

## The Robin.

A dear little robin sat on a spray,  
Watching the swallows flying away;  
"Why are they in such a hurry?" said he;  
"I wish they would stay and be with me."

"I'll not be afraid of the cold frosty ground,  
And fly away as each winter comes round,  
Just for the sake of the flowers and sun,  
While the poor people here have none."

"I think it is awfully mean," said he,  
"(And most of you must agree with me),  
For these big swallows to fly away,  
And leave us poor little robins to stay."

"Perhaps they think that no worms can be found,  
When the snow and frost are upon the ground;  
But still, I think they must forget  
That when these are gone there are berries yet."

"I'll not forget who was kind last year,  
And gave me crumbs when no berries were near;  
I'll sit and sing to them every day,  
And when the snow comes I'll not fly away."

"And so for my food I haven't a care,  
For I've heard that God feeds the sparrows each year,  
And somehow I'm certain, though why I can't tell,  
That must mean the poor little robins as well."

## Abernethy's Courtship.

The famous Dr. Abernethy, when he made up his mind to marry, was no longer young, and he went about the business in an eminently practical manner. Having met frequently at the house of one of his patients a young woman whose comeliness and amiability had quite pleased him, he sought a private interview with her, told her he would like to marry her if she had no objections, but had no time to spend in courting her. If however she would marry him, and could be ready in two weeks, he would call and take her to church for the ceremony. She was ready at the time appointed, and neither ever had occasion to regret the very brief preliminaries to what proved to be a most suitable union.

## The Testimonials

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## R. Walker &amp; Sons.

## A MAMMOTH ESTABLISHMENT.

For weeks past an army of workmen have been engaged in erecting the new annex for Robert Walker & Sons, and this week it has been thrown open for business. This firm have so long a time occupied a leading position among Canadian business houses, and have so steadily increased their trade, that no one was surprised to hear that they were forced to increase the size of their establishment in order to accommodate their customers. With their customary energy and enterprise, the firm decided on securing the premises adjoining their old stand and erecting thereon a building suited to the requirements of their constantly increasing trade. That building is now completed and connections made with the old store by a number of arches on each flat. The completed establishment now has a frontage of one hundred and seven feet on King and Colborne streets, with a depth of two hundred feet. As there are four flats beside the basement, it will be seen that the firm now occupy a total floor area of about two and a half acres. The interior of the old store has been almost entirely remodelled and is now finished in keeping with the annex. No expense has been spared in fitting up the new premises. The new entrance on King street is much grander than the one to the old store, it being fifteen feet wide by thirty-two feet high. Broad staircases lead to the upper flats and to the basement, or those who prefer a more speedy and easier mode of ascending can use the electric elevator, which

has just been placed in position. On the first flat the ladies will find that their comfort has been looked after. A cosy sitting-room has been fitted up in a very neat manner with toilet rooms opening therefrom. Such thoughtfulness is sure to be appreciated by the ladies of Toronto.

Of course, in order to fill up the immense space added to their premises, the firm have had to add largely to their already enormous stock, and they are now in a better position to show a better assortment of the various lines they carry than has ever before been displayed in Toronto. The front of the old store has been set apart for ready-made clothing, and the Messrs. Walker confidently assert that they now have the largest stock and finest display of any ready-made clothing house in the Province. The class of goods carried is certainly superior. Good material and good workmanship has been aimed at, and the result is that the garments are well fitting, well made and durable. Men's, youths' and boys' clothing of a variety of makes, and in quality ranging from the working suit to the finest tweed or worsted, are offered at prices astonishingly low. On the same flat are the boot and shoe department, for gentlemen, and a full assortment of trunks and valises, the gents' furnishings and hat department, and also the important one of customs tailoring. In this latter department is to be found an unusually fine assortment of fine suitings, trouserings and overcoatings in tweeds, worsteds, chevots, wools and finest broadcloths. The Messrs. Walker have secured the services of four first-class cutters, and are consequently able to guarantee a perfect fit every time. In the rear of the ground flat of the old building and extending across the rear of a portion of the annex is the staples department. This is a very important portion of the store, because "the necessities" are kept there, and special care is taken in the purchasing of the flannels, prints, linens, etc., which make up the stock.

The ground floor of the annex is devoted to the following departments:—Ladies' Hosiery and Gloves; Laces, Ribbons and Parasols; Dress Goods, Silks and Velvets; Fancy Goods, Toilet Articles, etc.; Books and Stationery.

