

THE FRIEND AND HIS DAUGHTER.—Suggested by reading a recent newspaper paragraph describing the scene between the brave old **EZRA ALLEN** and his daughter on the eve of her death, when she asked the stars installed in whose faith he would leave her to die—her or her Mother's.

"The dangers of death are coming fast,
My Father, or my Son,
The past with all its woes has fled,
To that dark future which in vain
My doubts ever destroy,

Tell me, my Father, in this hour,
In whose arms faith to die."

"Is there?—we watched thy sorrowful smile,
And noted thy withering tone
Whereof the Christian's humble hope
Was born upon thy brow:

"I've heard upon thy cheek
The sound of death;—the sound of death

"With sound of gloom,
And laugh at all the childlike fears

That cluster round the tomb."

"Or is it rather Mother's faith?"

"I've heard it in thy voice,

"That many a weary long past

"That calm and saintly face,

"How often do I call to mind,

"Now she is 'neath the sod,

"The place—the hour—in which she drew

"My early thoughts to God."

"Then when also took this sacred book,

"And from its burning page

"Read how its truths support the soul

"In every hour of life;

"And when in my present life,

"And by its precepts fit,

"That I might share a home of love

"In worlds beyond the sky."

"My Father!—I look above

"And find the gathering gloom

"To fill whose promises of love

"Extend beyond the tomb;

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