THE SEVEN STAGES.

Only a baby,
Kissed and caressed,
Gently held to a mother's breast.

Only a child,
Toddling alone,
Brightening now its happy home.

Only a boy,
Trudging to school,
Governed now by a sterner rule.

Only a youth,
Living in dreams;
Full of promise life now seems.

Only a man,
Battling with life,
Shared in now by a loving wife.

Only a father,
Burdened with care,
Silver threads in dark brown hair.

Only a graybeard,
Toddling again,
Growing old and full of pain.

Only a mound,
O'ergrown with grass,
Dreams unrealized—rest at last.

—Boston Transcript.

THE MISSIONARY'S FIND.

Sir Dawson Jukes, K. C. M. G., F. R. G. S., etc., had been a great African traveler. A fragment of the globe, quite perceptible on the large map, is dotted with his name and those of people, mostly ladies, whom he delighted to honor. There is Lake Honorable Matilda, an inland sea, pleasingly connected with Lake Lucy Jane by the noble river Jukes; when Sir Dawson married the former lady, and the latter, his sister, acted as bridesmaid, this association was recognized as a very graceful witticism.

Sir Dawson made a very good thing of his travels one way and another, and on marrying the Honorable Matilda Pennytrack he retired from the business. The Pennytracks are held devout even among devout Scotch families, and Matilda was the devoutest maiden of them all. It was her influence, they say, which converted Sir Dawson; but he took up the new line with his habitual energy and thoroughness. The precious moments which worldly lovers waste in trifling or quarrelling were employed by those two in projecting the establishment of a mission in Lake Honorable Matilda.

Sir Dawson insisted that every one belonging to the mission should be a "gentleman." One young man was admitted who did not come up to his notion—the Rev. Angus Macalister. He had been among the earliest to apply; a graduate, something of a scholar, fairly presentable in manners, and a protege of the Pennytracks, who begged Lady Jukes to interpose, she declined, though her husband's objection was as incomprehensible to her as to others. He said that the Rev. Angus was indiscreet—of which there was not a particle of evidence—and too full of zeal—as if that could be a disadvantage for a missionary! At the last moment, however, one of the accepted drew back, and Sir Dawson gave way.

So the mission got under way, and there was every reason to think it would be as successful as all other missions. Very nice letters were received and published. The garden-seeds contributed by a sympathetic nurseryman came up so splendidly that, in the joy of his innocent heart, he affixed a testimonial from the Rev. Angus to his trade-circular. So did all the other pious souls who had furnished tents, boats, iron chapel, canned meats, and what not at cost price. Everything was satisfactory. While the missionaries were learning the language, they distributed provisions and clothes and things. No doubt, when the recipients came to understand what was expected of them, they would eagerly embrace the gospel.

But the state of affairs was not quite so pleasing at home. It appeared to Lady Jukes that her husband was losing interest in the blessed work. Sir Dawson became remiss in his spiritual exercises. It was all very distressing. And then, one day, when her ladyship was speaking of the mission, he said, distinctly, "D—n the mission!" She paused, summoning her reason to dispute with her ears over this incredible utterance; and just then the butler entered. "A telegram from Hafrica, my lady," said he. It had become usual now, alas! to hand such communications over to the mistress. She tore it open.

"Rev. Blair, to Honorable Matilda, Sir Dawson Jukes. Married yesterday. Left home with Wattabhama, daughter of Chief Rumanpouda. Tried stop him. Vain."

"What can this mean, Dawson? Why, you look—you look scared."

"Do I?" he laughed; "I feel only puzzled. The idea that occurs to me at present is that Macalister has run away with a black girl. Very scandalous! We will keep it to ourselves as long as possible. No; let us not discuss the matter, please. They will be here by next mail." So her ladyship—a good woman, if dull and hard—devoured her agitation in silence for a month. But she observed that Sir Dawson's spirits rose from that hour. Whitever the mystery might be.

The vessel arrived and among its passengers were the Rev. Angus Macalister and Miss Wattabhama." The shameless man did not even conceal his name! But nothing followed. He dared not report himself, thought Lady Matilda.

