

POETRY.

THE CHILD AND THE DEW DROPS.

BY J. E. CARPENTER.

"O FATHER, dear father, why pass they away,  
The dew-drops that sparkled at dawning of day—  
That glittered like stars by the light of the moon—  
Oh why are these dew-drops dissolving so soon?  
Does the sun, in his wrath, chase their brightness  
away,

As though nothing that's lovely might live for a day;  
The moonlight has faded—the flowers still remain,  
But the dew has dried out of their petals again."

"My child," said the father, "look up to the skies—  
Behold yon bright rainbow—those beautiful dyes;  
There—there are the dew-drops in glory reset,  
'Mid the jewels of heaven they are glittering yet!  
Then are we not taught by each beautiful ray  
To mourn not for beauty, though fleeting away?  
For, though youth of its brightness and beauty be riven,  
All that withers on earth blooms more brightly in hea-  
ven."

Alas! for the father—how little knew he  
The words he had spoken prophetic would be:  
That the beautiful child—the bright star of his day,  
Was e'en then, like the dew-drops—dissolving away.  
Oh! sad was the father, when lo! in the skies  
The rainbow again spread its beauteous dyes;  
And then he remember'd the maxims he'd given,  
And thought of his child and the dew-drops—in hea-  
ven!

VALUE OF A MOMENT.

BY MONTGOMERY.

At every motion of our breath,  
Life trembles on the brink of death,—  
A taper's flame that upward turns  
While downward to the dust it burns.  
Moment by moment years are past,  
And one ere long will be our last:  
'Twixt that (long fled) which gave us light,  
And that which soon shall end in night,  
There is a point no eye can see,  
Yet on it hangs eternity.  
This is that moment,—who shall tell  
Whither it leads, to heaven or hell?  
This is that moment—as we choose,  
The immortal soul we save or lose.  
Time past and time to come are not;  
Time present is our only lot.  
Oh God! henceforth our hearts incline,  
To seek no other love than thine.

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