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THE STATE IN BRIEF

NEWS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE CONDENSED.

A Foster Mother Fears Rabies Into a Boy's Boots and He Must Lose Toes.

The Blizzard.

A Woman Without a Heart.

A story of most terrible brutality comes from the village of New Lothrop, Shiawassee county. Ira Burpee, a 12 year old adopted son of Mrs. Ursulia Burpee was found by neighbors to be starving and suffering from frightful injuries. His legs, especially the feet, were raw and the flesh was shrunken to the bones. The boy's mother explained to some was the result of freezing. To others she said that 10 days before she sent him for some straw, when the stack tumbled and imprisoned him. The woman told no stories. Different stories that suspicion was aroused and the neighbors began to investigate. The straw stack which she said had imprisoned the boy for 10 days contained less than 350 pounds of straw, and the theory now is that the woman, who bears a name for abnormal cruelty, poured boiling hot water into the boots of the lad and starved him. A council of doctors decided that both of the boy's feet must be amputated and that the injuries are the result of a burn or scald. Mrs. Burpee has been arrested.

Big Damage to Michigan Fruit.

Benton Harbor special: The mercury took a drop Hownward far below freezing point with a howling northeast wind, changing to a blinding blizzard from the northwest, with snow whirling in a blind fury. This will prove a fearful calamity to all fruit growers, for this fruit belt, as the continued warm weather so early had started the buds of early peaches, grapes and all berries. Many thousand trees were just ready to blossom, but every bud is black and dead, doing many thousand dollars damage. Strawberries were starting up green, but are frozen to death.

Many farmers had put mortgages on their farms to live through the unusually hard time, depending upon the returns from early fruit to pay them off. This is without doubt the worst calamity that has befallen fruit growers in this fruit belt since the peach yellows scourge of 1876 and 1877. Business prospects were very flattering for the farmers until this freeze, but now many a man is despondent with his principal resource gone.

Four Men Lost on the Lake.

Gene McKay, Charles Petrie, Irving Shake and Cal Shaefer, all young men about twenty-five, employed in the Coppon Bertsch tannery, left the West Michigan dock at Holland early in the duck boat and said they intended to fish, but they must have found it too cold, for Black Haven is at the lower bottom up in Big Bayou, between Point Superior and Macatawa park in Black Lake. The sad news of finding baskets of the men were also found. Two hundred employes of the tannery dragged the lake for their bodies. The young men were all popular, loyal young fellows, and the city is greatly excited over their sudden loss.

Fire at Burlington.

The village of Burlington was visited by a destructive fire which the hotel, a hardware store, barber shop, Maccabee hall, two dwellings and several barns were entirely destroyed. The fire caught in the hotel from a defective chimney. A public dance was in progress when the fire was discovered, and although a large company of men were present, they were powerless to stop the flames. The village is without fire protection and it was only by great exertion that the grist mill and several other buildings were saved. The entire loss is about $10,000 with a fewhundred dollars' insurance.

'Nother Opinion on the Rods.

Rufus Bronson, who is "yellows commissioner" at Benton Harbor, has made a thorough investigation and finds that the peaches are not destroyed by the cold weather as was reported, but thinks they will stand several days more now. The blackberry is the only fruit thought to be hurt, as they have been raised from the ground and are very sensitive.

Postmaster an Embezzler.

Postoffice Inspector T. B. Laughlin has made complaint against George W. Jones, postmaster at Otsego Lake, for the embezzlement of $974 from the money order business at that office. United States Commissioner McMath has issued a warrant and he has been taken to Bay City for examination.

Landmark Destroyed.

The old Sanford mansion on Cherry street, owned by N. W. Northrop, and occupied by J. F. Y. Blake, burned at Grand Rapids. The loss on the house was $2,000 and household goods $700, both insured. The house has stood since 1845 and was a landmark.

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MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

The German Presbyterians of Warren have decided to build a $10,000 church.

The government fish hatchery at Northville will ship 50,000,000 eggs to Lake Michigan, near St. Joseph.

Timothy Hatch, who shot and killed a Mrs. Gold, near Hillman, last fall, shinking her a bear, has been acquitted.

