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"I SHALL BE SATISFIED."

Not here! not here! not where the sparkling waters Fade into mocking sands as we draw near, Where in the wilderness each footstep falters-"I shall be satisfied"—oh! not here.

Not here-where all the dreams of bliss decoive us,
Where the worn spirit never gains its goal,
Where, haunted ever by the thoughts that grieve us, Across us floods of bitter memory roll.

There is land where every pulse is thrilling With rapture earth's sojourners may not

Where heaven's repose the weary heart is thrilling
And peacefully life's time-tossed currents flow.

Far out of sight, while yet the flesh enfolds Lies the fair country where our hearts abide, And of its bliss is naught more wonderous told

Than these few words, "Lehall be satisfied." Satisfied! satisfied! The spirit's yearning For sweet companionship with kindred minds, The silent love that here meets no returning,

The inspiration which no language finds: Shall they be satisfied? The soul's vague long-

ing,
The aching void which nothing earthly fills? Oh, what desires upon my soul are thronging, As I look upward to the heavenly hills.

Thither my weak and weary steps are tending, Saviour and Lord! with thy frail child abide; Guide me towards home, where, all my wan-

dering ending,
I shall see thee, and "shall be satisfied!" Parish Visitor.

### HYMN OF PRAYER.

BY ALBERT REDLON.

Hast thon no mercy, God! the awful thunder Is rolling o'er my head, and pale with wo, Upward I look; the black clouds torn asunder Sweep the dull sky, and lightnings come and go.

The darkness is about me, I am falling,
My hour is come, the time of wrath is nigh,
And through the mists of night to Thee I'm

The wandering breezes bear my bitter cry. O Lord! my God! be with me in the trial! Sustain me with thine arm! to Thee I kneel He lifteth me, He sendeth no denial-He whose Right Hand can make the mountains reel !

## A GOOD DEED MARRED.

-Boston Recorder.

A poor woman was passing on her way homeward, on a hot summer's day, bearing a very heavy burden. She was the mother of a large number of children, who were dependent upon her exertions for a support; for her husband was a drunkard. In addition to his neglect to provide for the wants of his family, he often treated them with great unkindness.

As she was making her toilsome way, frequently stopping to wipe the steaming perspiration from her heated countenance, Albert Harrison overtook her. He was in a one-horse wagon alone. He was going on an errand for his father, and would pass by the poor woman's

Albert felt very sorry for her. He knew that his mother thought that she was a good woman. When he came where she was standing to rest a moment, having laid on the ground the articles she was carrying, he thought he would ask her to ride. "Wouldn't you like to ride the rest of the way?" said he.

afraid I should give you too much trou-

a seat, but it would have been more kind, the inhabitants of that little town. On if he had placed the things in the wagon | the evening of the third day I arrived at | himself, and had then assisted her to get the place, and found a home in a very into the wagon. Those acts of courtesy plain, but truly pious family. After the would have cost him nothing, and would lapse of a few weeks, an unpretending, have added greatly to his kindness. We but agreeable man called on me, and should not only perform kind acts, but said: 'I have been raised a Friend; and we should perform them in a kind and | you know the Friends do not pay for the courteous manner. Some persons, who ministry. But my wife and only child really mean to do kind things, destroy a are members of your church, and I go great part of their kindness, by a rough, with them to public meetings, as I have uncourteous manner.

woman to Albert, when she was completely seated in the wagon, and was might be some relief to the church for being carried rapidly towards her home; me to afford you a home in my house; for it must be confessed that Albert did if it please you to accept it.' I replied, not wish any one to see him riding with I would answer in a few days. Mrs. E., and hence drove rapidly that he might part company with her the principal merchant in the village, much sooner.

"Mother is very well, I thank you," said Albert very politely.

"I do not know what I should do, if

it were not for your mother." "Mother is a kind woman."

women. I hope she will be blessed with lowing I removed to my new abode, which her children. I hope they will be as I found to be quiet and neat, and the good as she is."

not been you would not have showed me for religion; and his public conduct, as this kindness. I want you to be faith- it appeared to me, was irreproachable. ful to God, as well as kind to the poor. Do you love God?"

"I am afraid I don't." you—has given you such a mother!"

He are no mineral and many and the property of the property of

must meet them. He drove on very fast, and pretended to be occupied in he avoided meeting their eyes.

