The Dead-House.

In the dead of night to the Dead-house,
She cometh—a maiden fair—
By the feet so slight and slender,
By the hand so white and tender,
And by the silken and shining lengths
Of the girlish, golden hair.
Dragging under and over
The arms of the men that bear.
Oh! make of your pity a cover,
And softly, silently bear:
Perhaps for the sake of a lover,
Loved all too well, she is there!

In the dead of night to the Dead-house!
So lovely and so lorn—
Straighten the tangled tresses,
They have known a mother's kisses,
And hide with their shining veil of grace
The sightless eyes and the pale, sad face
From men and women's scorn.
Aye veil the poor face over,
And softly, silently bear:
Perhaps for the sake of a lover,
Loved all too well, she is there.

In the dead of night to the Dead-house!
Bear her in from the street:
The watch at his watching found her—
Ah! say it low, nor wound her,
For though the heart in the bosom
Has ceased to throb and beat,
Speak low, when you say how they found her,
Buried alive in the sleet.
Speak low, and make her a cover
All out of her shining hair,
Perhaps for the sake of a lover,
Loved all too well, she is there.

Desolate left in the Dead-house!
Your cruel judgments spare,
Ye know not why she is there:
Be slow to pronounce your "mene,"
Remember the Magdalene;
Be slow with your harsh award—
Remember the Magdalene;
Remember the dear, dear Lord!
Holy and high above her,
By the length of her sin and shame,
He could take her and love her—
Praise to His precious name.

With oil of gentle mercy
The tide of your censure stem;
Have ye no scarlet sinning?
No need for y ourselves of winning
Those sweetest words man ever spake
In all the world for pity's sake,
Those words the hardest heart that break:
"Neither do I condemn."

BETTER THOUGHTS.

The hardest thing in the world to be so constantly that you can do it well is to mind your own business.

Our alarms are much more numerous than our dangers, and we suffer much more in apprehension than in reality.

"There was never, in any age of the world, either philosopher, or sect, or law, or discipline which did so highly exalt the public good as the Christian faith."

'We must overcome our enemies,' said St Gregory, by gentleness; win them over by forbearance. Let them be punished by their own conscience, not by our wrath. Let us not at once wither a fig-tree, from which a more skillful gardener may yet entice fruit.

Ye who linger on the threshold of life, doubting which path to choose, remember that when years are passed, and your feet stumble on the dark mountain, you will cry bitterly, but cry in vain: O youth, return! O give me back my early days!—*Richter.*

A nobleman, whom Dunstan had executed for a grave public sin, came to him with an order from the king for his pardon. Dunstan replied: 'When you are truly penitent I will gladly obey the king; as long as you are hardened in your sin, God forbid that any mortal man should induce me to violate the law of God and render void the censure of the Church. This unexpected rigor so affected the noble that he voluntarily repaired the scandal by a public and mortifying penance.

"Every man," says an Oriental legend "has two angels, one upon his right shoulder, and the other upon his left. When he does anything good, the angel on the right shoulder writes it down and seals it; because what is once well done is done forever. When he does an evil act, the angel on the left shoulder writes it down, but does not seal it, but waits until midnight. If before that time the man bows down his head and exclaims: "Gracious Allah! I have sinned; forgive me!' the angel rubs it out; but if not, he seals it, and the angel on the right shoulder weeps."

Give the young and struggling a word of encouragement when you can. You would not leave those plants in your window-boxes without water, nor refuse to open the shutters that the sunlight might fall upon them; but you leave some human flower to suffer from want of appreciation or the sunlight of encouragement. There are a few hardy souls that can struggle along on stony soil—shrubs that can wait for the dew and the sunbeams—vines that climb without kindly training; but only a few. Utter a kind word when you can see that it is deserved. The thought that "no one cares and no one knows" blights many a bud of promise. Be it the young artist at his easel, the young preacher in his pulpit, the workman at his bench, the boy at his mathematical problems, or your little girl at the piano, give what praise you can.

GOOD FRIENDS AND BAD.

Do not go into the occasion of sin. You know the difference between occasions and temptations. Temptations are when something evil is presented to you and suggested to you by the tempter, and you are directly solicited and attracted to it. But an occasion may be the most innocent and lawful thing in the world, which in itself is perfectly sinless, and can only become an occasion of sin through your fault. For instance, friendship is an innocent, a holy, and a blessed thing. And a good friend is an unspeakable blessing of God. But a bad friend is a worse evil than a bad book, and a bad book is a pestilence from the bottomless pit. A bad book will suggest all manner of evil; but a bad friend is worse than a bad book, because there is a power and an influence, and an attraction, and an assimilation going on continually between those that are friends. They grow like one another; and if you think that because you are good you can change a bad man or woman—give your goodness to them without receiving their badness—you will only deceive yourself; for be sure of this, that in this world, and in the state in which we are, where goodness is communicated by a good friend once, badness is communicated by a bad friend ten times. Choose your friends, then, among the friends of God. Do not choose as your friends in this world those who shall stand at the left hand of the Judge on the day of his coming. Choose as friends and companions those whose conversation and minds and example and life will change you more and more into the likeness of our divine Lord, who is the pattern of us all.—*Cardinal Manning.*

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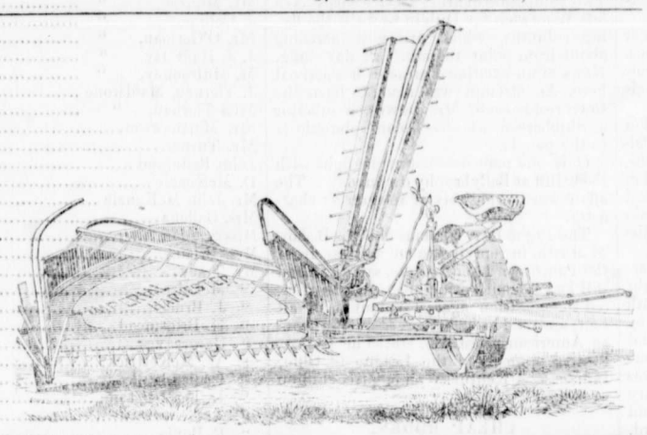

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