THE BABY'S PRAYER.

ALICE M. EDDY. She knelt with her neat hands folded; Her fair little head bowed low, While dead vines tapped at the window And the air was thick with snow, Without, earth dumb with winter; Within, hearts dumb with care; And up through the leaden silence Rose softly the baby's prayer.

"Bless all whom I love, dear Father, And help me be good," she said, Then, stirred by a sudden fancy, She lifted her shining head. Did she catch on the frozen maple Some hint of the April green, Or the breath of the woodland blossoms The drifts of the snow between?

"The beautiful trees," she whispered, Where the orioles used to sing: They are tired of the cold, white winter, , help them to grow in the spring; And the flowers that I loved to gather, Lord, bring them again in May; The dear little violets, sleeping Down deep in the ground to-day."

Ah, earth may be chill with snowflakes, And hearts may be cold with care, But wastes of a frozen silence Are crossed by the baby's prayer: And lips that were dumb with sorrow In jubilant hope may sing;
For when earth is wrapped in winter,
In the heart of the Lord 'tis spring.

MOTHERS.

By Bessie M. Foster When we speak of a mother's tender mission of love, duty, and sacrifice, we feel that the field of thought and word is too, boundless to explore and too sacred to enter.

loneliness is ours when we look upon once filled it is now beneath yonder camp. snowy hillock, and the gentle hand that nevermore perform its office of love.

she might rejoice with bim in his for- wherever she goes. tunate gains, that she might have less

you reposed in her; or ever confess feared but never loved. you capable of a dishonorable action? What was her one aim and purpose in life but to make, you happy, and give you an exalted station and influence among your fellowmen? How she valued as essential to her life com-

spare her those useless steps, that endless running here and there to find a bauble that taxed strength and breath so, in that pitiless search

We pity the heart that is so callous as to be untouched by the wail of the motherless, and one of the most path-Sleep" awakens kindred emotions, as truth. with "strong yearning and passionate echoless shore.

When the great Napoleon was once were not inherited from their mothers. Many a mother's name has perished

There is an humble cottage in yon- sician what to get. der village, falling into decay, but the fragrance of its memory is like precious incense cast upon an altar-stone. in the old churchyard; and the simple- beautiful blue sky beyond!" a flickering light in the long winter heaven beyond? - Christian Union. nights that still' gleams from the old broken casement, and of a low moan of anguish that dies away afterhuman voices or footsteps break the deep sil-

ence of the old long-deserted home. That mother cheerfully took up life's burden for her children, and like a martyr, bore it till forced to drop it at to cleanse the teeth, and render the breath the mouth of the yawning tomb. She odoriferous with Fragrant SOZODONT. To the Members of the Valley Mutual Life heard her children's cry for bread that but it is best to use this wonderful Vegewas answered often only in prayers table Elixir before the teeth begin to tail, and heartaches; but her labor of love and the breath to lose its freshness. was not lost, and her patient waiting at last found its reward. Those hungry, ragged boys are now the noblest and true. of our land, and they proudly tell you of that early wrestle with the wolf, and of a mother's untiring devotion to love and duty.

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Every circle of society, every school, used to smooth our nightly pillow will has its busybody-some woman or young girl, often bright, pretty, and The man that has been forunate in attractive, who buzzes here and there, business wishes so often that he could prying into the private affairs of every recall his departed mother to life that one, and carrying michief and trouble inch advertisement, to be inserted in our

of the hardship and toil of her weary dissemination of certain virulent disround of duty, less of her anxious care, eases is that the poison is carried by that she might have been spared the flies-the seemingly innocent, friendly neartless taunts and rebuffs and hu- flies, which penetrate into the most by the Agency, and endeavor to secure a miliation that the world is too ready secret recesses of the household. Be purchaser by giving these circulars a large to give those who wear the badge of thatas it may, it is certain that there is a distribution. human fly, who carries the germs of Dear, patient mother! Did she ever moral disease into every house. She forsake you when in trouble and af- is more to be pitied than are her vic-

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And in the matter of drinking and pain" she so tenderly entreats her mother to return to her from "the before his mother knows it? If every mother would study physiology a little, learn just what effect alcohol and nicasked what France most needed, otine have on the human system, es-"Good mothers" was the quick reply; pecially the stomach and brain, and and we believe this to be the greatest teach the same to her boys, it is altoneed a nation can experience. John gether probable that few of them com-Randolph said it was his mother who paratively would ever willingly take saved him from atheistical principles such enemies into their mouths. And and the world has known few, if any, girls should be taught the same that great men whose virtues or intellect they may in turn teach their children and set a good example in society. Good books on alcohol and tobacco in obscurity, but her good works will are easily obtainable; if you don't know of one ask your minister or phy-

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hearted, superstituous villagers tell a "It is not true that, as our little story of a flickering light in the old joys and pleasures and earth's many churchyard; and the simple-hearted, lovely things fade and pass, they open is first-class and is offered at hard times superstitous villagers tell a story of spaces for us in which to see God's

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