

THE FUTURE.
When another life is added
To the living, turbid mass;
When another breath of being
Stains Creation's tarnished glass;
When a low voice, weak and tremulous,
Heralds long enduring pain,
And a soul from non-existence
Springs which shall ne'er die again;
When the mother's passionate welcome,
Sorrow like bursts forth in tears,
And the sire's self-gratulation
Prophecies of future years;
It is well we cannot see
What the end shall be.

When the boy, upon the threshold
Of his all-comprising home,
Puts aside the arms maternal
That enfold him ere he roam;
When the canvas of his vessel
Flutters to the favoring gale,
Years of solitary exile
Hid behind her sunny sail;
When his pulses beat with ardor,
And his sinews stretch for toil,
And a hundred bold enterprises
Lure him to that Eastern soil,
It is well we cannot see
What the end shall be.

When the youth beside the maiden
Looks into her credulous eyes,
And the heart upon the surface
Shines too happy to be wise;
He, by speeches less than gestures,
Himself what her hopes expound,
Laying out the waste hereafter,
Like enchanted garden ground!
He may fall—so many may,
She may suffer—so must all,
Both may yet, world disappointed,
This last hour of love recall,
It is well we cannot see
What the end shall be.

A Mother's Death.
Few persons who have lost their
"first and dearest friend"
can read the following with unmois-
tured eyes:

Death comes an unsought guest
to every board, and at his special
bidding some beloved one goes
forth to his mysterious home.

Time and philosophy may teach
resignation unto hearts made desolate
by his coming; but they can
never fill the vacancy therein, when
she that was our mother no
longer cast a halo about our dark-
ened hearts.

A mother's place—so loved, so
worshipped—once empty must be
forever so. A breast once panned
by a mother's death, no medicine
can reach with healing.

No mind, however sacred, no
heart, however hardened, can for-
get the gentle being whose suffer-
ings begot his life.

A mother is truly our guardian
spirit upon earth. Her goodness
shields and protects; she walks
with our infancy, our youth and
mature age—ever sheltering us
with her absorbing love, expiating
our many sins with her blessed
prayers.

And when our mother, with her
burden of love, her angelic influ-
ence, her saintly care, ceases her
bounteous life, how much we lose
of home, of happiness, of Heaven,
no one can reckon; for our mother
was none but our, and we only
can know how holy she was—how
sacred her memory must every be.

But may we not borrow conso-
lation from the thought that our
loss is Heaven's gain; that surely
one angel watches over us, erasing
with grateful tears the records of
our sin, and making easy our path
to her with blessed and blessing
prayers?

Stripping the Widow.

Some years ago, in the New
Hampshire Legislature, a new
member, somewhat noted for
"jumping thunder," made a speech
—it was upon a bill for taxing
bank dividends—in which he at-
tempted to be very pathetic in
favor of widows who owned stock.
"Yes, Mr. Speaker," he exclaimed
with indignant energy, "the gen-
tlemen from Dover who introduced
this bill, deaf to the cries of her
orphan children, would strip the
widow—!" But before he could
conclude the sentence he was in-
terrupted by a laugh. Astonished,
but undaunted, he exclaimed with
a profound feeling, "Gentlemen,
it is not a subject of derision. I
appeal to you in all candor to say
if it is not worse than stripping.
Put on this tax, and you will drive
the widow to her last shift."
Shouts of laughter here petrified
him in his place, and he spoke no
more during the session.

DEAD ISSUES.—The Butler county
Democrat truthfully says that
there can be no such thing as
"dead issues" when the funda-
mental principles of the Federal
Constitution have been violated or
shamelessly ignored, unless we
pronounce that instrument itself a
"dead issue." The Federal Con-
stitution must be regarded as the
only standard of the right in the
administration of the National
Government, and every departure
from, and infraction of that com-
pact, denounced as an unwarrant-
ed wrong, and therefore illegiti-
mate and unjustifiable.

Life's Stream.

Life bears us on like the stream
of a mighty river. Our boat at
first glides down the narrow chan-
nel—through the playful murmur-
ings of the little brook and the
windings of its grassy borders.
The trees shed their blossoms over
our young heads; the flowers
seem to offer themselves to the
young hands; we are happy in
hope, and we grasp eagerly at the
beauty around us—but the stream
hurries on, and still our hands
are empty. Our course through
youth and manhood is along a
wilder and deeper flood, amid
objects more striking and magni-
ficent. We are animated at the
moving pictures and enjoyments
and industry around us; we are
excited at some short-lived disap-
pointment. The stream bears us
on, and our joys and griefs are
like-leaved behind us. We may be
ship-wrecked, but we cannot be
delayed; whether rough or smooth,
the river hastens to its home, till
the roar of the ocean is in our
ear, and the tossing of the waves
is beneath our feet, and the shore
lessens from our eyes, and the
floods are lifted up from around
us and we take our leave of earth
and its inhabitants, until our
future voyage that has no wishes
save the Infinite and Eternal.

Another Loyal Rev. is in hard
luck. His name is Curley, and he
had charge of a congregation at
Marilla, near Buffalo. After
prayer meeting one night, in the
absence of his wife, he took Mrs.
Martin, a sister in the church to
ride, and finally brought up at his
own house, and went to bed with
her, when men who had watched
the thing, and "smelled woolen,"
rang the alarm bell and collected
the whole town at the elders
house they were informed of the
state of things, and entered against
the elders protestation that no
woman was in the house. They
found Mrs. Martin under the bed
undressed. The elder has emigra-
ted.—Next!

This Reverend gentleman was
of the Radical persuasion, and
mixed his sermons with politics.
During a revival last winter, one
of the most serious problems which
presented itself to this cautious
hypocrite for solution, was, how a
democrat could be a christianian.
An exchange advises him in his
search for fresh fields and pastures
now, to find out how a christianian
can be a republican "loyal" se-
ducer.—Binghamton Democrat.

The Washington Republican
says: "It is probable, if the elec-
tions in the Southern States are
fairly conducted this fall, that a
general amnesty bill will pass, with
but little opposition at the next
session of Congress." In other
words, the Radicals are determined
to carry the Congressional elections
this fall by force or fraud, and if
they succeed, will have so com-
pletely stripped the country that
there will be nothing left to steal.
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