

"They'll need compellin' to do richt, if this is the road yer leading them! I'll neither trust ye nor them. Ye can gang elsewhere for money! And ye'll find nane in the parish that'll put more faith in yer bit o' paper than in a neighbor's word o' honor or the name o' God!"

Poetry.

The Passing Bell.

BY E. E. KEXFORD.

In times of old, when a summons
Came to a soul from God,
And death, like a ghostly presence,
The sick man's chamber trod—
Just when the last breath fluttered

Over the lips of clay,
The bell in the old church-tower
Bade all men pause and pray,
For a human soul was passing
From earthly things away

I can fancy the mowers mowing
Among the tall, green grass,
And hear them singing blithely
As the busy hours pass;
And then—the song they are singing
Stops short at the solemn toll
Of the bell, as it rings from the tower
The knell of a passing soul.

I can see two lovers standing
Alone at the garden-gate,
Forgetful of death and sorrow,
As the summer night grows late.
Suddenly out in the silence
Rings the voice of the passing bell,
And they pray that for him who is dying
The future may all be well.

What a weird and solemn warning
Of the common fate of all,
Must have been the bell's deep tolling
As it broke on the revellers' hall!
To homes of mirth or mourning—
Of prince or of peasant poor—
Like the voice of God, repeating
That death was at each man's door.

I like the old-time custom,
It would seem, when I heard it toll,
That all the world was praying
For the peace of the passing soul.

—Selected.

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