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FALL ARRIVAL, GLOTHIC, THE undersigned, grateful for past patronage, respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he has just received from the Boston States, the largest and most select stock of FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING.

SELECT POETRY.

I Never Have Been False to Thee, BY GEORGE F. MORRIS. I never have been false to thee! The heart I gave thee still is true; Though thou hast been untrue to me, And I no more may call thee mine; I've loved a woman ever since, With constant soul in fond or ill; Thou'st proved as man too often proves, A rover—but I love thee still!

Once what a heaven of bliss was mine, When love dispelled the clouds of care, And time went by with bliss and flowers; While song and music filled the air! The past is mine—the present thine— But smile when comes her god again! Thy words which fall unheeded now, Could once my heart strings madly thrill! Love's golden chain and burning bow, Are broken—but I love thee still!

COMMUNICATION.

To the Young Converts of Bloomsburg.

Experience has taught me that the life of the Christian is indeed a continual warfare; and more especially is it the case with young converts. Surrounded with temptations on every hand, and besetments on every side, you will find it necessary to ever be on the watch. Every means that Satan's genius can invent, will be made use of to lead you from the fold of Christ. You will find temptation lurking wherever you go; and, at every turn in life, you will find snares spread for your feet, and I would warn you that you get not entangled in the meshes. Even under the mask of innocence will the tempter seek to ingratiate himself in your favor; and my advice to you is, to ever be on your guard against his devices. He will tell you that there is no harm in enjoying in light and trifling conversation; reading trashy novels, attending balls, parties, plays, &c., but believe him not; any exercise that will draw the mind from SACRED DUTIES, will retard your progress in the divine life.

"Do you ever read it?" he asked. "Yes sir; every evening." "Can you tell me what the Bible is?" inquired the judge. "It is the word of the great God," she answered. "Well, place your hand upon this Bible, and listen to what I say;" and he repeated slowly and solemnly the oath usually administered to witnesses. "Now," said the judge, "you have been sworn as a witness, will you not tell me what will befall you if you do not tell the truth?" "I shall be shut up in the State prison," answered the child. "Anything else?" asked the judge. "I shall never go to heaven," she replied. "How do you know?" asked the judge again.

The child took the Bible, and turning rapidly to the chapter containing the commandments, pointed to the injunction, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." "I learned that," she said, "before I could read." "Has any one talked with you about your being a witness in court here against this man?" inquired the judge. "Yes sir," she replied. "My mother heard they wanted me to be a witness, and last night she called me to her room and asked me to tell her the ten commandments, and then we knelt down together, and she prayed that I might understand how wicked it was to bear false witness against my neighbor, and that God would help me, a child, to tell the truth as it was before him. And when I came up here with father, she kissed me, and told me to remember the ninth commandment, and that God would help every word I said."

"Do you believe this?" asked the judge while a tear glistened in his eye, and his lips quivered with emotion. "Yes, sir," said the child, with a voice and manner that showed her conviction of the truth was perfect. "God bless you, my child," said the judge; "you have a good mother. This witness is competent," he continued. "Were I on trial for my life, and innocent of the charge against me, I would pray God for such a witness as this. Let her be examined."

She told her story with the simplicity of a child, as she was, but there was a directness about it which carried conviction of its truth to every heart. She was rigidly cross examined. The counsel pled her with infinite and ingenious questioning, but she varied from her first statement in nothing. The truth as spoken by that child was sublime. Falseness and perjury had preceded her testimony. The prisoner had entrenched himself in lies, until he deemed himself impregnable. Witnesses had falsified facts in his favor, and villany had manufactured for him a sham defence, but before her testimony, falsehood was scattered like chaff. The little child, for whom a mother had prayed for strength

to be given her to speak the truth as it was before God, broke the cunning devices of matured villainy to pieces like a potter's vessel. The strength that the mother had prayed for was given her, the sublime and terrible simplicity (terrible I mean to the prisoner and his perjured associates,) with which she, was like a revelation from God himself. "Now, Emily," said the counsel for the prisoner, upon her being offered as a witness, "I desire to understand if you know the nature of an oath?" "I don't know what you mean," was the simple answer. "There, your honor," said the counsel addressing the court, "is anything farther necessary to demonstrate the validity of my objections? This witness should be rejected. She does not comprehend the nature of an oath."

MISCELLANEOUS.

A BEAUTIFUL STORY.

