BY PHŒBE CARY. O. brothers and sisters growing old, Do you all remember yet That home, in the shade of rustling trees,

Do you know how we used to come from school Through the summer's pleasant heat; With the yellow fennel's golden dust

And how sometimes in an idla mood We loitered by the way; And stopped in the woods to gather flowers, And in the fields to play:

Till warned by the deepening shadow's fall,
That told of the coming night,
We climbed to the top of the last, long hill,

And brothers and sisters, older now Than she whose life is o'er.

Alas! for the changing things of time; That home in the dust is low; And that loving smile was hid from us,

From which our weary eyes Can almost look on that home that shines Eternal in the skies.

Still let us move as one, Always together keeping step, Till the march of life is done;

So, brothers and sisters, as we go,

Wearing a smile so sweet, Now waits on the hills of Paradise For her children's coming feet !

"If I could have your faith, Hawkins, gladly would I; but I was born a skeptic. I results they lead to. I cannot look upon God and the future as you do; with my temperament, and the peculiar bias of my mind,

friend under a dripping umbrella; for the night was stormy and very dark, though the brilliancy of the shop lamp made a broad path of light along the wet sidewalk. John Harvey was a skeptic of thirty years' standing, and apparently hardened in his unbelief. Every body had given him up as unconvertible. Reasoning ever so fairly and calmly made no impression on the rocky soil of his heart. Theologians disliked the sight of his massive face, and humble Christians sighed as he passed them. A man with such capacities, they said-with such generous impulses, (for everybody knew how kind he was,) we'd starve, sir. Good bless you sir! I with an intellect so enriched, and powers of the keenest metal—and yet no God, no hope and he looked wistfully towards the corner feet, unenlightened! Alas, it was sad, very the baize in tatters.

But one friend had never given him up. When spoken to about him—"I will talk with and pray for that man until I die," he said; "and I will have faith that he may yet come out of darkness into the marvelous light. And, oh, how wonderful that light will seem

And thus, whenever he met him, (John Harvey was always ready for "a talk,") Mr. Hawkins pressed home the truth upon him. In answer, on that stormy night, he only said, "God can change a skeptic, John; he has more power over your heart than you have, and I mean to pray for you."

would take nothing short of a miracle to up town to supper this stormy night. Whew! how the wind blows! Here's a restaurant; let us stop here."

How warm and pleasant it looked in the long, brilliant, dining saloon. Clusters of gas jets streamed over the glitter and color as well as the great mirrors.

soft music came through an open door-a child's sweet voice. "Upon my word that is pretty," said

John Harvey; "what marvelous purity in those tones! "Out of here, you little baggage," cried a hoarse voice, and one of the waiters pointed

angrily to the door.
"Let her come in," said John Harvey,

springing to his feet.
"We don't allow them in this place, sir," said the waiter, "but she can go into the

reading room."

of a something hovering back and forward John Harvey; and placed his handkerchief on the edge of the door; now they followed a slight little figure, wrapped in a patched cloak, patched hood, and leaving the mark of wet feet as she walked. Curious to see her face-she was very small-John Harvey lured her to the furthest part of the great room, where there were but few gentlemen. and then motioned her to sing. The little one looked timidly up. Her cheek was of olive darkness, but a flush rested there; and out of the thinnest face, under the arch of broad temples, deepened by masses of the

"That little thing is sick, I think," said John Harvey, compassionately. "What do you sing, child?" he added. "I sing you Italian or English." she said

shoes. "Why," he exclaimed, and his lip quivered, "her feet are wet to her ankles, absolutely; her shoes are full of holes."

By this time the child had begun to sing, pushing back her hood and folding before her her little thin fingers. Her voice was wonderful; and simple and common as were both the reading room. The little song com- breathed thus icily over it.

"There is a happy land, Far, far away."

"And you don't suppose there is a happy land?" he continued heedless of the many eyes upon him. "I know there is; I'm going to sing there," she said, so quietly, so decidedly, that men looked at each other.

"Yes, sir; my mother said so. She used to sing to me until she was sick; then she said she wasn't going to sing any more on. earth, but up in heaven.