The fact is that Sir Dawson had been waiting on the quay. Unobserved himself he saw the missionary come ashore with a tall woman so closely veiled that only those who saw her from the back could recognize the negress. A supple creature! The unregenerate Old Adam asserted itself so strongly in Sir Dawson Jukes that he contrasted those fine proportions, that smoothly rolling walk, with the genteel attenuation of Lady Matilda.

Macalister put her into a cab and was about to follow. Sir Dawson drew him aside sharply. "Did we have a word here, sir," he said. "Drive to the New Hotel."

"Do you please." In two cabs they went thither, and when Miss Wattabhama had been deposited in a private room, the men met.

"I don't ask any explanations," Sir Dawson began. "You have acted like a mischievous fool, as I knew you would if you found an opportunity, and I pass that. Now, you expect me to deny that I married this girl, and to plead, besides that the marriage was not legal. Anyway, there will be a tremendous scandal. But your calculation is wrong on one point—you will not be a disinterested avenger of morality. If I lose my case, I shall instantly bring an action for divorce, and I mean to make the Rev. Angus Macalister co-respondent.

"I defy your malignity, you wicked man! I have treated this poor African as a sister. Upon discovering your shameful treatment of her, I spent my last shilling in——" I persuaded Chief Rumanpouda to intrust her to me, and I mean to make her my wife. I have brought her here to confound her betrayer."

"Yes, I said I would explain for you. You spent your last shilling in buying my wife; that's how Rumanpouda understands it, and the young woman, also. If you doubt me, let you go and ask her." He rang the bell.

"Oh, what a consummate villain! If it were not for my cloth, sir, I would—"

"If it were not for the police, sir, I would—that is, I'd break your neck and throw you out of the window. Take me to the young lady's room, waiter."

The Rev. Angus knew his own rectitude, and assured himself that the truth must prevail. Pale, but confident, he followed.

Miss Wattabhama had taken off her boots and some other things, and was squatted in an arm-chair at the window. She rose hastily, leered at Sir Dawson as an old friend, and threw herself full length to embrace the missionary's knees. A superb creature, indeed, to one who had lost his prejudice about the color of the skin, like Sir Dawson. The Old Adam seized him again.

"Are you satisfied now?" he asked, cheerfully.

"This's a formal salutation—mere politeness."

"Therefore she did not honor her lawful husband with it, eh? Very well!" And then he began talking in the Makalakao dialect, much too fast for poor Angus to follow. Wattabhama assented emphatically from time to time.

"There!" said Sir Dawson, at length. "She has told me the truth—at least, she'll swear to it before every court in Christendom. You are just as much married to her, Mr. Macalister, as ever I was—that is, the lady says so. Don't rave, man, but just ask her the question."

He did kindly at first, then angrily, then, as his bewilderment grew, furiously; Sir Dawson standing by amused. But Wattabhama persisted gently that their marriage was complete.

"What have you done to her, you fiend?" cried the hapless avenger of morality, in his brown.

"Done! I only asked whether she left home willingly, by her father's consent. That makes a marriage by the law of the Makalakao. Also I asked whether she regards herself as your wife? She is much surprised at the question, and declares there is no doubt of it. Her father, you will never persuade or coerce this very fine young woman to tell another tale. She loves you too much. Good-day. I may mention that our next committee meeting is to-morrow, if you should wish to attend. Her Majesty's courts of justice are always open."

But Mr. Macalister did not attend the committee, nor did he appeal to the law.—St. James's Gazette.

HONORABLE THIEVES.

Curious Stories of the Men Who Waylaid the Oriental Express.

The narratives of the Germans captured on the Oriental express by a band of highwaymen some time ago, and recently returned to their homes, contain some curious chapters on robber etiquette in Europe. In the first part of the robbery says the New York Sun, Herr Kotsch was deprived of his watch and chain. Subsequently while tramping up the mountains with the robber den, he asked the chief tenderly for the chain, as it was, he said, a memento of a dead friend.

The chief at once called the man who had got the first plucking of Herr Kotsch and ordered him to return not only the chain, but also the watch. This so affected Herr Kotsch that he repented his cheating the highwayman by tucking some $50 worth of bills into his shoes, and he sat right down by the wayside to make good his supposed violation of highway etiquette. He drew off his shoes and handed the money to the chief, who took it with the demand that Herr Kotsch was an honorable man.