Mrs. E. saw the state of the case, and it gave her great pain. She was sorry that she had accepted his invitation. The fact that Albert was ashamed of

give her a polite reply, but he did not succeed very well. His feelings were of a mixed nature. He was glad he had helped a worthy woman, and yet was ashamed that he had been seen riding called prayer when I kneeled down on with her, and vexed with the boys for ashamed of a good deed.

In the afternoon, after he had returned home, he had occasion to go to the village. At the grocery, where there were generally a number of loungers, he him, and put on a show of politeness. "I say," said one, "what young lady was that I saw you riding with this morning? You didn't seem willing to have us see you, for you drove by us like a

"I didn't know you were up to that, Albert," said a young man, who dressed pretty well and did nothing, and was therefore regarded as a gentleman. This remark turned the attention of all present to Albert, "Tell us who the young lady was." said the mischievous boy above and wavered. I had no strength or mentioned. "We want to know what heart to pray. Besides,' said he, 'I nice company you keep."

"You know who was with me well enough," said Albert angrily.

"No, I don't. I am not acquainted with her. I never spoke to her in my

"Who was she?" said the gentleman with considerable interest. "I had rather Albert would tell,"

said the boy. "He knows it was Mrs. Ellis," said Albert, giving a heavy blow against his

head by way of emphasis. "Hallo! what is that for?" said Jack in affected surprise; "what's the matter?

"You know well enough, and if you don't keep still, I'll make you."

At this point the men interfered to prevent further violence. Albert went home, not at all satisfied with the events of the

His dissatisfaction was not unreasonable. He should have been dissatisfied with himself, because he was ashamed of having done a kind and noble act. Persant down by me and said, 'I have ceased sons should be ashamed when they have to swear.' 'Then,' I replied, 'you done an unkind and mean act; but they have learned to pray.' 'A little,' said should not be ashamed when they he; and the tears came into his eyes, have performed a kind and noble act. He should also have been dissatisfied with himself for having given way to I begin to feel I am a sinner, and I must

## I'LL TRY.

BY REV. J. P. DURBIN, D. D.

As the sun rose, on one of those sweet mornings in October which render the "Thank you," said she, "but I am early autumn so delightful on the southern shore of the beautiful Ohio, I took my leave of the home of my youth, "No trouble at all," said he. "Place and departed for the village of, in those things in behind the seat, and get the State of-. I had been appointed by the — Annual Conference of the It was kind in Albert thus to offer her M. E. Church, to preach the gospel to not much preference and no bigotry. "Is your mother well?" said the poor Your society is weak, and as I do not give money for the gospel, perhaps it

Upon inquiry, I found he was the respected by the people, and that his wife was one of the excellent of earth. His daughter was about twelve years of age, a sweet, meek child, and much given to her books and her devotions. I concluded to accept his invitation, and sent "She is, indeed, one of the kindest of him word accordingly. On Monday folood as she is."

Albert made no reply. After a little daughter and myself, worshipped towhile she continued:

"Children who have good mothers, have no excuse for not being good. I believe you are a good boy. If you had gether morning and evening; but the father made a good apology by being always at the store. Yet, on all suitable occasions he manifested his respect

Towards the middle of December he was engaged in filling his ice-house, which was in his yard, in the rear of his "And yet God has been so kind to dwelling. He was in the sunken chamber, directing the stowing away of the Albert's heart beat faster than usual, ice, which a man slid down on a long, in consequence of her remarks. He was broad plank. A piece of the ice struck about to accuse himself for his neglect him on the foot, and he swore violently of religion, when he saw two of his com- and profanely at the man above. As he panions coming towards him in the high- uttered these imprecations, I looked in men with audacity and force of character way. His serious thoughts and feelings and heard him without his seeing me. can subdue and paralyse those for supinstantly left him: "He was ashamed to If I had witnessed a flash of lightning rior to themselves in ability and intelli- contention before it be meddled with." b) seen riding with Mrs. E. If there from a clear sky, I could not have been gence.

had been a road which he could have more astounded. I had never dreamed taken to avoid meeting them, he would that he ever had utered an improper have taken it. This was impossible. He word. I felt confounded and grieved; but passed on, without saying a word. It was Saturday afternoon. After tea, looking at something in the opposite di- as was his custom, he came up to my rection from the boys. By that means room to spend an hour in conversation. The first proper occasion offered, I asked, 'Mr.—, did I not hear you swear to-day?' 'Perhaps you did,' he replied, 'for I often swear and do not know it: it is a bad habit I have fallen into, and I being seen in her company was harder to bear than the weariness of walking under her heavy load.