The dry goods house of C. W. Stone, of Ionia, has been closed on a chattel mortgage by Strong, Lee & Co., of Detroit.

Little Luke Wilson, of Saginaw, a 14-year-old boy, lost his balance while leaning over a rain barrel, and was drowned.

George Morris, a young man employed at a saw mill at Mt. Morris, had his arm cut off below the elbow by a buzz saw.

Miss Grace Briggs, daughter of William Beggs, of Milan, fell from a load of moving goods and was almost instantly killed.

William Fosburg, a miner, was instantly killed by a fall of ground on the fourth level of the Pewabic mine, at Iron Mountain.

Samuel W. Bishop, 'a convict sent from Berrien county for forgery, died at Jackson. This is the first natural death in the prison.

The house and barn of P. H. Simpson in Charleston township, Kalamazoo county, burned to the ground with all its contents. The loss is $3,000.

Stonewall De France, the notorious swindler, was found guilty at Kalamazoo, sentenced to Jackson state prison for 11 years and fined $1,000 and the cost.

Fire in the Bunday block, Litchfield, destroyed the entire row. Loss on the buildings $5,000, no insurance. Ten business firms were turned into the streets.

Martin Johnson, a sailor in Staples & Corn's lumber mill, at Whitehall, had his right hand caught in a belt and the limb had to be amputated at the thigh and he will die.

Citizens of Sanilac Center and Carsonville have subscribed enough money to build and operate an electric road between the two towns, a distance of about four miles.

Burglars entered the office of the True Northerner at Paw Paw by way of a rear window and cracked the safe. There was $40 in the cash drawer, but the thief took but $12.

James Gould, an inmate of the Ionia house of correction, has made his escape. He was sent from Newaygo for burglary, and was employed about the engine room at night.

Governor Rich has appointed Enid Smith, of Saginaw, a member of the board of managers of the upper peninsular prisons to succeed James W. Wilkinson, appointed state treasurer.

A train crew south bound freight train ran over James Doyle, a deaf man, at Benton Harbor, instantly killing him. He was walking on the track toward the approaching train.

Frank Blazict and John Jawdrak were killed in the Osceola mine, at Houghton, by a premature blast from them. Both were Austrians. Blazict has a family in Austria, Blazict was single.

The lighthouse keepers and their assistants at Sand Beach, Alpena and Black Lake. The last named in connection on Saturday, March 10, this year. This is the earliest opening of caution any signals the lakers in some years.

The shipbuilding industries are busy at Grand Haven making many alterations in old boats and putting the finishing touches on new ones. The spirit of the dull season it looks as though it is going to be a busy summer on the river.

About 1,000 delegates and members of Detroit district Epworth League attended the convention at Ypsilanti. Of these 400 were chapters of the organization. Again of 1,966 members was shown. Detroit will entertain the convention in '95.

Five men pleaded guilty in the circuit court at Paw Paw for violating the local option law. All were given sentence ranging from three months to four months. Almon Bennett, convicted of larceny, was sentenced to four months at Ionia.

Frank S. Whitman, a literary student of the class of '96, at the University, was practising base ball on the campus when he accidentally came into collision with one of his classmates and dislocated his neck. His recovery is doubtful.

Bishop Foley has appointed Rev. Fr. F. J. Baumgartner, of the Roman Catholic church at Pontiac, to succeed the Rev. F. J. Dempsey as chancellor and secretary of the diocese of Detroit. The new appointee to commence his duties April 2.

Nicholas Scanlan, postmaster at Lamont, is under arrest for embezzlement. He was appointed about six months ago. A shortage is now said to be claimed to have been robbed of about $108, but on investigation he was found short in his accounts $1,000.

Railroad Commissioner Billings received a letter from Geo. F. Hall, secretary of the Watervale Manufacturing Co., stating that the company had been incorporated at that place for the purpose of constructing a standard gauge railroad from Watervale, Grand Traverse county, to connect with the Toledo & Ann Arbor and Manistee & Northeastern railroads. The capital stock is $50,000.