When the ransom money arrived the chief expressed deep regret that he must part company with his new German acquaintances. He gave each one $25 for traveling expenses, embraced and kissed them, and, after leading a cheer for them all, marched his bandits off through the thicket.

Herr Graeger was greatly impressed during his captivity by the amount of time devoted by the brigands to developing their possibilities as lady-killers. "After sleeping," he says, "they made toilets with the greatest care. They seemed never to tire of admiring themselves in hand mirrors. Each carried such a mirror and a hair brush with him. So as to get every possible view of himself each one would turn and twist in every imaginable position. Frequently he would throw himself flat on his back, so as to see his face in a stronger light."

Bashful Bob Burdette.

I heard a good and altogether new story of Bob Burdette and the late Thomas A. Hendricks, says a writer in the Kansas City Times. Several years ago, while the lamented Indianian was touring the west Burdette was the funny man of the Burlington Hawkeye. In that capacity he wrote a great many satirical verses concerning Mr. Hendricks. One day Burdette was at a railroad hotel at Iowa City when the proprietor called him.

"See, here, Bob," said the Boniface, "there's a man in the dining room whom you're just dying to meet. Come along."

"Who is it?" asked the humorist, hanging back.

"Oh, come on; it's all right," said the hotel man, and with that Burdette was hustled into the eating room.

"Mr. Hendricks—Mr. Burdette," said the proprietor, whereupon a handsome, smiling man arose from a table, and extending his hand to the man from Burlington, said:

"And so this is Mr. Burdette, is it?"

"Y—yes," returned the now quaking humorist.

"You're the man who wrote 'The Bad Man from Injianny,' are you?"

"I did, but that was—"

"Let me see," went on the statesman, smiling. "It ran like this, didn't it?"

And then Mr. Hendricks proceeded to recite the whole poem. Then he recalled another and another, reciting before he was through, half a dozen of the satirical outbursts of fun that had been directed against him.

"I never felt really bashful before," said the genial humorist, new of Brooklyn. "But that is the time when I would have welcomed an earthquake that would have swallowed me up."

A Full Meal.

The dietetic reformer, Cornaro, lived a hundred years by limiting his daily ration to fourteen ounces of solid food and many hard-working Hindoos manage to get along with a pound and a half. All through South Asia ten ounces would represent a fair average of a single meal, while a Kaffir chieftain would think nothing of devouring ten pounds of broiled meat, not to mention the Siberian seal hunters, who will snatch a lunch of fifteen to twenty pounds, merely to test the quality of a good catch.—Phila. Times.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

Mrs. Ebling is improving slowly.

Mrs Rose Lamb and two children are ill.

H. H. Bailey has returned from a 10 days' trip up in Tuscola county.

Halleck Gibbs, of Howard City, made a flying visit to his parents last week.

C. S. Travis has moved into Dr Woodruff's house.

Dr. Land and wife, of New York City, who have been visiting at S. L. Robbins', returned home last week.

Miss Frankie Gibbs attended examination at Pontiac a short time ago and is now the happy possessor of a Second Grade certificate good for three years

School begins September 7, with Miss Minnie Gill at as teacher.

Homer Elwell returned home from the far west last week, on account of the dangerous illness of his mother. He gives a glowing account of the country, says Dr. and Mrs. Woodruff, Dell Smith and Cy Bingham are well and contented, etc., which is good news to their many friends.

Miss Alice Hall has been visiting at Mrs. S. I. Robbins' the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are busy as bees these days getting ready for housekeeping and are now easily outnumbered in Mr. L. G. Smith's house, where the doctor has his office and where he can be found at any time when not making a call.

And still the Beaver is without a pair of hay scales that can be used. Anything that scales is an abominable nuisance and should not be tolerated. Public hay scales pay a large interest on the investment and why some one does not buy a pair and place at the corners is a mystery. We heard one of our public spirited citizens say he would give five dollars toward buying some scales.

Armageddon, the leader of the Egyptian revolt which England helped the khedive to suppress is reported to be living in Cevlon where he is a prisoner of state.