"And then she died, sir," said the child, tears briming up and over on the dark cheek, now ominously flushed scarlet. John Harvey was silent for a few moments.

"Well, if she died, my little girl, you may

times I have a dreadful pain in my side, and cough as she did. There won't be any pain up there, sir; it's a beautiful world!"

"My mother told me so." like, and yet how wise! - John Harvey had for a moment—the sobs that struggled for

"Child, you must have a pair of shoes."
John Harvey's voice was husky. Simultaneously hands were thrust in pockets, purses pulled out, and the astonished

"Her father is a poor, consumptive organ grinder," whispered one. "I suppose he is too sick to be out to-night."

Along the sloppy street went the child, under the protection of John Harvey, but not with shoes that drank the water at every step. Warmth and comfort were hers now. Down in the deep, den-like lanes of the city walked the man, a little cold, child-hand in cannot help my doubts more than I can the his. At an open broken door, they stopped up broken, creaking stairs, they climbed. At last another doorway opened; a wheezing voice called out of the dim arch, "Carletta,"
"O, father, father! see what I have brought

Look at me, look at me!" and down went the hoarded silver, and, venting her excessive joy, the child fell, crying and laughing together, into the man's arms.

A face dark and hollow, all overgrown with hair, black as night, and uncombed—a pair of wild eyes—a body bent nearly double -hands like claws.

"Did he give you all this Carletta?" "They all did, father; now you shall have

soup and oranges." gone, sir-had to send the poor child out, or of the future—walking with the lamp at his where stood the old organ, baize covered—

"It's no matter," said John Harvey, with difficulty. "Ill come and see you some other time;" and he groped his way down stairs.

One month after that the two men met again, as if by agreement, and walked slowly down town. Threading innumerable passages, they came to the gloomy building where lived Carletta's father.

moment, out came two or three men bearing a pine coffin. In the coffin, the top nailed down, so that no mourner might open, provided there had been any such, slept the old organ grinder.

last night. room was empty of everything save a bed, a chair, and a nurse provided by John Harvey. The child lay there, not white, but pale as marble, with a strange polish on her brow. Oh, how those dark eyes on the instant be-

and I'm going."
Up there! John Harvey turned uncon-

her little hands flew together. "Do you wish to sing?" "Oh, so much! but it hurts me. It won't

seemed such wonder in her eyes? Harvey's friend.

"Oh, yes." "Do you know who he was?"

"Good Jesus," murmured the child, with, a rare smile. "Hawkins, this breaks me down," said

"Don't cry, don't cry; I can't cry, I'm so glad!" said the child, exultingly; and she looked up, as if heaven's light were already

rately. "I used to be so cold in the long winters, for we didn't have fires sometimes: but mother used to hug me close, and sing about heaven. But I did have to go out, because they were sick, and people looked cross at me, and told me I was in the way; but some were wind to me. Mother told me never to mind, when I came home crying, and kissed me, and said if I was his, the Saviour would love me, and one of these days would give me a better home; and so I gave myself to him, for I wanted a better home. And, oh, I shall sing there and be so happy! Christ sent a little angel in my dream-

With a little sigh she closed her eyes. "Harvey, are faith and hope nothing ?" air and words, the power and pathos of the asked Mr. Hawkins, pointing to the little tones drew together several of the habitues of face, taking on such strange beauty as death "Don't speak to me Hawkins; to be as

that little child I would give all I am worth,"

was the broken response. ing—only your stubborn will, your skeptical doubts, and the heart that will never know rest till it find it at the feet of Christ. O, my friend, resolve, by the side of this little child, who is soon to be singing in heaven, that you will be a follower of my Saviour.

Ing the complaint, the Government "consider to consider that the notice taken of the matter will and shut them up, and sixty years afterwards, when his hair is white and his step is totter when his hair is white and his step is totter when his hair is white and his step is totter when his hair is white and soon after he will see it in the ground, and soon after he will see it in the ground, and soon after he will see it in the ground, and become a latered and laid, at W. HENRY PATTEN'S, West spring up into new life, and become a latered and laid, at W. HENRY PATTEN'S, West and perpetuate idolatry, it will not interdict young, fresh and beautiful plant. child be forgotten. There almost seemed a ing—only your stubborn will, your skeptical halo round her head, and when she had findoubts, and the heart that will never know ished her great speaking eyes turned toward rest till it find it at the feet of Christ. O, "Look here, child, where did you learn child, who is soon to be singing in heaven,"

There was no answer. Quietly they sat there in the deepening shadows. The hospishook his head. It needed no close inspection to see what was going on. Presently the hands moved, the arms were raised, the eyes opened-yet, glazed though they were, they turned still upward.

