From the far-off fields of earthly toil, A goodly host, they come, And sounds of music are on the ear 'Tis the song of the harvest home. The weariness and the weeping, The darkness has all passed by, And a glorious Sun has arisen-The Sun of eternity.

We've seen those faces in days of yore, When the dust was on their brow. And the scalding tear upon their cheek; Let us look at the laborers now. We think of the life-long sorrow, And the wilderness days of care; We try to trace the tear-drops, But no scars of grief are there.

There's a mystery of soul-chastened joy, Lit up with sunlit bues, Like morning-flowers most beautiful When wet with midnight dews. There are depths of earnest meaning In each true and trustful gaze, Telling of wondrous lessons Learned in their pilgrim days.

One had climbed the rugged mountain side Twas a bleak and wintry day-The tempest had scattered his precio And he wept as he turned awr But a stranger band had watere That seed on a distant shore, And the laborers now are meeting Who never had met before.

And one, he had toiled 'mid burning sands When the scorching sun was high; He had grasped the plow with a fevered band And then laid him down to die; But another, and yet another, Had filled that deserted field, Nor vainly the seed they scattered, Where a brother's care had tilled.

Some with eager step went boldly forth, Broad-casting o'er the land; Some watered the scarcely budding blade With a tender, gentle hand. There's one, her young life was blighted By the withering touch of woe; Her days were sad and weary, And she never went forth to sow

But there rose from her lonely couch of pair The fervent, pleading prayer. She looks on many a radiant bower, And she reads the answers there. Yes, sowers and reapers are meeting, A rejoicing host they come; Will you join the echoing chorus? 'Tis the song of the harvest home. -Drifted Snow flakes.

THE MAN WHO FOUND HIS FRIEND.

I do not shame
To tell you what I was, since my conversion
So sweetly tast s, being the thing I am. One cold day in winter, as Mr. S., a distinoffice, he was surprised by the apparation of a lean, seedy-looking individual in front of his desk, who seemed, in a timid way, to claim his acquaintance. Being a kind man, who never snubs a human creature for ill looks, Mr. S. greeted the new comer with an affable nod, but Norman Hale, "the boys would laugh and could not help expressing some perplexity tease me so; indeed, I cannot."

as he gazed at him The fellow was a specta
"So my little nephew is a fra he mght have exchanged suits with a Donnysy old "comforter" round his throat did what Norman did not reply, and his aunt contin-

shake of the head

it was Hal Ransom !"

himself, sure enough."

on the same pond together, and had coasted on but every body will laugh at us, and say we're the same sled together, and studied together, terribly afraid of becoming drunkards.' said

eyes. And then the poor fellow told his story. what they may." Poor Moses could not follow He had held a fine situation as clerk in a Giles' example, for he was not one to stay Western city, (the same situation in which his away, while dosens were going. old triend had last heard of him) and lost it by fashionable dry-goods store ever is, and though Norman, do you think you would prefer to he had risen to a position of confidence and re- be?" sponsibility, he had gradually allowed a secret relish for questionable gayeties to get the mas- know who they are." tery of him. One Saturday evening, after bethe theater, he and his companions took a turn lent, too, though I don't see how that can be. through the dance saloon and other low houses, But who is the other?" "Seeing life;" but during this round of lawless "Well, the other man is poor drunken adventure Ramson suddenly lost himself, and Mills, who is so often seen staggering through fore. How true the quotation:—"Pal knew no more till be awoke next morning, the street." with his pocket empty, and the bars of a stawith his pocket empty, and the pars of a station-house cell between him and liberty. Disgrace was now inevitable, and the exposure which followed completely crushed his spirit.

"Oh, I know nim, some of the boys were hooting h m yesterday, and he threatened to chastise them. I could not help pitying him." ties of the week being over, and the pur which followed completely crushed his spirit.

"Yes, he is truly an object of pity, and has gone to their homes, one little fellow, a clamate of Willie's, Charlie Murray, whilst fishing the material house of the week being over, and the pur water of the week being over, and the pur water to the childhood for like a little how place which his offended employers still held I know now, he dared not do what was right place which his offended employers still held out to him, he left the city as he was, penniless and purposeless, his only impulse a blind resolution to put as wide a distance as possible between himself and scenes of old recollection.

