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BEING A WOMAN.

Once a woman came, Within a churchyard close, Suddenly on a name Unhidden by vine or rose.

There it was he lay Who long had wronged her sore, Harmed her many a day, But should never harm her more.

Bare and bleak the stone.
That marked his place of sleep
Slowly the days have flown—
Had no one come to weep?

Long she stood and gazed,
Disarmed as he who slept;
Then, with her eyes upraised,
Being a woman - she wept.

-Cecil Charles.

WHEN TWILIGHT FALLS.

When twilight falls, in splender drest, His couch the sun seeks in the west, Portward the toiling fisher wends, And from the task the swain unbends, With simple thoughts of home and rest. A lingering thrush, his joy expressed In one last anthem, seeks his nest; And quiet with the dew descends, When twilight falls.

The lilting music in the breast,
Of duty done—of fault confest—
Of trespass softened by amends—
Of love surpassing love of friends—
Ah! would—ah! would this were my rest,
When twilight falls.

New York Observer.

EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR GIRLS.

Our representative, in strolling through the centre of the city one day last week, dropped into the Wholesale Clothing establishment of Messrs. Clayton & Sons, who occupy a large building, four stories high, on Jacob Street. While we noticed a large number of men and girls at work in the workrooms, it was also brought to our attention by Mr. Morriscey, manager of the outside work department, that a large part of the work was done by women at their homes. This at once interested us, and we made further enquiries, finding that a girl of average worth will readily earn from two to five dollars per week in her own home, the amount of course depending a great deal on the time she devotes to this work. Everything being paid for by the piece, she is entirely her own mistress.
"Is the work difficult?" we asked.

"No," replied Mr. Morriscey, "we offer every facility for learning the business, and are always ready to give any information to beginners." "What about advancement?"

"Well, we give new hands coarse work first, and if they do well, are neat, etc, we soon give a higher grade, which of course pays them better."
"Do you consider that Nova Scotia can offer as good opportunities as the

United States does to a girl wishing to earn her living?"
"Yes, decidedly yes," replied Mr. Morriscey, "for while in the States

they may actually receive higher wages, they cannot spend their money so advantageously as they can in Nova Scotia."

"Is your work continuous, or does your trade fluctuate!"

"We can supply work all the year round, and in that way our employees are more sure of their daily bread than their friends in the much-talked-of

'States.'"
"Do you find the women in country districts do as good work in their

homes as the city women do !" "Our work done out of town gives every satisfaction, and we are always pleased to have any new applicants from the country."

Thanking Mr. Morriscey for his attention and information, we wished him good-morning and went our way, feeling that an old subject, that of how to employ our girls at home, had been presented to us in a new way.

Now we have for years given this question a large amount of thought and attention, and feel deeply the necessity of Halifax being able to supply employment for the girls of the surrounding districts. Firstly it is a good thing for our city, for of course if our country people receive their wages here, it means that a great deal of the money will be spent here. Lying outside the city of Montreal are numerous villages which are wholly supported by work from the large manufactories in the city. Now why not the outlying dis-

tricts of Halifax as well as those of Montreal. Then for the girls—almost every weekly beat from Halifax to Boston carries away a bory of our fair maidens, who, attracted by the large stories of almost fortunes being made by those who have gone before, and feeling they cannot content themselves at home dependent on hard-working parents, start off with high hopes and great expectations, only to find on arriving in Boston and having obtained employment, that to live at all they must huddle in crowded second-class boarding houses, and even then pay almost all they earn for board. Now this is just what we object to. We want our girls at home. Not off we know not where, away from the pure life and wholesome influences of our country homes, exposed to temptations they