"See! see!" she cried. "Oh, there is faltered, her arms fell, but the celestial bright- for none of these things." ness lingered yet on her face. Feebly she turned to those who had ministered to her. for all their kindness. "There is no doubting the soul-triumph

there," whispered Mr. Hawkins. "It is wonderful," replied John Harvey, looking on both with awe and tenderness.
"Is she gone?" He sprang from his chair as if he would detain her; but the chest and "She was always a sweet little thing,"

said the nurse softly. John Harvey stood as if spell-bound. and turned. "John," said his friend, with of existence." an impressive look, "Shall we pray?" For All honor to England for what she has a minute there was no answer—then came done to suppress slavery, but there is more tears; the whole frame of the man shook work for her to do, close within her own as he said—it was almost a cry—"Yes, pray, pray!" And from the side of the dead child went up agonizing pleadings to the throne of God. That prayer was answered the miracle is wrought—the lion is a lamb the doubter a believer—the skeptic a Christian. Careless reader, may a little child lead you!

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE:

A HOME MISSIONARY'S SACRIFICES. When teaching an academy, twenty years how feeble is flesh and blood! My son, who gallant volunteers the world never before saw is at college studying for the ministry, was compelled, during the last term, to do chores for defraying a part of his expenses; and he monstration of the boundless capacity of the

twenty years?—Home Missionaru.

Miscellaneous.

RELIGIOUS PROGRESS IN INDIA.

REV. R. G. WILDER, writing to the Evanelist, from Kolapoor, under date of March, directed.—Dr. Breckinridge. 1852, gives some incidents showing how matters there vacillate between Christianity and

Not long since a Christian officer vindicatwas a noteworthy instance of administering the law to the interest of Christianity, and is likely to prove a valuable precedent in coming years. These native Christians are of the same faith as Queen Victoria herself, and should be protected in such obvious natural rights. But who does not see that a different minded officer would have upon the The tenets of the Hindu's faith make the duction of the seed as a continual miracle. good by keeping by him a few Christian tracts and books in the vernaculars, and occasionally giving one to the native people about him. The idea seemed to please him at first, rection, and their wonderful fruitfulness! but in a moment he seemed to bethink himfere with native prejudices—I should not dare to do it."

The words are not given, but were doubtless number might even amount to 100,000. disrespectful to the idol. The Judge, Sir Well, let me ask you, have these 100,000 is subject to fines and imprisonment.

A third incident. The hold of Hinduism upon the minds of its votaries has been repast it has been found impossible to get the become a magnificent tree, under which the poor natives to draw the heavy idol-cars at flocks of the valleys and their shepherds may ficial brought the Government police to aid in this disgusting work—a manifest violation of the process of the been presented to Government, and in notic-

Is it generally known in America that into wreaths by the merry children now play-Slavery exists in British India? It need be ing in our fields. feebly smiled—it was a mute return of thanks known only as one of those evils for the re-

who goes on to say:

NATIONAL DEVELOPEMENT.

Look at the tremendous demonstration that has been made of the military strength which had given up arms, and was devoted to industry, and in a year brings out an army greater than ever was brought into the field at any time before—an army of five or six hundred thousand men.

