THE QUEST

(Written for The Catholic Bulletin by Dr. James Henderson.)

Past the far gates of Oblivion we

Silence and I; Fair was the road and untrodde

Fairer the sky.

We walked in a world that olden,

Walked in streets precious

Twas up near the vault of the

Out where dwells Myra and Yaneck,

Close to the boreal pole; Yet farther than that had we

trodden, This night when our senses paid

I had been in this region before And silence was painful, incessant, For time had long since gone be-

So we hastened

Weird as the woof of some dream 'Mong spirits that still tried to dream.

But hold! I cried; Silence, doubt you; This world is not wholly content

Else why should their grieving be nurtured?

Look! See how their garments We were seeking a soul still un-

shriven. By doubt and distrust madly of countless truant sparks.

She had passed thro' this margeland so lately

From star-dust to stars dwelling

And as far 'yond his place in far

you." "She must yet go to regions far

Before that her sojourn is thro'!

A sound swayed the vistas about 'Twas the young suns that rise in

Let us go, I cried. Silence! 'Tis

truly Else why in this chancel if ques-

tioned? Said she, "'Tis the voice of some Dawn,

some Dawn.

It beams 'youd the Lake of Delight-

Let us go from this palace or I know not of Day or of Night.'

A nebulous form swept on pin-Swept up from that region of rest

While the duplicate horns of you

Paled out 'youd the gold of the And we quested the querulous

That trembled and blinked in the

Silence and I, and no answer;

Thro' nebulous voids hence we

O'er ways that were lone in far heavens-

Winged Nights overburdened, un-.That lay in the pathway of cres-

The Romance of a Poor eyes that look as if she had never had half enough attention." Lawyer.

(By Florence Gilmore, in the Extension Magazine.

(Concluded.)

"I don't care," she answered, with a little skip of delight. "Oh, father, those lights seem just as far away as they did ter

Elizabeth had grown too tired to talk, the others were too much excited, and during the last half mile of their long walk few words were spoken. Mr. Morrison's au tomobile was at the station, where it had stood for two hours waiting

Pains in the Back Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or iver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important i a healthy action of these organs.

They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

"I was taken ill with kieney trouble, and necame so weak I could scarcely get around I took medicine without benefit, and finally decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. After the first bottle I felt so much better that I continued its use, and six bottles made meanew woman. When my little girl was a baby, she could not keep anything on her tomach, and we gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured her." Mas. Thomas Insus, Wallaceburg, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

for Elizabeth, and she insisted on taking her new friends to their destination before she parted from them with many expressions of gratitude.

the man, old before his time. whose narrow shoulders had bent wearily beneath the burden of work for which he was unfitted, whose head had whitened in the struggle inevitable when a highly strung nature is thrown into the strife made necessary by the fierce competition that is an integral part of modern business conditions. She recalled his meek face and courteous manner; his love for his daughter and his overweaning pride in his only son. Enviously, she thought of the bright, happy girl whose society her father and brother had

preferred to any other. They were in her mind one evening as she stood before the great log fire in her father's library, dreamily watching the fitful blaze and the merry dance

"Mr. Shae," the maid announ-Elizabeth started slightly. "Bring

him in here," she said. Five minutes later they chatting cosily. Elizabeth had once admitted to Miss Lawson that she liked Mr. Shae when she was with him, but that as soon as "Farther," said Silenee, "than he went away she resolved anew never to admit that he had a single redeeming trait. "I'm

> was her wise reason for this. "Oh, tell me about the Goodridge ball," Elizabeth demanded eagerly. "I had a cold and could

tired of hearing his praises sung,'

not go. to, but something unforseen kept me at home at the last moment, I was sorry, because I thought you'd be there." After a second of hesitation, he added, gayly: "My father and sister gave me a surprise. To my astonishment they appeared about 7 o'clock one evening to stay with me for a couple of days. I didn't let them go until the first of the week and. of course, spent every spare

moment with them-so the Goodridges had to suffer," he laughed. "And you were glad to see them?" Elizabeth asked, feeling that she was expected to say something. A light had broken in upon her, and it made her un-

"Glad?" and his face fairly beamed. "Glad doesn't begin to express it. It was the finest thing that ever happened. I had not had a glimpse of them for three

Elizabeth said nothing, and after a pause he continued: "They had a trying experience on the way, but they laughed about it, and insisted that, as Mary said, it was 'great fun.' A wreck blocked the track and they had to walk to town from somewhere near the junction. A young girl who was the only other passenger in their car walked with them. Mary fell in love with her, and Still swaying there, horn after even my father, who is so unob-"We'll cease and anything more about a stranger than that she is a human being, said more than once that she is a 'pretty child, with big, wistful

> Elizabeth's face was crimson Persistently she watched the fire thankful that John Shae was like his father, unobserving. "Mary said that she had

pretty Southern accent-and that

reminded me of you." He glan-

hought of, nor was nummer. Now Scott's alsion is as much a sum as a winter remedy.

ced towards Elizabeth, who was still intensely interested in the glowing logs. For an instant he studied her averted face, red to the roots of her dark hair, and an nspiration came to him. "Why Why, it was you-was it not?'

