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He spoke too of the frailties that her womanhood had marred,
That priceless crown o'er which, alas! she'd kept such faithless guard;
And no word of bold denial, did thought or language plan,
For she knew that He, her listener, was more than mortal man.

And when the twelve disciples returned, their errand done,
They wondered at his converse with that lost and erring one,
But no questioning they ventured, whilst she with thoughtful men,
Returned to tell at Sichar she had the Messiah seen.

Ah! not only to that daughter of Samaria's hot clime,
Child of an ancient people, of a by-gone faith and time,
Was addressed the exhortation that from His lips then fell,
But to us, His Christian children, his followers as well.

For us, still pure and sparkling, those living waters flow
Of which He told Samaria's child, long centuries ago;
Forgetting thoughts of earthly pride, and hopes of worldly gain,
Seek we at once of them to drink—we'll never thirst again!

LITERATURE.

POETRY.

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OUR SAVIOUR AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL.

BY MRS. LEPROHON.

Close beside the crystal waters of Jacob's far-famed well
Whose dewy coolness gratefully upon the parched air fell,
Reflecting back the bright hot heavens within its waveless breast,
The Saviour, footsore—weary—had sat him down to rest.

Alone was He, His followers had gone to Sichar near,
Whose roofs and spires rose sharply against the heavens clear,
For the food which Nature craveth, what e'er each hope or care,
And which God-Man and Deity, He disdained not to share.

Whilst waited he still—thoughtful—came a woman to the well,
With water vase poised gracefully and step that lightly fell,
One of Samaria's daughters, most fair, alas! but frail,
Her dark locks bound with flowers, instead of modest, sheltering veil.

No thoughts of scornful anger within His bosom burned,
Nor with abhorrent gesture, quick aside from her He turned,
But as His gaze of purity dwelt on her searching—meek—
Her bright eyes fell, and blushes burned hot on brow and cheek.

He told her with a gentleness by God-like pity nursed,
Of most wondrous living fountains, at which to slake her thirst;
And that those whose lips thrice-blessed, should a draft of them obtain,
Despite earth's toils and troubles, would ne'er know thirst again.

EDUCATION.

The Teacher a Student.

PROF. HOWE.

A paper read before the Teachers' Association in connection with McGill Normal School. March 8th. 1867.

Professor Arago in his lives of Eminent men of science relates that the great French mathematician Ampère was appointed successively to the offices of Lecturer on Natural Philosophy to the central School of Bourg, Mathematical Lecturer to the Polytechnic in Paris, and Inspector General of the University. In all these, notwithstanding his comprehensive knowledge, he failed entirely of success. His first appearance before the students of the Polytechnic, produced an unfavourable impression, for he presented himself before his military audience in a plain black suit extremely ill-made. He wrote rather by moving his arm than his fingers, and in a hand so immense, that a gentleman sent him an invitation to dinner, penned within the first letter of his own signature.

His figures, naturally enormous, were carefully magnified by him into ludicrous proportions on the black-board at the school, lest the hinder row of his class should be unable to read them.

His pupils amused at their gigantic size, affected not to be able to distinguish them clearly, in order to entice him into