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Nobody's Darlings.

Out in the cold, the pitiless cold,
And far away from the Shepherd's fold,
Nobody's darlings stray ;
The whole long day in the lonely street,
With shivering forms and naked feet,
They tramp their weary way.

No warm, soft bed when the nightfall comes ;
Only the stairs in the wretched slums,
Or doorsteps cold and drear,
For homeless, wandering waifs to sleep,
Where nobody's darlings wake to weep,
No loving mother near.

No blessed homes, where the children find
A refuge safe, and a welcome kind,
And hearts of tender love ;
Where somebody's darlings sleep at night,
In their snow-white coats, so clean and bright,
Sheltered like weary dove.

Nobody's darlings ! Gather them in ;
Poor little outcasts of want and sin,
Bring them into the fold ;
And tell them of God's bright home above,
Of its gates of pearl, its light, its love,
And streets of shining gold.

—The London Christian.

Extension of Business.

WITH his characteristic enterprise and energy the indefatigable Book Steward of our Toronto house has been, in Biblical phrase, "lengthening his cords and strengthening his stakes." During his recent visit to Great Britain, he was enabled to make arrangements whereby in connection with one other house, the old and reputable Copp, Clark Company, he becomes the

Canadian representative of one of the greatest and best known publishing houses in the world, the London Religious Tract Society. The imprint of this house on any book is a guarantee of the unimpeachable religious character of the book and of the high-class standard of mechanical and artistic excellence with which it is produced. We think no house in the world has contributed more to the popularization of wholesome religious literature. But, not only has it issued countless volumes for the million, it has also a catalogue of high-class standard works for the scholar, the critic and the cultured reader, as for instance, Sir William Muir's "Rise, Progress, and Fall of the Caliphate" reviewed elsewhere. With the sole agency of the famous publishing house of the Nelson's, in Edinburgh, the joint agency of the Religious Tract Society, the sole agency of the Cambridge University Bibles, of the Wesleyan Publishing House in London, and Methodist Book Concern in New York and Cincinnati, and with shelves laden with the best books of the other great publishing houses of Great Britain and the United States, the Methodist Publishing House, Toronto, offers to our ministers and book-reading people, and our Sunday-schools, the amplest range of popular and high-class literature from which to replenish their private or Sunday-school libraries.

Food for the mind is no less necessary than food for the body. Indeed, we think it is more so. We would greatly prefer plain living and high thinking to high living and low thinking. Parents owe to their families, they owe it to themselves, to see that while they feed and clothe their families comfortably, that they endeavor also to feed their minds with wholesome intellectual and religious food, that their souls may be nourished and grow thereby.

BUBBLES we buy with a whole soul's tasking ;
'Tis heaven alone that is given away,
'Tis only God may be had for the asking.

—Lowell.