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Song of other Times.

BY JAMES CLARK.

We met by the waters of our own native river, When you're sunny skies were unclouded with strife. We met, and we parted, and divested forever, The blossoming of love in the spring time of life.

The twilight was leaving those beautiful borders, And far, far away in the gates of the west, A star glimmered out on the night rolling waters.

Where day had gone down in his glory to rest,

'twas long, long ago, like affection once cherished,

Will return to us like the wave weary dove, For memory still abides with me, and I'll be true.

A bended knee over the lost wreck of love;

Or on my ray of the sunshine that lighted,

My soul thro' the shadows of long vanished years,

For one flower which the death frost has blighted,

To smite on my path in this desert of tears.

She sleeps by the waves of our own native river,

Where life was a dream of affection and truth;

She lies where we parted and clioned forever,

The shadow that dawned on the hopes of our youth.

But O I'm sure on those beautiful borders,

A star glimmers out from the hills of the blest,

To welcome my bark er'le's lonely waters,

Whence day has departed in darkness to rest.

The Mechanic's Wife,

OR THE RESULT OF PERSEVERANCE.

"Well, Augustus," said Marianne, as the former entered a little room which, without carpet, curtain or ornament of any kind, served as kitchen, sitting room and nursery, "we are really settled down at house keeping. Don't you feel comfortable, so many privations?"

"I have deserved the young husband, trying to smile, as he glanced first at his handsome wife, and then at the little neat pine supper-table, and then at the cradle, where slept a charming boy of six months; "but mine is such a life of toil, that I have no time to enjoy anything—not even to play with Fred!"

"But it seems to me," returned the wife, very thoughtfully, "that it need not be so just. We are not in the world both have health, and I am willing to be as poor as economic, in order that we may have time for enjoyment and improvement too. Say, shall we try the experiment?"

"I have handed him a cup of tea as she spoke, and looking up into his face with a sweet and hopeful smile; but his face was deadly pale, and his golden tear stood in his eye, as he said, "I'm really—"

"I don't know how that can be. Every moment is taken from me, so much taken from my scanty leisure. We cannot afford to attend places of public amusement; in our present low style of living, we cannot mingle in the first society, and I will never consent to enter any other than good society, if we live alone and as for improvement; my education was so neglected in my childhood, that I have little taste for reading, and besides, we have nothing to read."

"Oh, yes," said his wife, "we have enough to begin with. Here is a beautiful new gift. We are to exchange every morning and evening; and here is your newspaper, with good and improving matter enough to last one or two evenings in a week, and you can easily have a share in the public library to fill up the rest."

"But how shall I find time, my good planning wife?"

"Thank you, Augustus, for the compliment, and now I will plan on. We must rise early and work diligently all day. Then you think you need only to bring your work into the shop, and one of us will tend and tend the baby while the other works. Won't that be a good plan?"

"I rather think that it will," said the husband, beginning to show a little more interest, "but I'm thinking also that my hesitating and blundering manner of reading will not be very edifying to you. I shall make but sorry work."

"Well, suppose you have a Webster's Dictionary, and a copy of which of which we do not understand the meaning. If our progress is slow at first, we shall have nobody to laugh at us, and we soon shall find ourselves improving rapidly."

Augustus smiled sympathetically, but seemed to encourage his wife to go on:

"You are indeed a noble planner; but what shall we do on the Sabbath? I suppose you expect to advise us to 'wash the mind,' when we have a whole day to ourselves!"

"I wish Marianne," I think we may; though our arrangements must be somewhat modified—our engagements must be somewhat modified—our arrangements must be somewhat modified—

You know we have a seat in Dr. C.'s church. You must join the Young Men's Bible Class, and prepare the lesson in the morning, while I attend the meeting. Then I will stay at home in the afternoon, and let you attend the Bible Class in the afternoon service. In the evening we will read."

"I've no objection to that, but as a compensation for the Bible Class, you must join me at Fred's Sewing Circle, and I will take care of Fred one afternoon, in the week so you will be able to attend."

"Thank you, dear husband, I will gladly accept your offer, if you will let me stay alone one evening in the week, while you attend our excellent Lyceum Lectures. And let us begin this very soon. Now, just as every moment is to be used to the best advantage, we have educated themselves, and risen to respectability and usefulness wholly through their own exertions, even after they were somewhat advanced in life. Roger Sherman, for instance, Elizur Burritt, and a host of others."

The young wife became quite enthusiastic as she proceeded, and would have spent the whole evening in her discussions upon self-education, had not Freddy's awakening from his nap required some maternal attention.

Augustus took the Bible, and read a good chapter in it over again, the practical duties of life, and declared that he had never read such a chapter. The plan was fairly begun.

Augustus was a pale, spare young man of nine and twenty. His education, as he said, had been sadly neglected in his home. He had been born an apprentice to a rough shoemaker in the country, and had unluckily settled it in a small town. That he was doomed to ignorance and a low and degrading existence, he had imagined, also that his relations were willing to lose sight of him, and his sensitive nature was stung to the quick.

After a few years of vexation and toil, he wandered far away from home and friends, and familiar associations; and a wonder! it was that he had not sprried away by the awful whirlpool of vice, and dashed upon the rocks of destruction.

He had, however, been favored by the instruction of his master, and had some experience in his own family of high purposes and noble efforts.

He had, therefore, preserved an unslimed reputation, had acquired a little property, had married an intelligent, cheerful, healthy girl of twenty summers, where his occupation was honorable, and where his aspirations after respectability and independence might be realized.

But on the afternoon preceding this conversation he had, unfortunately annoyed.

He had suffered some embarrassments in getting settled in his humble tenement—had sustained some losses, and heard a bitter sarcastic remark from an aristocrat of that place, which crimsoned his pale cheek and sent him home through a cold rain storm wearied in body, depressed, vexed and spirit, and almost determined to never make another effort.

He was, it is supposed he must be, a poor shoemaker of Lancashire.

Twenty weeks had elapsed, and a family group were arranged around a marble centre table, in the parlor of a magnificent house in the city of

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