

rades, wearing the tartan of his clan, and standing true to flag and nation.

For a few minutes this bright vision prevented a view of anything else, and the young Scotchman was completely lost to his situation and surroundings. Then, with returning consciousness of the present, for the first time he felt a realization of his wrong-doing; and with it a desire to go back and meet the punishment to which his offence justly entitled him.

After thanking his countryman for the service which his music had rendered, the prodigal visited the office of a steamship company, and secured a chance to work his passage across the ocean; and in due time he appeared at regimental headquarters shortly before the departure of his command for important service in a foreign country. The ver-lict of a hasty court martial, upon which his former fine record had an important bearing, imposed a comparatively light punishment on the deserter who had returned of his own accord; and he is now with his regiment in India, proving one of the most valiant and promising of Her Majesty's younger officers.

How often the celestial sweetness of a hymn, rendered by sanctified voices, has been a celestial call to the souls that have wandered from their places in the army of King Immanuel, and, awakening remembrances of the ecstasy which came when redeeming love was first experienced, together with a sense of present transgression and misery, has caused many backsliders to return and implore forgiveness,—which, for Jesus' sake, is always granted, although we may have sinned against his love more than seventy times seven. By this true penitence we are equipped to go forward in our glorious warfare, reinvested with the shining armour of faith in Jesus, prepared for the enjoyment of higher privileges, and the performance of hallowed duties unknown before.—*S. S. Times.*

#### PAYING FOR MONEY, YET GETTING CHEATED.

**I**T is said that the love of money is the root of all evil. So great is that love in a majority of cases, that almost any price is paid for it. We propose briefly to discuss the matter and show that money, like other things, is often bought too dearly.

When a man in pursuit of wealth sacrifices moral principle in order to insure success, *he gets cheated.*

When he pursues a business, however remun-

erative, which he knows is undermining his health, *he gets cheated.*

When he habitually devotes so many hours to labor that he has no time to give to his family and friends, to reading, mental and moral culture, *he gets cheated.*

When he makes money by rumselling, or any other traffic which works mischief in the community, *he gets cheated.*

When he ignores "all outside matter," and is determined to make money anyhow, leaving religion, politics, friends, benevolent objects, and "everybody to take care of themselves," *he gets cheated.*

When he finds making money in this fashion excludes him from the society of all truly good men, *he gets cheated.*

When he is determined, in old age, to give himself no rest or relaxation, but works on, grasping for more, more, more, *he gets cheated.*

When he has money enough to satisfy any reasonable being, and should haul in sail and devote some of his best time and energies to doing good—but won't do it and works on—*he gets cheated.*

When he finds his hard-earned wealth is injuring both himself and family, that his children are growing up in ignorance and idleness, and they are all "good for nothing" to the world, it is evident that *he has been cheated.*

When his devotion to money-making costs him restless nights, ill health, loss of appetite, bad temper, envy and jealousy, the growth of pride, idolatry of gold, a stingy or sour disposition, and the hatred or indifference of good society, all we have to say is, even if he has gained the whole world, *he has been abominably cheated.*

Don't, therefore, pay too much for money. It will not furnish you all you desire. It will not insure you good health. It will not enrich your mind. It will not enrich the heart. It will not deliver you from danger. It will not follow you beyond the grave. It will not save your soul. Don't, therefore, we pray you, in getting gold, sacrifice your principles, your health, your friend, your good name, the best interests of you or family, or your soul; for if you do, you are cheated for time and cheated for eternity. *Don't get cheated.—Business World.*

Nothing teaches patience like a garden. You may go round and watch the opening bud from day to day, but it takes its own time, and you cannot urge it on faster than it will. If forced, it is only torn to pieces. All the best results of a garden, like those of life, are slow but regularly progressive.—*Selected.*