

[FOR THE C. T. ADVOCATE.]

One of Three.

BY WILLIAM SOUTH, AUTHOR OF "ALAZON" AND OTHER POEMS.

"It is an ancient Mariner,
And he stoppeth one of three."—Coleridge.

"I had three sons," an old man said,
"They kept my home in glee;
There's one that for his country lives,
And one doth nourish me;
But the brightest of the three is lost,
In a drunkard's grave lies he!"
Then I thought of the ancient mariner
That stoppeth one of three.

"I had three daughters long ago,"
Said a sad low-voiced lady,
"There's one in Heaven, and one with whom
Life passes happily:
But one a drunkard wedded,
And her lot is sad to see!"
Then I thought of the ancient mariner
Who stoppeth one of three.

"She loved him, and he promised her
To throw his wine away;
But wine gave place to viler draughts,
Till in the ditch he lay;
His youngest child he dashed to earth
From off its mother's knee!"
Then I thought of the ancient mariner
That stoppeth one of three.

Said one of the noble ones of earth,
Who lived for others' weal—
"Time was when there were THREE of us,
Firm Friends in faith and zeal;
One Friend and I do battle alone,
Till taint with terrible strife;
But we could not save our brother
From a drunkard's death-in-life!"
And go enquire for hearts on fire,
With Faith's intrepid will,
For every two that are beating true,
There's one is lying still;
And graves dishonored and unknown,
That holy fanes might be!
'Tis ever the ancient mariner
That stoppeth one of three.

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