

THE WEEKLY POST.

(Concluded from first page.) ghost. Never were two mischief makers more frightened by an apparition. Susan dashed herself against the wall. Up went a scream and down came the lamp. The oil covered the stairs, and Margaret Maria fainted and stepped in it. At that moment, the tall woman—being Derby herself—cried— "Robber, help, murder!" at the top of his voice; and immediately stepped into his room, locking the door behind him.

"Before Margaret Maria recovered her scattered senses, all the boarders were astir. Susan ran into Mrs. Slade's room; Margaret would have followed her, but Susan in her terror, shut her out. Next, Margaret tried her mother's door; and her mother, hearing the alarm, appeared at that moment, and terrified by the coal mustache and smashed hat, took her own daughter for the robber, dropped her lamp and screamed fearfully. Margaret, as much frightened as herself, would have caught her in her arms, but Mrs. Covey, who would hear no explanation nor allow her to approach, pushed her out of the room with great trepidation. Then Margaret Maria ran to Derby's room, which, to her consternation, she found locked. At that moment, Ned Perkins—the boldest fellow in the house—rushed out of his room, with a lamp in one hand and a sword-cane in the other, ready drawn for combat. Ned flew at the supposed robber, and would have seized her in an instant, if she had not properly seen fit to faint at the sight of his naked sword and legs, and falling down before Mr. Derby's room—her hat now came off, and her hair streamed down her neck, and Ned recognized Margaret Maria.

Any body can imagine the scene of confusion which followed. The incontinent girl found herself surrounded by a dozen half-dressed figures, some laughing some wondering, some trembling with terror. But it was the severest cut for Margaret Maria, when the door of Derby's room opened, and the tall apparition appeared. As soon as the screaming subsided, the figure removed its veil. "Don't be frightened Margaret Maria," it said. "It's nobody but your poor, dear, absent Derby. That's all."

Can you fancy her feelings? Mr. Derby could, as he entered his room again, and locked the door, and went to bed, overjoyed by what had occurred. He slept soundly, and awoke the next morning as completely cured of his love for Margaret Maria as if he had seen her transformed into a grizzly bear.—Boston Weekly Museum.

SELECT POETRY.

THE INFANTS PRAYER.

The west had shut its gates of gold Upon the parted sun, And through each window's curtain fold, Lamps glittered one by one; And many a babe had sunk to rest, And many a mother's yearning breast Still lull'd its idol care, When in a nursery's peaceful bound, I heard an infant's prayer.

Yes, there it knelt; its cherub face, Upraised with anxious care? And well devotion's heaven-born grace Became a brow so fair; But seldom at our Father's throne Such bliss and happy child is known So painfully to strive; For long with trembling ardor fraught, That supplicating lip besought— "Please God, let Lily live!"

And still the imploring voice did flow That little could beside, As if for poor sick Lily's woe It could not be denied; E'en when the spell of slumber stole, With soothing influence on the soul, Like moonlight o'er the stream, The murmuring life, the sobbing strife, The broken plea for Lily's life, Blent with the infant's dream.

So Lily lived, but not where time Is measured out by woes; Nor where cold winter chills the clime, Or canker eats the rose; And she, who for her infant friend, In agonizing love did bend, To pour the tearful prayer, Safe from the pang, the groan, the dart, That pierced the mourning parent's heart, Lives with her Lily there!

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

LITTLE "ALIE"

"Mamma, when will it be spring?" said Althea earnestly. She was almost three years old, and I had never seen a more beautiful child; her cheeks and lips full and red with health, her blue eye kindling with excitement, and her form so plump and round, that when I lifted her to my knee she said, "I feel as better." "Why are you so anxious that it should be spring, dear?" said I, supposing it was on account of the sunshine, birds, and flowers. "Allie will go to church in spring," was her reply. "Why does Althea wish to go to church?" "God is there," she replied solemnly. "Do you love God, Althea?" "Oh, very, very much." "To-morrow will be spring, darling!" And she ran away singing, "To-morrow, to-morrow; I shall be so happy to-morrow." But she was not quite satisfied. In a few minutes she returned, saying, "mamma, can I go to church to-morrow, and hear them sing and pray and preach?" "No, my dear, to-morrow is Wednesday; it will be three days before the Sabbath." An expression of disappointment clouded her sweet face; but when told that three days would pass quickly, and that God made the days, she seemed satisfied.