Did you have any conscription in Ohio ago, I was making from eight to ten They have conscriptions in France. Did you hundred dollars a year, a minister and dea-con came twelve miles and remained with me England. Did you whip any one to compel two days and three nights, trying to induce them to volunteer? They use the knout in me to give up the academy and devote my- Russia to fill the ranks. An army of five self to preaching. I said to them, I can hundred thousand volunteers sprung to arms, hardly live on \$1,000 per annum, and how shall I live on \$400 or \$500? They said: behind ready to do the same thing. And this "Trust God." I finally yielded, and have army is doing the work it is designed to do. trusted God ever since. Sometimes my faith | Now I do not speak evil of dignitaries, but I | has been tried. A year and a half ago, when you sent me unexpectedly \$25, which just paid a pressing demand, I saw Jesus' hand in it so plainly that I thought, then, that I would never fear nor distrust again. But oh,

said: "Father, why do I have to chore country to sustain an expensive war; a counnot?" Parental feeling flushed to the full. in the midst of expenses, of, it may be, a contains the strength of two pounds of ordinary coffee I confess, I remembered the academy, where thousand million dollars a year, and the pub-I made \$1,000 a year. Could I say: "Be- lie funds almost at par, the credit of the cause you are the son of a Home mission- country fair, and the boundless capacity of this stingy and mean nation, as it is some-Such questions from my son, and from times called—a boundless readiness to give three young daughters relative to going to money and men. If there could be a collecboarding school, brought me to think very | tion of the immense amount of money contriseriously about leaving the field, and seeking buted to the cause of benevolence, connectan agency that would pay. I had spoken for a ed with this war, it would be enough to carsituation. But when my draft came, and ry on a war in the usual way. People the when news of the box came, I again dismismost elevated and refined give themselves to sed my fears and said, shall I distrust the the most menial services in behalf of the Lord now, whom I have trusted for these sick, wounded and dying. Was anything like it ever heard of in the history of the nations of the world? Men cry tax us; here is our money to alleviate the sufferings of the sick; and our best and loveliest women say, here are our services; take them and use them Is this not an illustration marvelous in itself, glorious to Christianity and our country, and pointing to the end to which such a people must come, if they be wisely and bravely

THE MARVELS OF A SEED.

ed the rights of some of our native Christians a thing the seed of a plant is? It is the mito the use of the public wells and tanks. It racle of miracles. God said, "Let there be

different minded officer would base upon the this mystery in a different way. But what same proclamation, an argument for the cause of the Hindus? Men of all creeds are to be explain it as they will, the wonder remains protected in their civil and religious rights. the same, and we must look upon the repro-

touch of these hated apostates' pollution. If | Is there upon earth a machine, is there a then, you allow them to get water from the palace, is there even a city, which contains public wells, you inflict a severe blow upon so much that is wonderful, as is enclosed in the feelings and rights of the Hindus—rights a single little seed—one grain of corn, one guarantied to them by immemorial usage, and little brown apple-seed, one small seed of a by this very proclamation, thus interpreted.

A few days since, a missionary in my preher little ones, the smallest seed of a poppy. sence, was conversing with a Government or a blue-bell, or even one of the seeds that officer, who seemed to be not only friendly are so small that they float about in the air out quite religiously inclined, suggested to invisible to our eyes? Ah! there is a world him, in a very friendly way, that he might do of marvel and brilliant beauties hidden in

Another incident is a recent trial of two persons in the Calcutta criminal court, for Candolle, of Geneva, described 40,000 kinds uttering certain words against an idol-god. of plants, and he supposed it possible that the

Mordaunt Wells, condemned both the prison- kinds of plants ever failed to bear the right ers accused of this offence—one to two weeks seed? Have they ever deceived us? Has and the other to six weeks' imprisonment. a seed of wheat ever yielded barley, or a seed So it comes to pass, under our present ad- of a poppy grown up into a sun-flower? Has ministration, that a man may blaspheme and a sycamore-tree ever sprung from an acorn, profane the name of the true God with impuor a beech-tree from a chestnut? A little nity, but for speaking against a stone idol he bird may carry away the small seed of a sycamore in its beak to feed its nestlings, and on the way may drop it on the ground. The tiny seed may spring up and grow where it laxing for many years. For twenty years fell, unnoticed, and sixty years after it may

of the principle of neutrality. The case has year to year, and even from century to cen-