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MICHIGAN VETERANS.

Department Encampment Held at Owosso This Week.

Well Attended—Officers Elected.

The sixteenth annual encampment of Michigan G. A. R. was held in Owosso with the largest number of delegates in attendance that attended any state encampment during the past ten years. Department Commander Gen. J. H. Kidd was present by his home guard with a gavel made from wood taken from an oak tree on the battlefield of Chickamauga.

The report of Assistant Adjutant General Phelps, of Ionia, shows the total membership to be 9,843, a loss of 1,504, making a net loss of 597. During the past year five posts were organized and disbanded, and three posts were disbanded, leaving a net gain of two in the number of posts. The address of welcome was delivered by Gen. George Dewey and responded to by Department Commanders Gen. J. H. Kidd and Mrs. A. T. Hinds.

The election of officers resulted: Department commander, Louis Kanitz, of Saginaw.

Senior vice commander, Herman C. Friesecke, of Owosso.

Junior vice commander, Jas. M. Greenfield, of Flushing.

Medical director, Oscar Palmer, of Flushing.

Chaplain, John Fletcher, of Plainwell.

Council of administration, W. Stearns, of Adrian; N. G. Cooper, of Sturgis; R. A. Packer, of Detroit; J. Q. A. Sessions, of Ann Arbor, and C. P. Cole, of Grand Rapids.

The delegates to the national encampment were instructed to work for Judge C. D. Long for inspector-in-chief at the Pittsburg encampment.

There was some little strife of the selection of the place for the next encampment. Mt. Clemens, Grand Rapids and Ionia were presented for consideration. When the vote was polled Mt. Clemens had 259 votes, Grand Rapids 130 and Ionia 88.

The Women's Relief Corps election resulted in the choice of Mrs. Anna M. Barney, of Kalamazoo, as president; Elizabeth Longyear, of Flint, as senior vice-president; Sarah A. Wiley, of Owosso, junior vice-president; Laura C. Fox, of Ann Arbor, treasurer; Anna S. J. Grabill, of Grayeville, chaplain; Mrs. Mina D. Kinsey, chairman of the executive committee, and Miss Emma Knapp, second member of the board.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

Michigan State Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. Held at Detroit.

Over 1,200 young people with bright, happy faces, delegates to the eighth annual state convention of the Michigan Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, filled the auditorium of Woodwards, gathered in Detroit and stored away a vast amount of enthusiasm and spiritual energy that will last them a long season. The dull days will undoubtedly supply them and their local societies with a renewed energy and vigor for another year's work.

C. L. Stevens, president of the Michigan union, called the meeting to order, session to order at the central M. E. church. Rev. Francis E. Clark, of Boston, founder of the C. E. movement, was given a tremendous greeting as he mounted the platform. W. H. Strong, president of the Detroit union, C. E. union made the address of welcome. State President Stevens responded. Rev. Dr. Gould made an address upon "Christian temperance."

The statistical report by Secretary B. R. Hoefler showed that there are 610 societies in Michigan, with a membership of 29,400—18,500 active and 6,500 associate; 310 junior societies with 9,000 members; 200 non-reporting societies, there is an estimated membership of 32,350 in Michigan and is set gain since the convention last year. At least 1,386 members have united with the church during that period.

At the first evening session, Rev. J. A. Ronthaler, D. D., of Indianapolis, made a stirring address upon "The Interdenominational Fellowship." Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., of Boston, spoke with power upon "The Problem of the Unemployed."

International Trouble at Rio.

Cable from Rio Janeiro: The Portuguese warships have allowed before this harbor under the stipulation imposed by the Brazilian government. That Admiral De Mello and the insurgent officers and men who are with him should remain on board the Portuguese ships until the end of their ultimate destination has been settled between the two governments. The International feature of the complications arising from the revolt and subsequent surrender of the Brazilian war vessels to the insurgents is now the grave aspect. There is considerable excitement here in regard to the action of the foreign powers in allowing to leave so far protected Admiral Da Gama and the insurgents who are with him. It is feared that the action of the Portuguese in giving shelter to the rebels will lead to dangerous complications. This is all the more serious as it appears that President Peixoto has obtained possession of important documents which show beyond a doubt that certain European vessels systematically gave aid to the insurgents.