Shame forbade him even to bid his mother fare—

I know now, he dared not do what was right lest the should be laughed at."

"Oh! auntie, I won't be afraid of a laugh from our midst. We missed Charlie, and now miss him, as his little brothers and siste take their accustomed seats, and now we we miss another as the class to which they bo belonged tades its place. Within the past few month and not put as wide a distance as possible between himself and scenes of old recollection.

Shame forbade him even to bid his mother fare—

The was drowned, thus within the past few month two of our pupils have been unexpectedly tak from our midst. We missed Charlie, and now miss him, as his little brothers and siste take their accustomed seats, and now we we miss another as the class to which they bo belonged tades its place. Within the past few month and not put as wide a distance as possible between himself and scenes of old recollection.

Shame forbade him even to bid his mother fare—

Hops I will win a commission one of these well, and made him anxious only to escape her days."- Young People's Helper.

From that time he had led the life of a triendless fugitive, working a little now and then to keep himself from starvation. He could have found steady employment, but a morbid the good of others. Sometimes a smile will do tive, and suspicious of every one who looked at bim; and so he wandered on from place to place, without knowing what he wanted, and beavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a place, without knowing what he wanted, and beavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a place, without knowing what he wanted, and beavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a place, without knowing what he wanted, and beavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a place, without knowing what he wanted, and beavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a place, without knowing what he wanted, and scarcely caring what became of him. Provi-word or two of good counsel, a seasonable and name of the Lord." dence directed his feet to the city where our gentle admonition, and at others, a suggestion

there, he was still too sensitive to make any nent by habit. direct application for assistance, and after sitting awhile in the reading room unnoticed, he

hood, he at once went to see him. "And now, my dear fellow," said Mr. S his story, " what are you going to do?" "Turn over a new leaf." answered Ransom

hands. You're safe only in Christ. The friendly words and tone of his old him once more to his right mind.

He stood erect; returning pride Grew terrible within. While conscience sat in judgment on

In the conflict of feeling his good resolutions ness was teaching him to lay hold of the helping hand of God.

"Here, Harry," said Mr. S., who had been writing rapidly at his desk, "take this." And folding a note containing a warm and urgen nessage to a city missionary whom he well knew, he thrust it into Ransom's hand with careful directions for finding the necessary street and house.

" It it was possible to leave my office I would go with you," said he, but when you've been through Mr. L.'s hands come directly to me

It is needless to say that the missionary re ceived his visitor with the pordiality of a brother, and lost no time in attending to his wants. A good dinner was the first thing, then a visit to the bath-room, then clothes. Finding no coat in the gift wardrobe, the good man promptly pulled off his own, and put it on the back of the conjused stranger. Well dressed, and neatly trimmed in a neighbouring barber-shop, Harry Ransom looked quite himself again. He now returned to his old friend who received him "with acclamations. The few other articles needed to complete his personal outfit were soon procured by Mr. S., who then established him in his own home as a privileged guest till he could find a situation in the city.

Ransom at once took proper measures, under counsel from his triend to secure employ- Digby Neck, but when the family removed ment, entering his name at places where work Annapolis, she attended the worship in and wants were regulary advertised, and mak- Episcopal church with her parents, and we ing patient inquiries and applications, till, after several days, he succeeded in getting hon- year of her age, it was about this period in he orable work at living wages, and began life life when she commenced to attend the ministry again with good courage.

AFRAID OF A LAUGH.

" Please, aunt Eleanor, I ca'nt do it," said

"So my little nephew is afraid of a laugh. cle, dirty as a dervish, through all the dilapida- is he?" asked Mrs Place, looking quietly at ted length and breadth of him; and for clothes, the loy by her side; he is going to be like the weather vaue, is he? turning with every ly itinerants had to perform long and toilson brook beggar and bettered himself. Every shade of public opinion, atraid to do what is thing about him was ragged—ragged hat, rag- right and proper, beause, forsooth, some of ged coat, ragged trousers, ragged boots. He his companions may raise a laugh at his exlist companions may raise a laugh at his exlist country of Digby, the "Neck" was occasion
ally visited by the superintendant stationed in the state of the superintendant stationed in the superintendant stationed in

it could to disguise his lack of shirt, and above, ued: "Let me tell you a story of two boys obtained in those days, yet she was enabled this a marvelously hirsuite and unkempt head I knew years ago, I will call them Moses and hold on the even tenor of her way. She was enabled and face completed the presentment. Amid Giles, lest you should recognize the men bethe genteel and classic apparatus of Mr. S.'s office, he was certainly a phenomenon very far from ornamental.

