

THE SKETCH BOOK.

AN ALLEGORY.

It was night. Jerusalem slept as quietly amid her hills as a child upon the breast of its mother.

But a darker night was abroad upon the earth. A moral darkness involved the nations in its unlighted shadows.

It was at this period that two forms of ethereal mould hovered above the land of God's chosen people. They seemed sister angels sent to earth upon some embassy of love.

Years rolled away and a stranger was seen in Jerusalem. He was a meek, and unassuming man, whose happiness seemed to consist in acts of benevolence to the human race.

CHRISTIANITY.—If Christianity were compelled to flee from the mansions of the great, the academies of philosophers, the halls of legislation, or the throng of busy men, we should find her last retreat with woman at the bedside; her last altar would be the female heart; her last audience would be the children gathered around the knees of the mother; the last sacrifice, the secret prayer, sleeping in silence from her lips; and heard, perhaps, only at the throne of God.

From the Western Gem. JANE ROBSON.

By Mrs. Julia L. Dumont. For her smiles no more Familiar faces were: Voices, once kind, had learned the stranger's tone.

It is not to the fields of romance we must turn for the most useful, because most applicable lessons of life. High and startling morals may be occasionally drawn from its pages, but they have little bearing upon the humble and common walks of existence.

hood contiguous to her own—in her days of juvenile innocence, and when her fair bright countenance awakened interest, at the meeting of her own society, and the blighted character of the frail girl, was now well known to her.

"Jane Robson," she said, "art thou leaving thy father's house?" Jane replied in the affirmative. And thou art going to town, where thou hast no friends nor hope of business? Jane was silent.

"Hast thou not strayed far enough already, poor child? that thou shouldst exchange the sanctuary of the paternal home for scenes where innocence can scarcely escape the snares of the spoiler Jane Robson! turn back thy steps, and seek again the safety of thy parent's roof."

Jane burst into tears—the holier fountains of her heart, so long choked up, found sudden flow, and covering her face with her hands, she exclaimed,—"I have no home on earth—no place even of abidance. My parents have spurned me from their door, and no one else will receive me."

The quakeress paused. "Jane," she at last said, "if these are tears of penitence, they will not flow in vain. At least thou shalt have no plea for further wanderings. Come home with me, poor young thing of scorn, and I may at least give thee honest service and a peaceful home."

"Mother," said the stranger at last in a low voice—"if I may still dare to call you by that name; I have not come to intrude myself upon you, if my sight will still give you pain—I do not expect you to forgive me—I do not ask you to speak to or look at me—but, Oh, mother, I know that you are suffering, and there is none to watch over you, or to soothe your anguish, and I cannot endure it any longer.

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"The fellow who could basely desert, and after deserting, basely attempt to expose, an artless and confiding female, deserves to be nibbled to death by young tadpoles, in a stagnant frog-pond, in the presence of his mistress, without the benefit of clergy or consolation of friends. Amen."

maintaining a portion of its original brightness—a lingering principle of good, which renders it a worshipper of virtue, whenever, or in whomsoever it is found; and men behold the return of an erring fellow-being to rectitude, with the same joy in kind, if not in degree, as that of angels when the cry of the penitent goes up to the vaults of heaven.

So indeed it was—and when after two years of confinement, in which Jane had never been seen but by those who visited the chamber of suffering, her mother was finally released, and her affectionate attentions were transferred to her now feeble and infirm father.

"Christian folks have nothing to do with such as she is," said the man very composedly, and he passed on. Jane looked agonizingly around her—a carriage which she well knew, was opportunely approaching, and new and strong emotions rushed through her soul, as she caught the mild and benignant countenance of the quakeress.

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I MEAN WHAT I SAY.—Those who know themselves indebted to the subscriber for schooling their children, (if they think I have written long enough,) would confer a particular favor by discharging their dues immediately.

THE PRESSURE IS COMING. All those indebted to me will take notice that I have to meet my creditors with cash or good excuses, and the latter will not pay debts; therefore, my debtors must take choice, either to "come up to the trough" before the first of April next, to settle their accounts for smithing, or share the fate that awaits me if I stand back.

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