I witnessed a short time ago, in one of our high courts, a beautiful illustration of the simplicity and power of truth. A little girl nine years of age was offered as a witness against a prisoner, who was on trial for felony committed in her father's house. "Now, Emily," said the counsel for the prisoner, upon her being offered as a witness, "I desire to understand if you know the nature of an oath?"

How a Church was Cured of Fremontism

The Hartford Times relates the following:— A Congregational church in a neighboring State got so completely enlisted in the presidential contest, for Fremont and Jessie, that little attention was given to religious questions. The minister was constantly preaching, praying and exhorting upon political issues, and his deacons and the laymen followed suit at the prayer and conference meetings. Finally, a worthy, old farmer, one of the staunchest and best members of the church, and a firm, undeviating democrat, was called upon to offer a prayer.

"O Lord," said he, "uphold the democratic party, which has received Thy protecting support ever since the great Jeffersonian struggle. Continue to bless that party which has, under Thy protection and providence, brought great blessings upon this republic. If it be thy pleasure, and I believe it would be, O, carry that party through this struggle to a complete triumph. Bless James Buchanan, the tried and honest statesman, and guide him safely to the presidential chair. Bless John C. Breckinridge, the young and zealous democrat, and open to him the path of duty as well as that which leads straight to the Vice Presidency. Give them victory. O, bless the opponents of democracy personally, but utterly destroy their fanatical and injurious schemes, if it be thy will to do so, and I verily believe it is. Be on the side of democracy. O Lord, as thou hast been for the past fifty-six years, and on the 4th of March next we shall witness the inauguration of Pennsylvania's favorite son, and the people of this country will once more settle down in their peaceful pursuits, instead of warring wickedly, section against section, interest against interest, and man against his brother. And O, I beseech thee especially, free Christian churches from the political strife and bitterness which are rending them asunder, destroying their usefulness, and turning them unhappily into mere political associations. Let us hear something of the mercy on the Sabbath. We have already been plied to fullness with political fanaticism, and our minister has become a stump orator against a good old party which Thou in Thy wisdom hast upheld so long, and so repeatedly guided to victory, and sustained in the establishment of sound measures. O turn his mind from these things, and direct his legitimate religious duties, or turn him over directly into the hands of the federal or abolition party, and let them take care of him, and provide us with a true minister of the gospel. At any rate the present state of things cannot last. If politics are to rule I shall claim one half the time in behalf of the democratic party, so that there may be fair discussion within these walls. Amen."

This was a stunner. It was the first prayer ever publicly offered in that church for the success of the democratic party and its nominees, though hundreds of prayers and exhortations had been made against that party. When the old man had finished there was a silence of half an hour and the meeting then adjourned. And thus ended the political preaching in that church.

From that time forward, the minister attended to his gospel duties, and left all political questions to be settled by the people outside of the church. Again the society prospered, and there was a better feeling among its members—more Christian charity—more brotherly love. The old man's earnest prayer was answered in more respects than one.

A Hibernian when knocked down, exclaimed, "Do you strike a man when he is down?" "O, no," said his antagonist.—"Then faith, and I'll lay here!" replied Pat.

A thief being caught robbing a bank, when asked what he was doing, answered, "Only taking notes."

What three authors would you name in commenting on an extensive conflagration? Dickens, Hewitt, Burns.

The truest epitaph we ever saw was that of a clown. It simply said, "Here I die!"

MORAL READING.

A Mother's Love.

If there is anything this side of heaven to which the word holy may be appropriately applied, it is the warm, gushing, devoted love known only to a mother's heart. This is a love which is never exhausted, never is eradicated, never changes, never waxes. It hopes on even against hope, and ceases not till the beatings of the mother's heart are chilled in death.

A father may lose his affection for his child. Improper conduct, long continued dissipation, may alienate that father's feelings, and he may disinheritor his son.—Brothers and sisters may become enemies. They may forget all the associations of childhood, and grow up into life, hateful and hating one another. Husbands and wives may prove recreant to the solemn vows they have made before God and man, and may become persecutors and prosecutors of each other. But a mother's love, what can alienate that? It endures through everything. In bad report and in evil repute; in face of the condemnation of the world; in spite of ingratitude, unkindness and abuse, daily exhibited towards her, she still loves on.

