatever witnesses might be required. The course will delay the report of the Committee, which will in all likelihood not be ready before the end of the week.

Moulton's Statement.

Mr. Henry C. Moulton's statement opens with allusion to an offence against Tilton by Beecher, in 1870, which he considered so grave that he felt it his duty to communicate it at calamity would ensue. He determined to try and avoid the threatened calamity, and succeeded for nearly four years to that end. The failure of his efforts was no fault of his. He then proceeds to give the advice of a friend of Beecher until, as he thinks, in an evil hour, Beecher took other advisers. By his advice he offered a pecuniary consideration against him, he now feels that his corn self-respect would not allow him to tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth should be declared. He then proceeded with his statement, which he says he has since had no alteration of word, that he originally prepared for Mr. Beecher's use.

Beecher, he says, ""to which Mr. Beecher forces me reluctantly, I add that he had gone from Mr. Beecher's house, and night what he had procured from Mrs. Tilton, and that he would not expect my friendship in this matter unless he acted truthfully and honourably towards me. Beecher, said, 'Mr. Beecher, you have had criminal intercourse with Mrs. Tilton. You have done great injury to Tilton otherwise. Now when you have confessed with it you ask permission of the man to again visit his house, and you get from him, not what you asked, but what you have ruined her, a revantation and retractation of truth for your mere personal safety. That won't be you." At that interview he admitted with grief and sorrow the fact of his sexual relations with Mrs. Tilton, and expressed some indignation that she had not told him that she told her husband, and that in consequence of being in ignorance of that fact he had been walking upon a volcano. Referring to what he had done in connection with Bowen and with reference to Tilton's family, he said that he had sympathized with Bowen and had taken side with him as against Tilton in consequence of stories which were in circulation in regard to him, and spoke especially of one specific case where he had been informed of that Tilton had had improper relations with a woman whom he named, and to which the latter has his wife will make a part of this statement, and had so stated to Bowen; and he told me that he would write to Bowen and withdraw those charges, and gave me the rough draft of a letter which he wrote and sent to Bowen, which I have produced and marked "C."

"BROOKLYN, Jan. 2, 1871.

"MY DEAR MR. BOWEN,—Since I saw you last Tuesday I have reason to think that the only cause of which I spoke to you in regard to Mr. Tilton were exaggerated in being reported to me, and I should be unwilling to have anything I said, though it was but little, weigh on your mind in a matter so important to his welfare. I am informed by one on whose judgment and integrity I greatly rely, and who has the means of forming an opinion better than any of us, that he knows the whole matter about Mr. Tilton, and that the stories are not true, and that the same is the case with other stories. I do not wish any reply to this. I thought it only due to justice that I say so much.

"Truly yours,

(Signed) "H. W. BEECHER."

"Mr. Beecher told me that Mrs. Beecher and himself, without knowing of the confession of Mrs. Tilton to her husband, had been expressing great sympathy towards Mrs. Tilton and taking an active interest with her against her husband. I said, 'Mr. Beecher, I want that recantation. I have come for it.' 'Well,' said he, 'what shall I do without it?' I replied, 'I don't know. I can tell you what will happen with it.' He asked, 'What will you do if I don't?' I said, 'I will go home and tell my husband the whole story, and I will feel convinced that he will shoot you.' He said, 'Do you think so?' I said, 'I do.' He said, 'Do you think he would do it?' I said, 'I do.' He said, 'Do you think he would be hung?' I said, 'I do not think he would be hung.' He said, 'Do you think he would be hung if he should do it?' I said, 'I do