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All-flooded with golden light i

And the dip of a silver oar;

Long-Ago

fields-

dear

Of that beautiful past once more.

Of the days that have gone before,

Sweet flowers are gathered there;

This path of the by gone-years:

And's fount for our bitter tears

All the old-time hopes and fears.

Bright dreams of the Long-Ago;

And sacred tears for perished hopes That will never return-ah! no!

And thus in the tangled web of life

We weave our smiles and tears;

That cling to the parted years-

O'er the old-time hopes and fears.

One sweetly solemn thought

Comes to me o'er and o'er;

I'm nearer my home to-day

Neaper my Father's house,

Nemer the jasper sea.

Searer the bound of life,

Nearer leaving the cross

Nearer gaining the crown.

Roll dark before my sight;

That brightly the other side

Have almost gained the brink,

Break on a shore of light.

If it be I am pearer home

Even to-day than I think!

Oh! if my mortal feet

But the waves of that silent sea

Than I ever have been before

Where the many mansions be;

Nearer the great white throne,

Where we lay our burdens down ;

"Nearer Home."

BY PHOEBE CARY.

Yet the soul has its holy memories

Ah! drop the silken curtain now

There are beautiful dreams the heart holds

With many an image fair.

And the walls of this beautiful past are hung

ere's a beautiful Isle, in the Long Ago



"LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIM'ST AT BE THY COUNTRY'S. THY GOD'S AND TRUTH'S."

WILSON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1874.

las Fisher had suddenly left Scaton." it is coquetry, not love, that makes told him how she had found it. oHe came to me. Mattie, and teld you smile apon me." me of the farm and Edith. Certainly "Coquetry!" said Mattie disdainful. I came out to once. Oh, Edith, it And a river that have by the shelving shore he loved her, but I inferred from his ly. "As if you ever knew the meaning seems too much happiness now to find

There's a back which "glides with a snowy Alt! every heart holds some sweet dream

There were bright hopes narsed in the you I wondered how Edith's cold, im- you to stay now, dear; but we return couple who were united after long passive beauty could attract so sunny from Newport, where I suppose Char- years. a nature as Douglas had, especially lie will have Douglas for his guest, you will come home again?" with her pretty saucy sister near it."

"But, Charlie, she was not cold and And oh! there is rean for the feet to tread impassive then. There was not a now." b. There are foys that bloom in memory's brighter, livelier girl in Seaton than "I am afraid you will find Hill farm describes the synering among the Edith, before Douglas Fisher left her just as horrid as ever." so unaccountably." And a grave in which we have garnered up

"And I am sure he level her, And during her girlhood. Her uncle did ing among the poorer classes is terri-

ting to Hill farm."

"Mattie, try to fin'l out her side of vants to do the charing baling and one of our many charitable institutions the story. I am sure there is some house work she had shared with Matto set it right yet."

to have Edith married as happily as asylum. we are. Misery likes company?" she In one of these ranbles, two weeks, vapors. All there was in this hole was added saucily, and ran off.

her subject.

from Douglas Fisher?"

"But why?" persisted her sister. eyes.

She was not very skilful diplomas groupe of men who were reparing the looked like muck, and a rainshackle tist, and finding E-lith sitting rather tumble down fences and rickety gates kettle. A poor wo man lay on the pared to meet the demands of our patrons, forlornly alone, plunged head long into about the place. They were at work straw quite unprotected from the cold, upon the old gate post she had turned and racked by pain, while her husband "Edith, why are you running away into a post office, and she stood list- lay on the table, wasting away under less watching the ras they loosened a terrible fever that slowly but surely The pale, stately girl looke lat her the earth around it to lift the rotten consumed him. It was night, and bright young sister a moment in haugh- wood from its place. The loose there was not even a can'lle in the room. ty amazement, but realing truly the top was gone, and there were wide Could pages of description aid anylove and pity in the fair face, haswer- cracks in the sanden, slab under it, thing to this scene? were the love leters of five years, ago Another story which I heard seems "I had rather not meet him, Mattie." had been waiting for eager hands and scarcely less credible, but I know it to

