

THE STANDARD.

For the Quiet Hour.

Passing Out

Passing out of the shadow
 Into a purer light,
 Stepping behind the curtain,
 Getting a clearer sight;
 Laying aside the burden,
 'This weary mortal coil;
 Done with the world's vexations,
 Done with its fears and toil;
 Tired of all earth's playthings,
 Heartsick and ready to sleep;
 Ready to bid our friends farewell,
 Wondering why they weep;
 Pass us out of the shadow
 Into eternal day—
 Why do we call it dying,
 This sweet going away?

Prayer

O Lord, Thou who searchest the heart
 and knowest it altogether, cleanse Thou
 me from every secret fault. Preserve
 me from self-delusion, self-confidence,
 self-conceit. As a servant of Thine
 make me charitable to my neighbors,
 kindly in spirit, helpful in word and
 deed. Give me humility and simplicity,
 with a more perfect trust in Thee from
 day to-day. Amen.

On Life's Sea.

Fair little voyager on life's sea,
 Smooth may the course of thy journey be,
 Little thou knowest where danger lies,
 Of shifting winds or of cloudy skies.

From a land unknown to a land unseen
 With wild and turbulent waves between,
 We know that the gentlest breezes wait
 The onward way of thy tiny craft.

And may'st thou ever a refuge make
 Of Him who walked on the surging lake,
 For He will bid all thy storms to cease
 And guide thee into the harbor, Peace.

His Little Mistake.

An exchange tells of a clerk who was
 showing a lady some parasols. He had
 a good command of language, and knew
 how to commend his goods.

As he picked up a parasol from the
 lot on the counter and opened it, he
 struck an attitude of admiration, and
 holding it up, said:

"Now, there, isn't it lovely? Look
 at that silk. Particularly observe the
 quality, the finish, the general effect.
 Pass your hand over it," he said, as he
 handed it to the lady; "isn't it a
 beauty?"

"Yes, said the lady, "that's my old
 one. I just laid it down there."

Outvalued.

A messenger came tearing up to the
 White House in '63, and, hurriedly
 gaining admission to Mr. Lincoln, in-
 formed him in great excitement that a
 large waggon train had been surpris-
 ed on short ways across the Potomac, and a
 brigadier-general taken prisoner. "Did
 they capture the train?" inquired Old
 Abe. "No, sir, the regiment came up
 and saved it," answered the messenger,
 "but the general, Mr. President, is a
 prisoner." "Oh, never mind that,"
 said Lincoln. "I can make a dozen
 generals in a day; but mules cost \$300
 each."

The family of Admiral Dewey's wife,
 who is a Roman Catholic, are Scotch
 Presbyterians, but Mrs. Dewey was sent
 to a convent for her education,

Of Local Interest.

Temperance Sunday was generally
 observed by special sermons on temper-
 ance and temperance S. S. lesson.

The Liverpool Town Council have de-
 cided not to sell any electric lights out-
 side the town for the present. The Mil-
 ton churches must wait in patience.

Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Archibald, of
 Lunenburg, are visiting at the "Parson-
 age" for a few days.

Bro. Benj. Hayes is seriously ill.

The STANDARD extends many thanks
 to the advertisers who have so liberally
 patronized its columns.

Whenever it is possible we invite our
 readers to patronize the same. You
 will find all lines of trade repre-
 sented in these columns.

We would remind the boys and girls,
 that by saving the pennies and other
 small change they may open a Savings
 Bank acct. Deposits are accepted from
 \$1 upwards. Now is the time to begin.
 See advt. in another column.

Mr. Churchill L. Freeman, B. A., L.
 L. B., paid his friends a short visit a few
 days ago.

Master Fred Burnaby has returned
 from Antigonish. He will resume his
 work in school.

By a vote of the annual business meet-
 ing it was decided to have the deeds of
 parsonage and church property and the
 old records of the church given over to
 Bro. Wm. Ford, Church Treasurer, to be
 placed in his vault for safe keeping.

A committee of the proprietors, who
 are about placing insurance on the
 church property, ask for contributions
 for that purpose. Hand to Deacon E. D.
 Ford.

We are pleased to note the improve-
 ment in the roadway leading down to
 the vestry door. The brethren who vol-
 untarily did the work deserve the thanks
 of the church.

The next issue of the STANDARD will
 be about Dec. 20th. All items for pub-
 lication should be addressed to P. O. Box
 21, Milton, on or before Dec. 15th.

We are pleased to learn that the Con-
 gregational church has secured a pastor
 in the person of Rev. Churchill Moore,
 from the Province of Quebec. He will
 enter upon his duties here Dec. 17. As
 a co-worker, we extend to him a wel-
 come in advance.

The Young Ladies' Circle are hard at
 work preparing for the Xmas sale.

The recently elected officers of the B.
 Y. P. U. are: Pres., Willard N. Free-
 man; Vice-Pres., Frank Cole; Sec'y,
 Miss Nellie Nickerson; Cor.-Sec'y, Mrs.
 F. B. Shields; Treas., Miss Blanche
 Brown; Organist, Miss Mamie Free-
 man. Chairmen of Committees: Devoti-
 onal, Miss Lena Chivers; Visiting,
 Mrs. N. O. Freeman; Social, Miss Emily
 K. Freeman; Flower, Mrs. L. H. Burn-
 aby; Lookout, Miss Stella Allen.

The Disciples church is now without
 a pastor.

Mr. Nicholas Smith, M. A., is enjoy-
 ing a visit with his son, Dr. Smith, in
 Port Huron, Michigan, U. S. A.

There are three classes of people in
 the world: Those who make good res-
 olutions and do their best to keep them;
 those who form the resolutions but make
 no effort to realize their fulfilment; and
 those who do not make such resolutions.

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