"Whether it was I or some one lse, I can assure you of two hinge: you have one of the kindest fathers in the world and the sweetest little sister; and-" She felt a sudden desire to make reparation for her almost rude inifference she had often shown

of a brother I'd like to have." John Shae smiled happily. He saw a ray of hope where all had been darkness. There was a long. oppressive silence before he said. A week passed, during which hyly: "Miss Morrison, don't you Elizabeth thought many times of think you could—that as I am not your brother I might be-

> For the fraction of a second Elizabeth hesitated, then looked up at him frankly without race of coquetry in her face or "I like you very much am not sure that I do not-" Only a lover could have caught the words "love you," but John

> > Their Benjamin

Helen Moriarty, in The Magnifica

The farmhouse nestled agains the side of the hill which seemed to regard and enfold it lovingly All around it rose other hills, and in the distance still others, pre senting as fair a panorama as face. ever greeted the eye. The fertile acres that spread across the broad valley belonged to John Sheeran, who sixty-five years ago had first seen the light in the little house on the hillside Little and un pretentious it was then, but bi hough to house comfortably large family of which he was th eldest and the only one to sticl

to the farm. Hence the hom place became his, and there forty years ago he had brought hi bride, rosy cheeked and slender

"Forty years ! I can't believ t!" he was saying to himself thi norning as he threaded his way through the lower meadow, where the cows, pictures of peace and contentment, were standing kneedeep in the shallow stream that lowed from one corner to another of the valley. ". Why, it seems ike only the other day-" he ook off his hat and began to fan imself with its broad brimonly the other day," with

low reminiscent smile he repeated. "But they've been mighty usy years in between, I can tel you. And so could mother. It took considerable hard work

raise all the young ones—that it did. But great Cæsar!-" his smile becoming comically rueful-"how awfully quick they did grow up once they got a good start, and how soon they all went away-all but Benjy," a tender

and some day the whole place'll 25c. a box. belong to him. Mr. Sheeran looked about him with a sense of great security and happiness. It was good to have omeone to leave behind him to keep up the work that he would than most men of sixty-five. Many a man of fifty might envy him his erect carriage, his light step and vigorous health; but would have to go, and when he

did there would be Benjy-o Benjamin, properly so-called, six feet three in his stockings, broad, lithe, blue-eved and handsome very core of his mother's heart, and the secret admiration of all the girls for miles around

"I wouldn't care a mite if he got married right now," the farmer mused as he made his way slowly along the edge of the stream, "and neither would mo ther-I know that," chuckling a little. " Now that Jane's gone she'd kind o' like to have one of her own about her in that big house. And I notice her looking pleased when Benjy fixes up to go and see Martha Hines of an evening. She likes Martha. And her slice of the Hines farm won't hurt Benjy any when she csmes to get her affare. Not but house. And I notice her look-

WAS SO BAD.

Thought She Would Lose Child.

fact, more so than adults, on account of the more delicate construction of their constitution. It behooves every mother to look after her children on the first sign of any looseness of the bowels, for if they do not some serious bowel trouble such as diarrhoea, dysentery. cholera infantum, cholera morbus, summer complaint, him and for the silly way she had etc., is liable to follow, and they will railed against him to her friends perhaps, loose their little one by not taking the precaution to check this loose and I believe you are the kind ness of the bowels by using Dr. Fowler's

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Benjy's muchine now. I didn't expect him home so early. "Why" glancing at his watch in surprise, "Its only a little after ten, I wonder-"He quickened his steps a little and by cutting across the intervening field he reached the farm-yard almost as soon as his son, who took the last lap in from the road with anything but his accustomed celerity. He looked rather sober, his father thought, as he caught a glimpse of the boy's

"Machine out o'whack? he called cheerily as soon as the car slowed up and came to a stop.

"No, She's all right," Benjy answered, smiling. He stepped out slowly and as though he were tired, his father thought. I just thought I'd come home.' "Out late last night, I expect,

his father said, quizzically The young man who was busying himself with something about the car shook his head laughingly vithout looking up.

"Martha always fires me at 10.30" he announced; and it takes me only fifteen minutes to get ome in the boat."

(To be continued.)

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