That gentleman, however, with his habitual friendliness, took the thin hand which he father furnished him with a decanter of reduheld out: but to the question. "Don't you ced alcohol, (just right for boys, he said,) a ing as well as at her social services, her know me?" he was obliged to answer with a bowl of sugar, several glasses and spoons. ourite book of study was her Bible, she was This boy, whose name was Silas, arranged very familiar with Wesley's hymns, these w Then followed a moment's scrutiny of the them nicely on a a table feeling quite proud of a great comfort to her when by extreme we stranger's eyes and features, half hidden in the the display, and invited all in the village to ness she was unable to meet in the congre draggled beard, and suddenly a gleam of re- come and take a drink. A large number soon tion, she loved the public worship of (collection came to him, "Bless my soul!" he flocked around him, quite elated at the prosclaimed: "in any other uniform I should say pect before them—free drinks and plenty of mortal remains were placed in the Episco

"You've got it," said the man of rags; it's "Sitting at my open window, I heard Moses resurrection of the just. A large congregation and Giles conversing. Neither relished the attended the same afternoon on Sabbath Mr. S. was contounded. Here was an old idea much, but Moses said it would look odd inst., in the Methodist church where her schoolmate whom he had left fliteen years be- not to go through the motions. 'We needn't ral sermon was preached by the writer fore in the height of youthful hope, health, and taste only the tiniest drop, you know, while absence of the pastor. beauty, now standing before him a tattered Giles thought best to abstain from any apvagabond. He and Harry Ransom had skated pearance of evil and not go near temptation. and rambled together, and ate together, and Moses. 'Let them laugh, then,' replied Giles. 'It I never taste, I know I shall never Mercy on you man! What has come over be one. For my part, when I know a thing is ber of this family—Willie, the youngest you!" said he involuntarily, tears filling his right I mean to do it, be the consequences

"I don't know as the villagers perceived any his own tolly. The place which was not with- immediate ill effects from Silas's treat, but out pecu iar temptations, as no "first-class" Moses and Giles are now men, and which,

> "I don't know," raplied Norman, "I don't "Very well, I can tell you, then. You re-

ing paid off, he said he planned, with several member the man who lectured to us so earmember the man who lectured to us so ear rather fast acquaintances to visit the theater and "make a night of it." The reckiess programme was carried out to the letter. After the theater, be and his companions took a turn the theater, be and his companions took a turn the theater and the man who lectured to us so ear nestly and eloquently the other evening?"

"Of course I do; papa said he was the richest man in Buford, and the most benevote the theater, be and his companions took a turn the trick of the man who lectured to us so ear nestly and apparently unconscious, nearly all time, occasionally rallying only for a few membs, then returning to a state of stupe should be force he died in one of his ration periods, his aunt Mary sang, "Shall we gather the theater are the man who lectured to us so ear nestly and eloquently the other evening?"

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"Oh, I know him, some of the boys were

DOING GOOD TO OTHERS.

Seize every opportunity of contributing to ousness made him timid and secre- it. Oftener a kind word, a look of sympathy, at my fode him, and here he began to teel some of advantage to be gained, and a little interest

faint desire and hope of doing something to re- to secure it, will be received with lasting gratrieve himself. But he was poor and alone, titude. And thus every instance of kindness and knew not which way to turn. He found done, whether acknowledged or not, opens up a his way to the rooms of the Young Men's little well spring of happiness in the doer's own River Phillip, Dec. 10, 11, 12, 13-Dep. Rev. Christian Association, but when he arrived breast, the flow of which may be made perma-