Annie Rooney was a favorite before Edward, of Edinburgh, died. Her life is filled with disorderly conduct and the justice permitted her to escape with a fine of $5 and costs.

Lady Macdonald has received an autograph letter of sympathy from Queen Victoria, a distinguishing mark of imperial favor perhaps never before accorded to a Canadian lady.

There is only one woman member of the British national life assembly, the Home Leagueers, but there are few better marksmen, if the term will apply. At a contest in London she made a total score of 225, many of them bull's eyes—out of a possible 315.

John Atkins in his old age went to Fanueil hall to see Stuart's Washington, near which stood his own bust. Pointing to the bronze firmly closed mouth he said: "That great man could hold his tongue, which this fool," tapping his own bust with his cane, "never could learn."

Harry Lehmann, the young free-trader London editor and member of parliament, is a little fat man whom a correspondent who travels by train by deaveries as sitting in a leather chair, twiddling a grizzled beard. "He is a million-aire and a socialist, an insufferable egotist. The historic old Valley Forge property on the line of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad is to be cut up into lots, divided up and sold, its present owner, Mrs. Anna L. Cooper, having instructed her attorney to dispose of the property. The portion of the property about to go into the market contains the remnants of the ramparts of Fort Washington, the cold spring, the site of the forges and of the headquarters of Washington, Lafayette and Knox.

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Notice of Drain Letting.

Notice is hereby given that I, Frank L. Sutherson, Drain Commissioner of the township of Royal Oak, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, will receive bids at the house of Wm. Ledyard, the house of M. H. Elliott, in said township of Royal Oak, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain drain known and described as "The Bruce Branch, located and established by the township board of Royal Oak and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a point in the center of the Bruce Branch 20 links and 40 links south, and 20 links west of the quarter of section one (1) of said township of Royal Oak, thence S. 40 W. H. Elliott's, S. 8 W. 20 links and 50 links; thence on land of Joseph Baumgartner, S. 8 W. 1 links; thence S. 8 W. 7 chains and 45 links; thence S. 8 W. 10 chains and 50 links; thence S. 8 W. 10 chains and 15 links; thence S. 8 W. 10 chains and 50 links; thence S. 30 W. 12 links to the line. Thence S. 30 W. 1 rod, to the end of the 30-inch to end in low wet swamp at head of drain.

The left side of the drain, the section at the outlet of the drain will be let first, and then remaining sections in their order up stream in accordance with the diagram, as per the written and printed specifications on file drain in the office of the Township Clerk, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made upon the following specifications:

Tracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by said commissioner, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of said contract and the terms of payment therefor shall be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given that at the time and place of letting, or at such other time as I place therefor to which I, the Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Bruce Drain Special Assessment District," will be subject to review.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land subject to the special assessment district of said drain, viz:

The N. E. ¼ of the N. E. ¼ section one (1) T. 1 N. R. 10 E. excepting 6 rods of the W. ½ of the N. E. ¼ of the said section; (40 acres, the N. ½ of the N. E. ¼ of said section one (1) excepting 6 rods off the north end of the W. ½ of the N. W. ¼ of said section one (1) containing 22 acres; the S. W. ¼ of the N. W. ¼ of said section one (1) containing 40 acres, the S. E. ¼ of the N. W. ¼ of said section one (1) containing 40 acres, part of land bounded west by highway, east by land of Fred Boesing, south by land of Fred Bruce and land of Bessie Bruce, containing 32 and 90-100 acres. Part of land bounded west by highway, east by land of Fred Boesing, south by land of Bessie Bruce, north by land of Bessie Bruce, containing 32 and 90-100 acres. Part of land bounded west by highway, east by land of Fred Boesing, south by land of Bessie Bruce, north by land of Thomas Bruce, containing 32 and 90-100 acres.

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Exchanges for clearing house	6,630 05
Checks and cash items	1,000 00
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Gold	2,000 00
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Savings deposits	1,343 56
Commercial deposits	1,292 52
Deposits of banks and bankers	291,375 44
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, held at the probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the ninth day of August, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Mathias Grammel, called Crammel, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Reuben Russell, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, hereto after filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that Monday, the 28th day of September next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument, and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

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BIRMINGHAM, Mich., May 28, 1891.

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