Senator Colquitt Dead.

United States Senator Alfred Holt Colquitt, of Georgia, died at his residence in Washington.

Senator Alfred Holt Colquitt, of Atlanta, was born in Walton county, Georgia, April 20, 1824. He graduated from Princeton college in the class of 1844, and admitted to the bar in 1845. During the Mexican war he served on the staff officer with the rank of major. He was a member of the Georgia legislature in 1850, and from 1853 to 1855 a House of Representatives in the Thirty-third congress. He was a member of the secession convention of Georgia in 1861, and served the Confederate service as captain, as brigadier-general and as major-general. He was elected to the United States senate for the term commencing March 4, 1883, and was re-elected in 1889. His term of service would have expired March 3, 1895.

Chicago's Unemployed.

Throughout the winter there have been thousands of men in Chicago who have found themselves out of work and many of them have starved. Parks, Farm. (Among them were farmers, mechanics, bookkeepers, clerks and laborers of nearly every trade.) A large portion of these are reputable, well-meaning men who had simply been left stranded by the financial stagnation. They accepted the humble work upon the streets cheerfully and thankfully and the charitable tramps and mendicants. The association came into existence of charge, help of every description. Employers will kindly address by mail Central Relief association, 1015 "The Rookery."

Cleveland has expressed approval of the tariff bill as a whole.

Augustus H. Southerland, of Lynn, Mass., a veteran of the civil war, was seized with a burning pain during which he ejected a pistol bullet which had been imbedded in his neck for the past 31 years.

It is reported that Miss Alice Hicks, of Napoleon, Ripley county, Ind., a college student, has fallen heir to a fortune of $100,000. Her distant uncle, Texas, killed her entire fortune to the young lady.

A London special says: The queen offered Mr. Gladstone an earldom for himself or for his wife, but he declined any such honors, desiring in this matter as he informed her majesty, to follow the example of his "political master," Sir Robert Peel, who refused similar honors in 1846, and they were again declined by Lady Peel in 1850, after her husband's death.

EASTER SERMON.

DR. TALMAGE ON THE LAST RESURRECTION.

"I World" Which Can Be Understood by a God Who Could Do Things Only as Far as Man Can Understand"—Nearly All Is Mystery.

BROOKLYN, March 25, 1894.—The Easter services in the tabernacle today were attended by immense audiences. Beautiful floral decorations almost hid the pulpit from view, and the great organ gave forth its most rapturous strains in honor of the day. In the forenoon Rev. Dr. Talmage delivered an eloquent sermon, the text being taken from Genesis 23 : xvii, xviii : "And the field of Hebron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham."

At this Easter service I ask and answer what may seem a novel question, but it will be found useful before I go through, a practical and useful and tremendous question: What will resurrection day do for the cemeteries? First, I remark, it will be their universal beautification. In certain seasons it is customary in all lands to strew flowers over the mounds of the departed. It may have been suggested by the fact that Christ lay in a garden. And when I say garden I do not mean a garden of these latitudes. The late frosts of spring and the early frosts of autumn would not allow us to have that there are only a few months of flowers in the field. All the flowers we see today had to be petted and coaxed and put in greenhouse, or they would not have bloomed at all. They are the children of the conservatories. But at this season and through the most of the year in Bible land is all ablush with floral opulence.

You find all the royal family of flowers there, some that you supposed indigenous to the far north, and others indigenous to the south. The daisy and hyacinth, crocus and anemone, tulip and water lily, geranium and ranunculus, mignonette and sweet marjoram. In the college at Beyrout you may see Dr. Post's collection of about eighteen hundred kinds of Holy Land flowers, while among trees are the oak, the cedar, the palm, the tamarisk of the tropics, walnut and willow, ivy and hawthorn, ash and elder, pine and sycamore. If such floral and botanical beauties are the wild growths of the field, think of what a garden must be in Palestine! And in such a garden Jesus Christ slept after, on the soldier's spear, had been dug a grave and there deposited. And then see how appropriate that all our cemeteries should be floralized and tree shaded. In dune Greenwood is beginning to be.

