POEMS OF GEORGE MURRAY

Thou weakling! My power is stupendous, What need of thy service have I ?"

The Brook said: "O, turbulent Ocean! I noiselessly steal to thy brink,

And bear thee, salt Sea, what thou lackest, A drop of fresh water to drink."

A WITHERED NOSEGAY.

(From the French of Louis Fréchette. Translated in the original metre.)

Here's a posy of poor faded flowers, that I keep As jealously guarded as gems in a heap,

For in their dead relics the fragrance I find

Of a hand that for me deigned the blossoms to bind. And, when mem'ry floats back on the stream of the past,

And I think of the days too enchanting to last,

On these roses, that nought but Time's hand shall profane.

Love's halo of gold will for ever remain.

Poor flow'rets! How often the tears from my eyes, Like dewdrops, unheeded, have watered your dyes; Alas! your bright crimson can never return,

But still in your leaves the dear past I discern.

Sleep here, on my heart! and my lips' latest breath Shall touch you caressingly even in death.

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