When she reached her home she thanked him for his kindness, and he tried to be and habit I have laken into, and I should be glad to quit it.' Suppose you try,' said I. After pausing it moment in reflection, he said, 'Well, I will.' But,' I replied, 'you will not sudceed to unless you pray for strength: the habit one knee, when Parson W. visited my meeting with him, and himself for being family, and requested permission to pray with us. I am sure I cannot pray.' Well, said I, 'then I am sure you cannot quit swearing.'—At this he seemed surprised, and a little grieved; but, after were generally a number of loungers, he a moment's hurried reflection, he said saw the two boys who had met him in the 'If you will not tell any body, I will try morning. They seemed very glad to see | and pray, and quit swearing too; and I will come up and tell you next Saturday evening. 'Very well,' said I.

Next Saturday evening, after tea, he came to my room, and seated himself in silence, apparently waiting for me to speak to him. But I determined that he should open the subject, which he did by raising his eyes to mine, and with a slight disturbed smile, saying, 'Well, I told you I could not pray; I knelt down twice, and I could not utter a word: my tongue was stiff, and my mind fainted have sworn twice since last Saturday; once when a man forced a barrel on my hand, and almost broke my finger, as you see,' (holding up the wounded limb.) 'Well,' said I, 'Mr.—, what must be the fearful condition of the man who cannot pray to his heavenly Father!' At this he seemed sensibly moved, and after some reflection, he replied, 'I'll try once more to pray, if you will not tell any one.' I smiled encouragingly, consented, and he left my room.

On the following Saturday evening he came to me, sat down, and seemed somewhat embarrassed. At length he said, 'I told you I could not pray—I cannot.'
But the utterance of these words gave him evident distress, and afforded me an occasion to press upon him his utter spiritual destitution, and to explain to him the great need of divine aid, which I insisted he could obtain only by prayer. Then,' said he with deep emotion, 'I'll try again,' and left the room.

On the following Saturday evening he 'but O! how little! how feeble are my prayers! but one thing comes of them: ting his hands firmly together, and fix-

"Pll try again," and departed.

The fellowing Saturday evening I heard him approach with a lighter and quicker step, and entering he said with eagerness, and yet with a tone of sorrow, 'I have been praying; yes I tried, and tears came to my relief, and words followed tears, and I can pray. But I have no answer to prayer; no peace.' 'Well,' said I, 'you should not expect an answer until you have asked him faithfully and penitently. Have you prayed in faith, nothing doubting?" 'O,' said Is not this enough? 'No,' I replied, can be true." They went and arrived at the place where it had happened. The on hearing this, I found he fell into the same desponding tone of feeling as thyself be covered." The snake did so, I rallied him saying, 'TRY to believe; stone; but although she exerted herself prayer will give you confidence and con-

to me, and said, 'I do believe; but only for a minute at a time, and then doubts obtrude; but I'll try to overcome these, God being my helper.' I now perceived that he was not far from the kingdom of heaven, and exhorted him to lay hold of the hopes set before him. 'O!' said he 'I'll try', 'do not go: I'll help you now;' and we kneeled down to pray. I need not tell the reader the conclusion. In less than three months from the time I heard him swear in the icehouse, he was a living member of the Church of God. Oftentimes afterwards I heard him say, 'Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth.' And when any one would complain that he could not pray, could not become religious, he would exclaim, 'O, TRY! From the depth of the ice-house, I began by TRY-ING, in the feeblest manner possible, and lo! I have proved that the 'bruised reed He will not break—the smoking flax he will not quench, until he send forth judgment unto victory." Reader say to thyself-if but in the lisping accents of helpless infaucy-I'LL TRY, and God will help you.

It is a truth universally felt, yet little acknowledged in actual life, that TWO NEW BIRDS.