1835, several old Celtic tombs were discover-"Yet when Mr. Cust, Commissioner of ed near Bergorac. Under the head of each Umritsur, attended the baptism of a Sepoy of the dead bodies there was found a small, tal doctor came in, stood off a little way, and in a private capacity, he was called to ac- square stone or brick with a hole in it, concount by the Government of India. But he taining a few seeds, which had been placed is a Christian, and religious neutrality means there beside the dead by the heathen friends intolerance to Christianity. (A ban upon our own faith and support of idolatry.) In the present case the local government shows that they, as officials, helped to pull an idolmother! and there are the angels! and they car, and to compel others to do so, but 'no dust of the dead?—beautiful sun-flowers, blue are all singing—all singing." Her voice special orders are called for, Gallio cared corn-flowers, and clover, bearing blossoms as bright and sweet as those which are woven

Some years ago a vase, hermetically sealed, moval of which Christian men are ever to was found in a mummy-pit in Egypt, by the pray and labor. "That slavery does exist, English traveler, Wilkinson, who sent it to and to a large as well as serious extent, in the British Museum. The librarian there Eastern Bengal, is now unquestionable."— having unfortunately broken it, discovered in Such is the utterance of a reliable authority, it a few grains of wheat and one or two peas, old, wrinkled, and as hard as stone. The as if he would detain her; but the chest and forehead were marble now, the eyes had lost the fire of life; she must have died as she lay looking at them.

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"We know that human beings are bought the 4th of June, 1844, and at the end of the fire own thirty days these old seeds were seen to spring lay looking at them." fessional kidnappers; and that children grown bably about 3000 years ago, perhaps in the up in bondage are used for the production time of Moses, and had slept all that long John Harvey stood as if spell-bound, and growth of other human produce, and time, apparently dead, yet still living in the There was a touch on his arm; he started they and their posterity know no other mode dust of the tomb.—Gaussen.

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For that mother, who waited for us here,

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it is utterly impossible." So said John Harvey, as he walked with a

to him, shut up so long!"

"Oh, I've no objection, none in the world seeing is believing, you know. I'm ready for any modern miracle, but I tell you it convince me. However, let's change the subject. I'm hungry, and it's too far to go

of pictures and gorgeous carpets, and the rows of marble tables reflected back the lights The two merchants had eaten, and were just on the point of rising, when a strain of

"Well, let her go somewhere, for I want to hear her," responded the gentleman. All this time the two had seen the shadow

blackest hair, looked two eyes, whose soft-ness and tender pleading would have touched the hardest heart.

John Harvey had been looking at her

Never could the voice, the manner, of that

that " he asked.

"Going to sing there?"

"Well, and what then?"

Presently he said: live, you know."
"Oh, no, sir! no, sir! [very quickly.] I'd rather go there, and be with mother. Some-

"How do you know?" faltered on the lips

of the skeptic. Words how impressive! manner how childhad a praying mother. His chest labored utterance could be heard even in their deeps —and still those large, soft, lustrous eyes, like magnets, impelled his glance towards

child held in her little palm more money than she had ever seen before.

Was he a man?

No-not lived there; for as they paused a

"It was very sudden, sir," said a woman, who recognised his benefactor. "Yesterday the little girl was took sick, and it seems as if he dropped right away. He died at six The two men went silently up stairs. The

came eloquent, as John Harvey sat on the side of the bed! "Well, my little one, so you are no bet-"Oh, no, sir! Father has gone up there,

sciously towards his friend. "I wish I could sing for you," she said, and hurt me up there, will it?" Where was the child looking, that there "Did you ever hear of Jesus?" asked John

dawning on her. "What are you glad for, my dear?" asked John Harvey's friend. "To get away from here," she said delibe-

mother told me he would, and that angels would carry me up there. Oh, I feel so sleepy!"

"In Sabbath School, sir," was the simple | Let reason bow here, before simple, trusting | this practice. Well does the Friend of India | M. Jouannent relates that in the year remark on this case:

of the country, an overwhelming proof of the warlike character of the people! A nation

HAVE you ever considered how wonderful

Consider first their number. About a hunself, and remarked, "Oh, but it would be dred and fifty years ago, the celebrated Lincontrary to the Queen's proclamation, and næus, who has been called "the father of bothe strict orders of Government not to inter- tany," reckoned about 8000 different kinds of plants; and he then thought that the whole number existing could not much exceed 10,-

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