Some time during the night, Mrs. C. sent to me in haste that Althea was dying. Scarcely crediting my informant, I rushed to the house, but she was a corpse. Her mother told me that several times I left her, as if forgetful of a part of the conversation, she was singing, "To-morrow, to-morrow; I shall be so happy to-morrow." Each time when corrected, she seemed to dismiss the subject; but she had been longing for spring, that she might go to the house of God, and she could not at once give up the idea, that with its first day would commence her pleasure. Just before sunset she complained of extreme weariness, and soon dropped to sleep. When she awoke, she was burning with fever, and her father went for a physician. During his absence she became delirious, and when the physician approached the bedside, he turned away sadly, saying, "Madam, it is too late." Another physician was summoned, and another, and a fourth even, but all of no avail. Her disease was scarlet brain-fever, and in eleven hours from her first complaining, her spirit had passed away. We buried her on the morrow, a balmy, lovely day—the first of spring. And when the earth rang on the coffin-lid, her words breathed in our sorrowing hearts, "To-morrow, to-morrow; I shall be so happy to-morrow." Precious one, we hope she had joined the assembly and church of the first born on high.

EFFECTS OF NOT KNOWING FRENCH.

Nor long after the general peace, when all classes of English travellers, learned and unlearned, polished and unpolished, flocked to the continent, in search of the classical and the picturesque, one of these pilgrims met a companion, sitting in a state of most woful despair, and apparently near the last agonies, by the side of one of the most beautiful lakes of Switzerland. With great anxiety he inquired the cause of this suffering. "O," said the latter, "I was very hot and thirsty, and took a large draught of the clear water of the lake, and then sat down on this stone to consult my guide-book. To my astonishment, I found there that the water of this lake is very poisonous! O, I am a gone man. I feel it running all over me. I have only a few minutes to live! Remember me to—"

"Let me see the guide-book," said his friend. Turning to the passage, he found, "Deau du lac est bien poisonneuse." (The water of the lake is poisonous as fish.) "Is that the meaning of it?" "Certainly." "I never was better," said the dying man, leaping up with a countenance radiant as the sun on a fine May morning. Then, extending his arm in the true long-boy style—"There's my muscle!"—he cut a series of capers over the grass that would have done honor to a Vestris. "What would have become of you," said his friend, "if I had not met you?" "I should have died of imperfect knowledge of the French language."

LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

A PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency DAVID S. REID, Governor of the State of North Carolina. WHEREAS, three-fifths of the whole number of members of each House of the General Assembly did at the last session pass the following Act: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA. WHEREAS, the recited qualification now required of the electors for members of the Senate conflicts with the fundamental principle of liberty; Therefore

THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, as amended by the Act of the General Assembly, passed at the session of the General Assembly, held at Raleigh, on the 10th day of December, 1852, in relation to the election of members of the Senate, is hereby amended, so that the said clause of said section shall be amended, so that it shall read, and shall have the same effect, as if it had been so amended, and shall have the same effect, as if it had been so amended, and shall have the same effect, as if it had been so amended.

AND WHEREAS, the said Act provides for amending the Constitution of the State of North Carolina so as to confer on every qualified voter for the House of Commons the right to vote also for the Senate; and whereas, it may be made known that if the aforesaid amendment to the Constitution shall be agreed to by two-thirds of the whole representation in each house of the next General Assembly, then the Constitution shall be amended, and shall have the same effect, as if it had been so amended, and shall have the same effect, as if it had been so amended.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, DAVID S. REID, Governor of the State of North Carolina, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of said State to be affixed, on the thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the 76th year of our independence.

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I will be on Concord on the 1st of March, at Salisbury on the 3rd, at Lexington on the 4th, at Greensboro on the 6th, at Raleigh on the 9th, at Hillsboro on the 11th, and at Graham on the 13th, to receive the instalments due that month.

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