

DIRGE FOR A SOLDIER.

One of the most popular poems by Hon. George H. Baker...

Close his eyes: his work is done! What to him is friend or foe...

As man may, he fought his fight, Proved his truth by his endeavor...

Fold him in his country's stars, Roll the drum and fire the volley!

BABBETTE.

She put a shawl over her brown curls and slipped out unobserved into the shadowy night.

One would have thought her a mere child judging from her slight figure and general appearance; but tonight Babbette was eighteen.

The tears dropped off the long lashes and a bitterness settled over the white face—so very white now in the deepening twilight.

Cousins Kate and Clara were in the drawing room entertaining friends, and the soft light came through the drawn curtains of filmy lace with a dreamy radiance...

The girl paused to look in at the cozy enjoyment hungrily. How she loved music; but then she could not sing.

No; the musical vein of the Wiltons had failed to throb into her life for some reason.

The big tears hesitating on the dark lashes, passed down on the crimson shawl, and Babbette turned away with a choking sensation in her throat.

Out across there, though, where the lights twinkle through the trees, lived a dear old friend, the gray haired recliner. How many happy hours she had passed in that pretty cottage...

Doubleless the low rocker in its snug corner waited her coming to-night as often before, and they wouldn't misbehave in there where the soft, sweet music mellowed the air and floated on to her desolate night.

No, there was no room for her anyway, had she chosen to have remained indoors. Her place must be among those in the dreary ways of life!

But the rector, kind old man, was so companionable and a friend. She would step in and have another of those long, serious talks she delighted in. Poor man! He, too, was alone now, with none but the housekeeper to look after him.

He was away to college somewhere, but the rector had told her that he would be at home shortly. After his coming, of course, Babbette argued, she wouldn't feel as free to occupy the willow rocker at the rectory, for—well, she was now 18 and really a child no more...

Tapping at the study door she was admitted by the gray haired clergyman, as usual, who drew the familiar rocker forward, and pushing his books aside, turned around for the talk he knew was expected to be forthcoming.

"And to-night I am 18," said Babbette, letting the shawl drop from her shoulders with a weary gesture, and what have I accomplished, or where is the prospective niche for Babbette Wilton?"

A step sounded in the hall. The rector looked up. "It's my son Max," he explained. "He came home yesterday; I didn't tell you, did I? Max" saluting, "there is our little friend whom I have spoken of so often; come in and see her."

"Oh, O my!" and Babbette looked distressed as she rose quickly to go. "Stay, please!" said the old man, pleadingly. "I do so want you and Max to be friends, too."

At this moment the son came in, and, seeing Babbette, came forward for an introduction. "I am happy to meet you, Miss Wilton," he said, in a clear, sweet tone that thrilled her with its earnestness. "Father has written me so often of you, and your delightful visits which brightened the days otherwise very lonely for him."

Babbette edged with the fringes of her shawl and wondered if college folks noticed short dresses and scuffed shoes, and what they thought of poor beggars who couldn't appear well!

But the rector's son didn't seem to notice any deficiencies in dress or manner, and talked of her favorite books and authors in an easy, chatty way that made her feel at ease in spite of her misgivings.

"Would you allow me to walk home with you?" asked Max as Babbette rose to go; "it is quite dark."

"I have run across here after nightfall alone quite often," answered she; "but I might fancy myself cowardly for once," and, smiling, she covered the secret.

"It seems to me that we were never

TRAPPISTS IN KENTUCKY.

BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS OF THEIR CONVENTS.

Two Monasteries of the Order in the United States.

The cloister of Trappists to-day existing in Kentucky and known as the "Abbey of Gethsemane," owes its direct origin to the Abbey of Da Meilleraye in France...

The Trappists possess but two monasteries in the United States—the above mentioned, which is the oldest, and one near Dubuque, Ia., a branch of the Abbey of Ireland.

The dominions of the Abbey of Gethsemane comprise about seven hundred acres of land, part of which is cultivated, the other consisting of extensive woodland lands, which furnish the timber for the steam sawmill of the monastery.

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