A couple of new birds have just come to London from the very heart of Afri-The Queen has a consul away up the river Nile, fifteen hundred miles, where he scarcely sees a white face once a year. It is part of the world very little known, and Mr. Pethric finds some odd creatures in it. As he was out hunting one day, he fell in with a flock of these strange birds. They live among the small bulrushes which edge the shallow rivers of that region. Of course, he wanted to get one; but they would not be caught alive, so the Arab hunters brought him some of their eggs. These he gave the hens to hatch; and the poor hens were sadly puzzled by the odd ways and ugly faces of their mon-ster chickens. He hired a boy to look after and feed his pets, who delighted in playing with the boy, running after him, and rattling their immense bills in the funniest way. The upper bill, you see, looks like a fisherman's boat, bottom up, or, as some say, like the head of a whale. For this reason, English ornithologists—an ornithologist is one who studies birds—call it the Balæniceps rex, certainly a very hard name to oe called. It means, they say, "the whale-headed king."

Two birds only out of five reached England alive. Both were dirty and travel-worn, but in very good health. The youngest was quite overcome by the fatigues of the voyage. He sat down on his haunches, looking miserably home-sick, and stoutly refused to be set on his legs. On their arrival, supper was soon ready. The keeper set before them a number of little fish in a basket. Rex looked at them with a knowing eye, as much as to say, "I never saw fish like you; but nevertheless I will taste you." He took one step to the front, you." He took one step to the front, and, in a king-like way, caught a fish in his bill. They were not according to his taste, for he shook his head and great mouth like a little boy who found t did not taste good.

Some other and larger fish were brought. Directly Rex opened his wide mouth for another swallow; and there looked to be plenty of room for a twenty pound cod to pass without so much as Rex wincing. They are getting to feel more and more at home in the Zoological gardens, or gardens of animals, as indeed how can they help it, where they have a nice little pond all to themselves, in which they bathe and splash and feed to their heart's content ?—Child's Paper.

#### THE WHITE MAN AND THE SNAKE.

A white man, it is said, met a snake The white man lifted the stone off the snake, but when he had done so, she wanted to bite him. The white man said, "Stop, let us both go to some wise peo-ple." They went to the hyena and the They went to the hyena, and the the snake should want to bite me, though man's body,) said: "If you were bitten ing his eyes intently on the fire, he said, what would it matter?" Then the snake wanted to bite him, but the white man l said again: "Wait a little, and let us go to other wise people, that I may hear whether this is right. They went and met the jackal. The white man said to the jackal: "Is it right that the snake wants to bite me, though I lifted the stone which lay upon her?" The jackal replied: "I do not believe that the snake could be covered by a stone and could not rise. Unless I saw with my two BROTHERS; S. E. corner Seventh and Chestnut Sts., eyes I would not believe it. Therefore, come let us go and see at the place he, 'all I endeavored to do was to pray. where you say it happened, whether it when I first spoke to him of prayer; but and the white man covered her with a very much, she could not rise. Then the idence will lead to faith.' A new light | white man wanted to release the snake, seemed to break in upon him, and he but the jackal interfered, and said, "Do exclaimed, 'I'LL TRY.' I let him de- not lift the stone. She wanted to bite part to make the experiment another you; therefore, she may rise by herself.' Then they both went away and left the At the close of the next week he came | snake under the stone. - Book of Hottentot Fables.

A BATTLE THAT WAS NOT FOUGHT

Many years ago two boys differed about some trifling matter, while at play, and one of them challenged the other to fight. The challenge was accepted, and the heroes went into an adjoining field to settle the quarrel. Jackets and caps were thrown on the ground and all was in readiness, but each appeared unwilling to strike the first blow.

"Now, then, strike me if you dare," said the younger boy, with a look of defiance. His companion looked at him. but did not like to strike, and at length said, "Nay, I have nothing to strike you for."

"Well, then, said the other, who had provoked the quarrel at first, "let us be good friends again, for I have nothing to strike for either.'

They dressed and left the field without striking a blow, and never quarreled after. One of them now holds a very respectable position as a teacher of youth. How few battles would be fought, ei-

ther among young people or old, if in imitation of these boys, the disputants would try try fo find a reason for a quarrel, before they strike a blown

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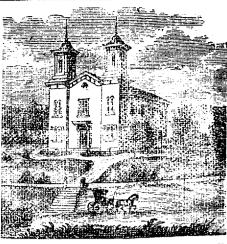
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