

Our Home Circle.

REPENTANCE.

If the Lord were to send down blessings from Heaven, as fast and as thick as the fall of the drops of the rain, or the flakes of the snow, I'd love and I'd bless him for all;

Why, what have I done, perhaps you'll say, that should make me fret and grieve? I didn't wrangle, or curse or swear, I didn't lie or thieve;

And there's many a thing I could wish undone, though the law might not be broke, And there's many a word, now I come to think, that I could wish un-spoke.

But we'll come to the things that I left undone, and then there'll be more to say; And we'll ask for the broken hearts: I cherished, and the tears that I wiped away;

Since He's taken this long account of mine, and has crossed it through and through; If he's left me nothing to pay He's given me enough to do.

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