"He is Charle's cousin, and I know Edith feit her heart bears, as blow after they are like brother, so you see he her eyes filling with tears, as blow after the missions of charity and begged for money. The matron had

ere it had stood

paper, folded. seald and stamped with

"Why did not you do as Charlie and a thimble top. directed in a round, I did-just walk off to the minister girlish hand to Dourlas Fisher; the

"I don't know. We didn't. You letter he had never ny and unkindness at the Hill farm to know the old gate post, Mattie, that hurry and a le had the loose top?"

by which we should leave Seaton af cord of her own young heart, the wrote, "I am rich and Mattle shall sheet, and sobs shook her whole form. Keep a select stock of Groceries, Liquot ellow many times did he set the and you shall never regret it." Mat- tie, I wrote him a letter appointing a open letter in the le

"Mattie's told me all," he said, "and

you still, single, still my own." den change in her, and the next news thought a poor country girl would not pared for the return of the truants to And it carries as back to the shining gates I heard he was preparing to go to grace his city home. But whatever Newport and the autumn collected a Europe. He had written to me from his motive, be left me, and I confess I concourse of dear friends to witness a grand wedding, few suspecting the visited the little village. I confess to "Certainly you do. I will not urge previous courtship of the handsome

New York Shop Girls.

"We will see, Mattie. Let me go A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe, writing from New York, thus CORPREW ARMSTRONG & HUNTER

poorer classes : Just 28 horrid as ever E her con- Talking about shop girls, there about cluded it was, after a week's sojourn thirty thousand poor girls and working at the dismal farm she had called ho ne women out of employment. The suffer- JOBBERS IN five years of city life, to replace the Thanksgiving Day, when the reader "I think so; and as she has no home uninformel girl who had left him, but sat probably before a magnificent turcharm. Edith found there were ser- heart ache. A lady connected with wondering a little how many weeks of Mott street, and found a den, black very air faint with most noxious after her arrival, The came upon a a lonsided table, a heap of straw that,

> be true. A few days ago a poor, but one of the missions of charity and till it it to the none, and told her so. "O, for heaven's ale do give me some money! "the

ming with tears, that the matron finalctables, Ed- ly said, "My dear woman, I would gladly give you all the money I have, but to tell you the truth, I have only two R. T. MEADE, W. B. ORR, JOS. ARCHER. In the damp dark cents." "Oh! if you would only give thing to see Mattie to win my love. I never want to ly shaken from the bollow post by the the village that he did not meet me, recent blows. I strange suffocating have no candle at home, I shan't ever have no candle at home, I shan't ever

and the woman poured out a torrant of to give me the two cents. I bought a candle, and at 11 o'clock in the hight my child died. I saw it expire, and it Cueumber Pump. should not have known when it died if R. is true, and the city in which it occurred is where a man says the must pinch himself at \$10,000 a Year, and where the maccaroni spend enough in one night at Chamberlin's or Morrissey's gambling saloon to keep a poor family in Baxter street for a year.

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going down to the Hill farm for the elopement."

less the sight of it. I do."

So'von think it was E lith?

Edith. She won't go to Newpor

"The Hill farm! Why, Ithought-"

for a summer."

mamma died, to keep us, hard at work have a clergyman ready to make you my and wept for her own loss youth and

we are prepared to remit proceeds by Ex. las after the same fashion. Still, there. He did not come, Three days into the narrow ess as soon as sold, in CURRENCY or Edith sometimes saw him, and certain- I went almost hourly to the gate post farm house. In a page oct 24 3m ly relaived letters from him. One for some word of explanation. None be at the gate. She sprayed

and certainly to allow no male visitors. wife. Trust your life to me, Edith, broken hopes.

more; but the next day, with a white his last appeal. If have urged you so tenes, "I never saw your distril" "Jump into the scales," was the set face she was told to, forget her fool often," he wrote, "that if you do not She was resting against its breast, reply, and I'll tell you in a minute!" ish words, and later I knew that Doug- reply favorably to this, I shall know as she put it now into h

Father perfect my trust, Let my spirit feel in death er feet are figurly son

with us, and declares her intention of to set a time and form a plan for an at Hill farm. It was a coarse letter

"Of course you did," broke in his impulsive little wife; "you thought James rave as much as he please?"

