

THE SWEETEST NAME.

BY B. F. DE COSTA.

Sweet is the fragrance of the summer rose, The flower of all sweet things, which flings its fragrance far and wide, At morn and noon and eventide, While light and shade alternate glide Around its blushing bowers, But sweeter than the rose's breath, The Name that lives in life and death, The Name of Jesus.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

LITTLE RODY.

He was a fair, fragile little netchin, with light curly hair and clear blue eyes that looked straight at you when he cried. "Buy a paper, sir?" "Carry your cart, boy?"

Uncle Joe was in the habit of spending the greater part of his week's wages in the public-house, and his sisterly wife was very little better in this respect, for he came in for blows from both parties.

At last, however, the plaintive cry grew lower and lower, and then died away altogether. The fever had gone, and weak, white and wasted Rody lay, his great blue eyes wandering from bed to bed, vainly trying to recollect himself and guess when they came to his bed, and said that the child might linger some time, but that want and exposure had done their work—he could never recover.

He listened wonderingly to Sister Winifred's gentle voice telling of the love of the Sacred Heart for little children, and how Jesus used to take them in His arms and bless them, and say: "Suffer little children to come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

education and as much social and moral cultivation as came within his reach. If the lack of these is caused by unavoidable or excusable privation, and if the disadvantages resulting from this lack are borne in a modest, manly manner, they need not cause any diminution of the respect and esteem otherwise deserved.



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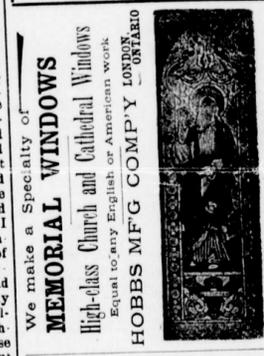
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