Space will not permit of anything like a detailed description of the various departments; suffice it to say that each and every one is replete with all that is newest and best, and of sufficient variety to please even the most fastidious. The front portion of the first flat of the annex is utilized for displaying millinery, costumes, ladies' underclothing, corsets, and is one of the finest showrooms in Toronto. The whole front is of glass, so that the best possible light is obtained. Adjoining this department is the well assorted stock of ladies' boots and shoes, consisting of the finest Canadian, American and French goods. On this flat, close to the elevator, are the sitting and toilet rooms mentioned before in this article. In the rear is the Ladies' Fur Department, containing a magnificent display of stylish mantles for ladies and children.

The second flat of the new building is given to a lavish display of carpets, curtains and house-furnishings from the cheap hemp to the costly Axminster, or for the commonest lace curtain to all the high grades of lace, chenille or raw silk; all are there in endless profusion. The assortment of oilcloths and linoleums is especially worthy of mention. In the basement are kept toys, games, clocks and kitchen utensils of every kind and at prices to suit all purses. Crockery, china and lamps are displayed in the basement of the old building, and the stock is so varied and so beautiful that it must be seen to be appreciated. An extra stock of cutlery and silver plated ware is kept on the ground flat of the new building. The finest imported goods are offered at exceedingly close prices.

One of the great advantages in buying from R. Walker & Sons is the fact that they are not dependent on any one department for making expenses, but a careful system of making the goods "close" all through the various departments in the establishments. They can sell goods much cheaper than merchants dealing exclusively in one line. They were never in a position to serve their customers better than they now are. Their premises are commodious and convenient, their stock

new and well chosen, and their prices as low as any other house in the trade, and we would strongly advise our readers to call on Messrs. Walker before purchasing elsewhere, and can assure them they will be courteously received and honestly dealt with.

## A Chance to Make Money.

I have berries, grapes and peaches, a year old, fresh as when picked. I use "Hood's improved process;" do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold. Keeps perfectly fresh and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in ten minutes. Last week I sold directions to over one hundred families. Anyone will pay a dollar for directions when they see the beautiful fruit samples. Fall and winter are the best time to sell directions, so people can experiment and be ready for next fruit season. As there are many poor people like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such, and feel confident anyone can make one or two hundred dollars around home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and complete directions to any of your readers for 19 two-cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the sample, postage, etc., to me. Mrs. Henry Griffith, New Concord, Ohio.

## Faithfulness.

It is not success that God most requires, but faithfulness. Have you remembered this when you murmured because you could not do as much as some one else? It is not the weight of the load you draw, nor the distance you pull it, but keeping the traces tight all the time that marks the true soul; no jerks or spirts, but a steady gait—that is the ideal way of moving. Exactly the same quantity of soul in both tradesmen called out precisely the same compliment from the capitalist in the parable of the talents, though the tasks and trusts differed in size. God judges by ratios. It was a spiritual use of the old "rule of three," the arithmetical doctrine of proportions. The percentage was the same, because there was equal faithfulness with unequal ability. Does not this cheer the most humble? What our Father values is the utmost use of ability and opportunity. He confers the one and provides the other; it is ours to use both. A glowworm's flash is as much of a glory to it as the thousand lights are to the great dynamo that makes them. Star differs from star, but each shines as much as it can. Faithfulness, then, is what I am, plus where I am, used as best I can. "I am holding all the waters I can," says the ocean. "So am I," says the cloud. "I too," echoes the overflowing spring. "And I," confidently whispers the violet, into whose throat the cloud just let fall a drop. And so they all are, and no one blames them for not doing more. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much. Young Christian, while the way is fresh, settle it in your heart that you will be faithful through life just where you are, and God's promotion will soon follow. Every true life is travelled in spiral route. Around loving fidelity to Christ as a centre, God leads us in a path that is ever taking in more and more life. The gold cord never leaves the pillar, but unwinds, and tethers us with lengthening radius as we move about. And so we hold to the old and embrace the new and are true to both. "Be thou faithful, and I will give."

Then do not worry about results. That is God's care, not yours. Plant, water, and the increase will come. Sow, and you will reap. Be faithful, and you will be doing your best.

—To think of religion in any other sense than as a state of self-denial, is knowing nothing at all of it; for its whole nature is to direct us by a light, and knowledge, and wisdom from God; which is all contrary to the darkness, ignorance, and folly of our natures.—Law.

—An old couple who greatly glorified God by their glad lives were asked: "And have you never any clouds?" "Clouds," said the old woman, "clouds, why, yes, sir, else where would all the blessed showers come from?"