NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

NEARER TO THE.

M. Quad Tells a Touching Story of Two Wandering Singers.

One who looked the crowd over as we waited for the train would not have set us down as hard-hearted and indifferent; but so we proved to be as a young girl not over 13 years of age, leading an old man who was stone blind and very feeble, passed slowly around the room soliciting alms. They got a penny here and there but even these coins seemed to be given grudgingly, and those who gave nothing consoled themselves with the reflection that they were a pair of frauds and really needed no financial assistance.

When they had made the tour of the room the girl led the old man to a seat in the corner and after a few words had passed between them they began singing a hymn. She had a wonderful voice for a child, clear and sweet, and his was a deep bass. The hymn was that entitled "Nearer, My God, to Thee." You have heard it by a full choir, accompanied by the strains of a grand organ, but you never listened so intently as we did there. There was a plaint in that girls voice which touched a chord, and there was a quaver in the old man's bass which saddened you. They sang low and soft and they had not finished a verse when half of us were standing up to see them better.

The girl kept her eyes on the floor at her feet. The sightless eyes of the old man—her father—were raised to the ceiling, and over his rinkled face crept a glad smile as he finished the chorus:

"Nearer, my God, to Thee—
Nearer to Thee."

The hymn was not finished when every man began feeling for a contribution and women opened their portemonnaies. It was different now. They were no longer frauds and everyone was glad to give something. Two or three were ready to move about to take up a collection, but they waited for the end of the hymn. When it came to the chorus of the last verse the old man was singing bravely. Half way through his voice suddenly choked and the last two lines were sung by the girl alone and died away in a sob and a cry. All of us saw the old man's head drop forward and his body lurch. He would have fallen to the floor had not the girl seized and held him up. A dozen of us were there in a moment, but we were to late. The old man's life had gone as you breathe upon the flame of a candle, and on his ashen lips still trembled the sacred notes of the refrain:

"Nearer to Thee."

Chicago was visited by a tornado on the evening of the 1st inst. on its street it blew a seven story brick block surrounded by frame buildings, chrushing them to the earth killing several persons, and fatally or seriously injuring many others. Eight other buildings were blown down injuring many people, some of them probably fatally.

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