Wicked as he may be; shamed by his companions; frowned upon by the austere good; despised by his brothers and sisters; discarded by his father; degraded by his vices; the jest of the profane, and the song of the drunkard, still the mother loves on. She above of all his kindred, cherishes the hope that he will yet see the evil of his doings, and repent, and be clothed in his right mind. Ah, she cannot forget the feelings that stirred her soul when a tiny form was placed in her arms, and she felt the warm, soft breath upon her cheek from the little one which God had given her. She cannot forget the infant smiles, which filled her bosom with delight, when his eyes met hers, as he lay in his little cradle. She cannot forget the joyous, ringing laugh, and the gleeful shout of his boyhood. No, no. All these things come back upon the mother's heart, and though all the world desert him she cannot give him up. Blessed mother! You are right. There is some good in him yet, and who knows but that hopeful, brave spirit of yours, that never despairing trust, that abiding faith, that earnest prayer, all embodied in that maternal love, will yet bring him back to paths of rectitude and virtue.

Let no young man ever think lightly of a mother's love.—Oliver Branch.

Reflections of Death.

Heavens! what a moment that must be, when the last flutter expires on our lips! What a change! Tell me, ye who are deepest read in nature and in God, to what new worlds are we borne? What new being do we receive? Whither has that spark unseen, that uncomprehended intelligence fled? Look upon the cold, livid, ghastly corpse that lies before you! That was but a shell, a gross and earthly covering, which held for a while the immortal essence that has now left it to range, perhaps, through illimitable space to receive new capacities of delight—new powers of perception—new glories of beatitude!—The thousand fancies rush upon the mind as it contemplates the awful moment between life and death! It is a moment big with imagination's greatest hopes and fears; it is the consummation that clears up all mystery resolves all doubts—which removes all contradictions and destroys error—Great God! what a flood of rapture may at once burst on the departed soul! The unclouded brightness of the celestial regions—the pure existence of ethereal beings—the solemn secrets of nature may then be divulged; the immediate unity of the past, the present, and the future—strains of unimaginable harmony, forms of imperishable beauty may then disclose themselves, bursting on the delighted senses, and bathing them in measureless bliss! The mind is lost in this excess of wondrous light, and dares not turn from the heavenly vision to one so gloomy, so tremendous, as the departure of the wicked! Human fancy shrinks back appalled; while hope and charity whisper to the bleeding heart that there, where all mercy is, there too will be forgiveness!

HOLINESS.—It is holiness we want above every thing else—holy principles, holy ministers, holy disciplines, holy tempers, holy sermons and prayers, holy habits and conduct. Nothing will compensate for the want of this. If the churches are not advancing in holiness, we cannot be surprised that there are few conversions—little spiritual life.

A Devoted Wife.

A correspondent of the Boston Post relates the following in referring to the recent accidental death of Col. Wynkoop: Col. Wynkoop, of Pennsylvania, led into the field in Mexico a regiment second in point of discipline to no regiment of volunteers, except, perhaps, Breckenridge's Kentuckians. He was distinguished in many engagements; he captured General Valencia and staff; and, at the close of the war, he returned home with laurels. He is now dead. The circumstances are familiar. With his wife who is now an invalid, he was visiting the interior of Pennsylvania for recreation and change of scene. The country is wild there, and sparsely settled. One morning he went out with his servant to shoot game for his wife. In handing him the gun, the servant by accident discharged it; the contents took effect in his leg, severed the artery, and he lived but a few minutes. This has been told before.

An absurd superstition prevails among the ignorant inhabitants of the region, against touching a dead body before an inquest has sat upon it. The servant had been sent at once for aid to some distance and in vain did Mrs. Wynkoop endeavor to induce—by supplications, by promises, by offers of money—the stupefied neighbors to shelter and care for her husband's body. It was a dark night. He still lay where he fell; and there, in that howling wilderness, with the clammy dampness of midnight gathering on her garments, did that delicate woman, as frail as the wild flowers around her, that folded their petals together in that weird solitude, sit alone on the chill turf, supporting on her knee the head of her husband; and there remained, keeping her lonely vigil until the breaking of gray dawn, alone with her dead and with her bleeding heart.

If the incident be a sad one, it becomes a season set apart to lessons and pledges of affection.

The Angel Child.

"Mother," said a sweet little girl of four summers, "did you ever see an angel?" "No, my child, the angels are in heaven."

"But, mother, the minister said that the angels were with us all the time, and that pretty hymn you sing, says,

"While well appointed angels keep Their watchful vigils round my bed,"

I lie awake to watch for them every night, but they don't come. Why can't I see them, mother?"

"My child, the angels are spirits, and we cannot see them even when they are near us. When we die, if we love the Saviour, we shall see them."

"Mother, let me go to heaven! I want to see the angels."

"O, mother, I've seen an angel! He came to my bed last night, and I asked him to take me to heaven, but he said he would come back again for me. O, he was so beautiful!"

