

with vehement tenderness, and, with a deep sigh, returned to his silent labour. But the weight was taken off his heart, and his step was lighter, for

"Horn's sunshine entered on his prison wall,
And Love looked in upon his solitude."

Nora remained with the kind-hearted chaplain, ever watching the gloomy walls of Sing Sing. When her brother's term expired, she was at the prison-door to welcome him and lead him forth into the blessed sunshine and free air. The chaplain received them into his house, checked and strengthened their hearts by kind words and judicious counsel, and sent them to the office of the Prison Association, No. 13, Pine-street, New York. As James brought certificates of good conduct while in prison, the Association lent him tools, to be paid for if he should ever be able to do so, and recommended him to a worthy mechanic. At this place he would have remained, had not his employer needed a journeyman thoroughly versed in his trade. It is the policy at Sing Sing not to let the prisoners learn all branches of any business lest they should come into competition with mechanics out of the prison. What James had been accustomed to do, he did with great industry and expertness; but he could not do all his employer required, and was therefore kindly and honourably dismissed.

Had he been dishonest he might have carried off the tools; but he went to the office of the Association, to ask whether they were willing he should keep them till he could obtain work elsewhere, and earn enough to pay for them. They consented very cordially, and told him to remember them as friends in need, so long as he behaved well. His sister was with him, like his shadow, and their earnest expressions of gratitude were truly affecting.

Her good-natured honest countenance, and industrious habits, attracted the attention of a thriving young farmer, who succeeded in obtaining the treasure of her warm and generous heart. She who made so good a sister, can scarcely fail to be an excellent wife. James continues to do well, and loves her with superabounding love.—The blessing of our Father be with them! They are two of the kindest hearts, and most transparent souls, among that reverent, loving, confiding, and impulsive people, who, in their virtues and defects, deserve to be called the little children of the nations.

THE CANADIAN FAMILY HERALD.

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To Our Readers.—Persons who received the first and last number, and do not return them, will be placed on the list of our subscribers.

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To Correspondents.—D. McL., Post Hope, request attended to. has our thanks for his kindness.—J. C., Indiana, will please act as agent till we get off, we are not acquainted with Mr. S.—We would be glad to hear from Mr. S., Belleville.—A. W., Esq., Bytown; letter with one year's subscription received.

THE YEAR THAT'S AWAY.

Courteous Reader, we hail with thee the dawning of another year. Since we last met, the last knell of the departed year has been tolled, and in the drink of a new era of our existence, we are cautioned to pause ere again plunging

into the maze, wildness and bustle of active every-day life. What of the year that has now closed over us? Will its message from this transitory scene proclaim, that the only emotions of gratitude to God, or of love and friendship and affection to our fellow men, which have warmed our hearts have been stifled by a sordid, corroding selfishness; that we found our sole pleasure in ministering to our own gratifications;—or will it in sweetest accents say, that our hearts, in their noblest, their holiest aspirations, swelled forth in the warmest devotedness to the advancement of the common weal. Let each heart fathom the response. Civil and political quietude; a rapid progression in the development of our resources; a large measure of railway enterprise;—a noble stimulus to the interchange of friendship, by means of a cheapened postage; a bountiful share of domestic comfort with many concomitant amenities of life have crowned the year. The bonds of friendship with our neighbours have been strengthened. We have more clearly seen, that like Truth, the true philosophy of society is one and indivisible, that all its radiations emanate from one common centre, and though some are refracted and others entirely obscured, their source is one, the inexhaustible Fount of Light. In the appearance of our own city, and that of our sister cities, great improvements have been made. Our benevolent institutions have been cared for; the unhappy circumstances of the destitute have been somewhat ameliorated, and we may be justified in saying that the year that has passed, saw Canada in a more comfortable position than any which preceded it. We look towards our parent country, and see there the crowning triumph of Peace—the Great Exhibition; the most wonderful sight—the most gratifying display of art, the World has witnessed. The Science and Art of the world, in their highest achievements, from that incipient stage when Tutal-cain gave his first lessons in the working of brass and iron, or his brother Jubal handled the harp and organ, were concentrated, in their latest and most glorious conception, the magic palace which enraptured the whole; and all the feelings of duty, of national peculiarities and predilections were laid aside, that labour, intelligent, peaceful labour, might receive a universal homage. The bear and the lion, the eagle and the lamb met together, and a delicate, though royal female hand, was stretched out to lead them to a common rendezvous. Nowhere under the broad canopy of heaven was ever seen the same repose,—nowhere have science and art achieved a mightier triumph. Here alone was peace, while the continent of Europe was convulsed from centre to circumference, France, as it were, lay slumbering upon a volcano, which has now burst forth, and once more threatens the peace, the prosperity, and the lives of an unfortunate people. Despotism and tyranny in another quarter, combined to add the throes of enslaved humanity; but their thankless efforts have raised a master spirit from the obscurity of the prison. From the depths of degradation he has emerged into the highest point of honour, and