A Presbyterian Minister in Philadelphia, went into the street again. In the course of somewhat perplexed with want of success in his wanderings he stumbled upon the name gathering tunds for a certain object of benevoand address of Mr. S., and believing that he lence, preached to the rich brethren as follows; recognized in it the familiar friend of his boy- "Brethren, the Lord has denied to you the privilege of exercising many of the most preci ous graces of the Christian character, which in with emotion, as soon as Ransom had finished his infinite mercy he has vouchsated to the rest of us. You never knew what it was to repose absolute unassisted faith in God for the things 'I'm determined to be a man and a Christian." of this world. You never had to go asleep at "Right, Harry!" said Mr. S. heartily. night without knowing where your breakfast Depend on yourself and you're in the devil's was to come from. You never had a sick child wasting for the want of costly luxuries. You Halifax and Dartmouth. Dec. 9. 13. never had to deny yourrelf the gratification of Windsor and Falmouth, Local arrangement schoolmate thrilled the poor vagabond as he the impulses of pity, when a sufferer came to Musquodoboit Harbour, do waited there in his rags. Memories and hopes your door. You never had to endure the hu- Horton and Kentville, Feb.-Read and Jost. of better things swept over his soul and brought miliation of being dunned for an honest debt Newport and Avondale, Dec. 2nd weekwithout knowing whether ever you could pay it. All these unspeakable advantages in devel- Burlington and Kempt, Feb.-Chairman and oping Christian character an inscrutable Providence has taken away from you and bestowed Maitland, Feb .- Howie upon us poor men. The one solitary grace of Middle Musquodoboit, Feb. 1st week--Howie Christian lite which has been denied to us and Shubenacadie, Nov. 13. 14-Tweedie. strong, for the helping hand of human kind-

LOOKING TO JESUS.

Weary and heartsick, stumbling, affrighted Starting at dangers, enhanced by our fears Groping in darkness, sinful, benighted, Looking to Jesus blinded by tears.

Myriad pathways shining in beauty, Smilingly pleasant, but leading astray; Luring us backward, tempting from duty; Looking to Jesus, asking the way.

Hearing His answer, words gently spoken. Soft as a whisper-" I am the way;" earning our error, almost heart broken. Looking to Jesus only to pray.

lasping the Bible, knowing our weakness, Led by its guidance to mansions above; Bearing our burden, waiting in meekness, Looking to Jesus, trusting His love. -Fpiscopal Register.

Gbitnary.

Died at Sandy Cove, Digby Neck, on Thu day 14th inst., Mrs. Sarah Wilson Moreho in the 84th year of her age. She was born of the Wesleyan Methodists, she always retain He has now risen to a lucrative situation, ed in her memory a grateful remembrance of and is still making his way upward. Best of the early advantages she possessed in listening guished professional gentleman of one of our all, he has become a joyful, thankful fol- to the faithful sermons of such ministers as New England cities, was setting in his elegant lower of the Friend of sinners .- Congregation- Rev'ds. Messrs. Wm. Black, Avard, Busby that she was truly awakened by the Spirit of God to a full sense of her danger as a singer in having so often violated the laws of God, the date of her conversion is not on record but of the genuineness of the change none doubted. After marriage she with her busband removed to Digby Neck, and joined the Methodist church, of which she was a consistent member upwards of fifty years. In those days the ea ourneys, the Annapolis circuit embraced th County of Digby, the "Neck" was occasio

relate ber happy experience in the class-me grave yard at Sandy Cove there to await

Death has again entered the home of Alex. Gibson, and taken away another who was eight years old. Two weeks ago day, (the 4th inst.,) he attended school; w in the reading class, he complained of the h ache and was permitted to go home. Du that week it seems that he was quite ill. though the general opinion was that it was a cold, but a week ago he became very m worse, and lingered until Saturday even when his spirit fled. We cannot learn w the disease was. It seems that even his phy sians cannot tell; however, the little fellow fered a great deal of pain, and lay moani and apparently unconscious, nearly all this being about the last act in the scen his life. To-day he will be interred by

qumque turres."

But we ask space for a few more lines. beside the mill stream, fell into the water was drowned, thus within the past lew month twelve months and a few days at least, the have been eleven deaths in our communit One, a mother, was killed whilst stepping fro a waggon at her own door. Two were drow ed—several with an illness of a few days—the ed—several with an illness of a few days—the rest were brought to their graves by consumption's wasting power. What are the lessons taught? 1st. The suddenness of death, "In the midst ct life we are in death." 2nd. The

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