The mother bowed her head in anguish, for she knew that the white-winged messengers were waiting for her darling.

"O, God! spare, in mercy, spare my only child!"

Again the dreamy eyes were opened, and the little arms were clasped around her neck.

"Don't cry, mother, I shan't be sick any more in heaven, and I'll ask the angels to come back for you. He is come again, mother; don't you see the glory all around him? He is waiting for me, and I must go now. Good bye, mother!"

Closely she folded the little form to her breaking heart, but the limbs relaxed, and the azure eyes grew dim—her darling was with the angels.

BERTHA MOHTIMER.

NOBLE SENTIMENTS.—Condemn no man for not thinking as you think. Let every one enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself. Let every man use his own judgment, since every man must give an account of himself to God. Abhor every approach, in any kind of degree, to the spirit of persecution. If you cannot reason or persuade a man into the truth, never attempt to force him into it. If love will not compel him, leave him to God, the Judge of all.

WHY should a little boy be careful to watch the conduct of his papa's sister?—Because the Bible says, "Consider the way of the just and be wise."

KINDNESS is stowed away in the heart like rose-leaves in a drawer, to sweeten every object around them.

Sheriff Rowe, of Lancaster county, on Monday, received from Governor Packler the death-warrants of Alexander Anderson and Henry Richards, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Garber and Mrs. Ream, in December last. He proceeded to the prison about ten o'clock, to read the same to the unfortunate men. The warrant was read to Anderson first. When the sheriff concluded, Anderson remarked, in a somewhat husky voice, "I am prepared for death." In reply to a remark from ex-Sheriff Martin, to the effect that his days were now numbered, Anderson again said, "Well, gentlemen, I will be prepared to die." The party then silently left his cell for that of Richards on the opposite side of the corridor. Richards was standing up in his cell, hepped by one foot, and greeted the party as they entered with his usual good-humored smirk. The warrant for his execution was in the same words as that of Anderson, (except the name,) and when the reading was finished, he remarked in somewhat faltering tones, "I hope I will be prepared." When asked if he remembered, from hearing the paper read, what day he was to be executed, he said, in April, but did not remember the day.—It was repeated, and the prisoners were left alone with their own reflections. Anderson is now engaged in writing a complete history of his somewhat eventful career, to which he will cause to be appended a true confession of all the facts connected with Manheim tragedy. The prisoners are to be hung on the 9th of next April, in the jail yard.

"Sir," said a fierce lawyer, "do you, on your solemn oath, swear that this is not your handwriting?" "I reckon not."

"Does it resemble your handwriting?" "Yes, sir, I think it don't."

"Do you swear that it don't resemble your handwriting?" "Well I do, old boss."

"You take your solemn oath that this writing does not resemble yours in a single letter!" "Yes."

"How do you know?" "Cause I can't write."

Class in the middle geography stand up. "What's a pyramid?"

"A pile of men in a circus, one on top of the other!"

"Where is Egypt?" "Where it allers was."

"Where is that, you young vagabond, you?" "Dunno, sir."

A young lady recently remarked with much simplicity, that she could not understand what her brother George Henry saw in the girls that he liked them so well, and that, for her part, she would not give the company of one young man for that of twenty girls.

A good deacon making an official visit to a dying neighbor, who was a very unpopular man, put the usual question— "Are you willing to go, my friend?"

"O, yes, said the sick man."

"I am glad of that," said the deacon, "for all the neighbors are willing."

Judge Coon of California has decided that under the statute of that State there is no law to prohibit women from dressing in male attire. This decision has given great satisfaction to the ladies who wish to "wear the breeches."

A certain editor thinks when a single gentleman cannot pass a clothes line without counting all the long stockings and short sleeves, it is a sign that he ought to get married, and sooner the better.

A child, taught that she was made of the dust of the earth, and that God made her, said, "Ma, hys Doil got any more dust?" "Why, child!" "Cause, if he has I want a little brother."

During the session of a country court in the interior, a witness was asked if he was not a husbandman, when he coolly replied, amid the laughter of the court, "No, sir, I'm not married."

When the Princess Helena was born, it was told the Princess Royal that she had got a young sister. "O, that is delightful," cried little innocent roysally, "do let me go and tell mamma."

"Fath and shuro," said Patrick, meeting an engine, "that's the devil."

"Och, no," said Mike, "it's only a stameboat hunting for wather."

Don't rob yourself, said the farmer, when the lawyer called him hard names.