

" 'Tis more solemn not to, grandmamma,
I'm going to be married. Ha, ha! ha, ha!"

Then grandma looks through her sixty years,
And surms up a woman's hopes and fears:
Six of them living and two of them dead;
Grandpa helpless and tied to his bed.

Nowhere to live when the house burned down:
Years of fighting with old Mother Brown;
Stockings to darn and bread to bake,
Dishes to wash and dresses to make.

But then the music of pattering feet,
Grandpa's kisses so fond and sweet,
Song and prattle the livelong day,
Joy and kisses and love always.

Old grandma smooths out her apron string,
And gazes down at her wedding ring,
And still she smiles as she drops a tear:
" 'Tis more solemn not to. Yes, my dear."

—Harper's Weekly.

THE TEACHER.

I saw a teacher building slow,
Day after day as passed the years,
And saw a spirit temple grow
With fear, and hope, and often tears;
A mystic palace of the soul,
Where reigned a monarch half-divine,
And love and light illumed the whole,
And made its hall with radiance shine.

I saw a teacher take a child,
Friendless, and weak, and all alone,
With tender years, but passions wild,
And work as on a priceless stone,
Out of the rude and shapeless thing
With love, and toil, and patient care,
I saw her blest ideal spring—
An image pure and passing fair.

Upon a canvas ne'er to fade
I saw her paint with matchless art,
Pictures that angels might have made
Upon a young and tender heart;
And growing deeper for the years,
And flowing brighter for the day:
They ripened for the radiant spheres,
Where beauty ne'er shall pass away.

Teacher! Farewell! For all thy care,
We long shall love thy cherished name;
For all thy toil we give a prayer,
For all thy love we give the same.
Farewell! Be thine the happy years,
And thine the Hope, and Faith, and Trust,
That when the dawn of Heaven appears,
Thy crown may shine with all the just.
—By Wm. Oland Bourne.

LIZZIE DEANE'S BABY.

BY M. E. H. EVERETT.

A cry of horror went up one day,
When the ground with snow was white,
For Lizzie Deane's baby had frozen and starved
On its mother's breast at night
And not in the dreary Western wilds,
And not on the bleak East shore,
But here in our proudest city's street,
And close to the rich man's door.

Poor Lizzie Deane's baby was clasped all night
To its mother's empty breast,
And folded close in her faded rags
By her thin cold arms was pressed.

All night, in her bitter grief, she saw
The red lamps glare through the gray,
But the pitying stars she could not see,
For the clouds shut heaven away.

And long, when the happy children play
By the cozy fire at night,
And the mother rocks her own little babe,
All robed in its dainty white,
By many a hearth shall the tale be told,
With a long and dreary sigh,
How Lizzie Deane's husband, crazed with drink,
Turned his babe in the street to die.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

FRONTENAC.—The Association met at the Court House, Kingston, on the 28th and 29th April. The chair was taken by the President, Prof. Dupuis, of Queen's. After routine business on Thursday, the Rev. D. Mitchell, of Belleville, gave an address on "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Teacher." He was followed by Prof. Fowler, of Queen's, who took for his subject, "Plant Life as a means of Culture." After passing votes of thanks to Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Prof. Fowler, the Association resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes in the Superannuation Fund. About one-half of the circular had been discussed when the time for a adjournment arrived. In the evening, the Rev. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, gave an address to the teachers and their friends. On the Association resuming on Friday, Mr. S. Lyon gave a valuable paper on Topographical Map-drawing, showing some fine work done by pupils in illustration of his method. He was followed by Prof. Watson, of Queen's, one of the new members of the central committee, who urged on all teachers the propriety of always having some subject of study on hand; he then gave an introductory lesson on Logic. Prof. Watson received a hearty vote of thanks. The Question Drawer was then opened, and answers were given by the members of the committee. In the afternoon, the discussion on the Superannuation Fund was finished. The following alterations were proposed in the circular issued by the Legislative Committee of the Provincial Association: Male teachers to be allowed to retire at fifty, or after 30 years' service, female at forty-five, or after 25 years' service; one-fiftieth of the average salary to be the rate of pension instead of one-sixtieth; and, on the death of a teacher, all money paid by him into the fund to be returned to his widow, or next of kin, with interest at five per cent. per annum. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Prof. Dupuis, Vice do., Dr. Agnew, I. P. S.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Henstridge, Committee of Management, Messrs. Bole, McIntyre, Seth Lyon, W. Maybee, Fred. Summerly, Mrs. Campbell, and Misses Purdy and B. Irvine. The association then adjourned, to meet in Kingston on the 28th and 29th October.

J. W. HENSTRIDGE, Secretary.

ELGIN.—The most interesting and profitable session ever held by this Association took place on May 12th and 13th, at the Collegiate Institute, St. Thomas. A report from the committee appointed to arrange with the manager of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL was read by Principal Millar, showing that every member of the Association was furnished with a copy of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, paid by the funds of the Association. The following resolution was carried: "That in the opinion of this Association, the proposed changes in the law relating to Superannuation are in the main desirable; but this Association is moreover emphatically of the opinion that it should be optional with all to contribute to the fund or not, as they please, and that no teacher should be forced to make any contribution thereto. Principal Millar and R. C. Inglesby were appointed delegates to the Provincial Association. Very able essays were read by Norman McDonald, Misses Sinclair and Hickcox on the following subjects respectively, "English Literature," "Advantages to Girls in having Teachers of their own Sex," and "The Duty of Teachers to the Profession." The Association requested the essays should be published. As usual, many valuable hints and suggestions were given by Messrs. Millar, Butler, Inglesby and others during the discussions on the various subjects taken up. But "the life and light" of the meeting was G. W. Ross, M.P.P. Either to enlarge on the ability of Mr. Ross or give even an outline of the work done there by him would not do him justice, as he is a "whole host" in himself. Suffice it to say that his lectures on "Mistakes in Reading," "Intellectual Forces," and "The Ten Commandments" were pregnant with ideas, and had a very beneficial influence on all who heard him, as he has a wonderful store of genuine magnetism in him, and never fails to arouse and carry his audience in pleasant paths of interest and instruction.