I did—just wark on to the immission guitan hand to appoint the time and place for f elopement—the I had not have known when it died if I had not had the candle." This story she and I had suffered sufficient tyranmake us hate the very name, much

tie drew over her pretty face a mask rain or wind, or, what was more imof solemn mystery in expression-"I portant, prying eyes. Just at the No polished courtes of address, no Spain, is a very charming young lady, believe in my heart it is because Doug- time I had given my promise to Doug- polite evasion of the tander question, but her visitors have some difficulty in ally engaged. Calls promptly attended to las is coming home."

"I know that. He sent me there." He wrote me one day that he must cousin's admiration of streuesque beau-"He met Edith at some village gaths soon leave Seaton, and begged me to ty. ering, and certainly was pleased with write upon a slip the time and place But as she read now the secret of her. You know it was not very easy where I would meet him, and the train her lover's apparent fickleness, the reto court anybody at Hill farin." "I should say not," said Charlie ter I became his wife. "Darling," he tears fell fact upon the yellow, stained Uncle James seemed to consider it come to us as soon as you will. Tell There was no one to see her, and she his duty to Edith and me, after poor me where to meet you, and I will knelt down by the fallen gate post,

morning she came to my room with came; and when I next heard from feet, and faced a tall h the that happy face I ever saw her Seaton, Douglas Fisher had gone man, who panged for a wear, and asked me if I could endure away." the hard life alone a little while, and "Without writing" then she would send for me to join her "Wihthout one word. He had writ- arms.
in her self home. She would say no ten that the letter I told you of was "Edith!" he said, in

half confidence that his affection was of the word!" not returned. He spoke of some sud- "Probably he repented, Mattie, and Charlie and Mattie were fully pre-

Seaton, and the next summer I, too shrink from meeting him."

"You think she loved him?" "I am sure of at."

now, after five years of separation, you not domineer quite so much over the ble, I have heard stories of distressthink she is running away because my dignified, stately lady, who come, after and I heard some of them on the very cousin Douglas is coming home?"

but this since we were married, of he was morose and ill tempered as ev- key, rendered still more palatial by a course she has no place to go excep- er, and the dreary house had no added blazing, crackling fire-that made my

mystery about it, and we may be able tie. and rambled about the place, called a basement-in the lower part "Oh, Charlie, I would give anything it would suffice to fit her for a lunatic cold, without a ray of light, and the

ould not bear it! I could not meet cracking dim here day ar . and know him groun 5, E. lith, how was he false?" You know, darling, how hard our looked into life was how any change seemed like for so many ye

rile Caldwell, her equally and urge me to marry him at once. I feeling held her ast for a moment, see when it breathes its last."

See when it breathes its last."

The matron gave her the two cents, my heart unsought. One of his favor- cured the letter. It was not a dainte places was the home we could make ty missive, such as she sent to New-thanks. The next morning she came for you, little sister, and I was finally port, for it was no hard back, and, her eyes welling with tears, won to a consent. Still, it remained scented paper and tinted envelopes she said: "Oh, how kind it was of you

"Yes." down into the he "Not to stay, Charlie; only for a few weeks. Charlie"—and here Mat-"Douglas and I used that for a postleave the farm and become his wife. had wondered more that once at his

bgs on me?"
tie, I wrote him a letter, appointing a open letter in her time and place of meeting. I went heard a footstep

een that in her she must have the wide cracks ent from those she would use now .-

las to be his wife, Uncle James was but a frank, girlish outpouring of her making themselves understood when "Do you? I never could under- informed of our meetings by some of- happy consent to leave per hard, bit- they call, because of the dimensions of I. stand why he went away so suddenly. ficious friend, and kept so strict a ter life, and accept the sanny future her name. More than one hired girl watch over me that it was impossible her lover promised int. Edith was has caught cold and gone into gallop-"I'll tell you all I know about it," for me to go to the village at all. - cold, impassive and stately in the days ing consumption by keeping the front said Mattie, perching herself on her said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee. "Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee. "Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee. "Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee. "Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee." Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee. "Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee." Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said Mattie, perching herself on her husband's knee. "Before you came to medium of communication, ar Doug- home. The said matter has been her husband by the said matter has been her husband Hill farm, Douglas had been at Seaton las urged me still more earnestly to show emotion in any and Charlie le-Maria-dala-Conception-Therese-

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