"Well, then," you say, "how can you make out that the resurrection day will beautify the cemeteries? Will it not rather desolate the ground?" On that day there will be an earthquake, and will not this split the polished Aberdeen granite, as well as the plain sandstone and marble that words, 'Our Mary,' or 'our Charley?' Well, I will tell you how resurrection day will beautify all the cemeteries. It will be by bringing up the faces that are there. Memory and the memories are to us now, more beautiful than any calla lily, and the forms that are to us more graceful than any Parian statue. Why, we have seen none of anything more beautiful than the reappearance of those from whom we have been parted? I do not care where the tree falls in the last hour of the judgment hurricane, or if the whole of the judgment hurricane, or if the whole of the dead that shall turn under the last rose leaf and the last chinn tree, if out of the living graves of all the bodies of our loved ones not damaged, but irradiated.

The idea of the resurrection gets easier to understand as I hear the phonograph unroll some voice that talked into it a year ago, just before our friend's decease. You touch the lever, and then come forth the very tones, the very song of the person that breathed into it once, but is now departed. If a man can do that, can not Almighty God, without half trying, reproduce the voice of every departed? And if he can return the voice, why not the lips and the tongue and the throat that fashioned the voice? And if he can return the throat, why not the brain that suggested the words? And if the brain, why not the nerves, of which the brain is the headquarters? And if he can return the nerves, why not the muscles, which are less ingenious? And if the muscles, why not the bones, that support the muscles? And if the voice and the brain and the muscles and the bones, why not the entire body? If man can do the phonograph, God can do the resurrection.

Will it be the same body that in the last day shall be reanimated? Yes, but infinitely improved. Our bodies change every seven years, and yet in the seven years it is the same hand, wrist and the second finger of my right hand there is a scar. I made that at twelve years of age, when, disgusted at a task, I was stung by two warts. I took a red hot iron and burned them off and burned them out. Since then my body has changed at least seven times, but in each those scars prove it is the same body. We never lose our identity. If God can and does sometimes rebuild a man five, six, ten times in this world, is it mysterious that he can rebuild him once more, and that in the resurrection? If he can do it ten times. I think he can do it seventy times seven. Look at seventeen year locusts. For seventeen years gone, at the end of seventeen years they appear, and by rubbing the hind leg against the wing make a music all which all the brassbandmen and vine dressers tremble at, the insectile host takes up the march of devastation. Resurrection every seventeen years a wonderful fact!

Another consideration makes the idea of resurrection easier. God made Adam. He was not fashioned after any model. There had never been a human organism, and so there was nothing to copy. At the first attempt God made a perfect man. He made him out of the dust of the earth. If out of ordinary dust of the earth and without a model God could make a perfect man, surely out of the extraordinary dust of mortal body, and with millions of models, God can make each one of us a perfect being in the resurrection, surely the last understanding would not be greater than the first. See the gospel algebra; ordinary dust minus a model equals a perfect man; extraordinary dust and plus a model equals a resurrected body. Mysteries about it? Oh, yes; that is one reason why I believe it. It would not be much of a God who could do things only as far as I can understand. Mysteries? Oh, yes, but no more about the resurrection of your body than about its present existence. I will explain to you the last mystery of the resurrection, and make it as plain to you as that two and two make four, if you will tell me how your mind, which is entirely independent of your body, can act upon your body so that at your will your eyes open, or your foot walks, or your hand is extended. So I find nothing in the Bible statement concerning the resurrection that staggers me for a moment. All things clear from my mind. I say that the cemeteries, however beautiful now, will be more beautiful when the bodies of our loved ones come up, in the morning of the resurrection.

They will come in improved condition. They will come up rested. The tread of feet on the dawn at the last very tired. How often you have heard them say, "I am so tired!" The fact is, it is a tired world. If I should go through this audience, and I found the world, I could not find a person in any style of life ignorant of the sensation of fatigue. I do not believe there are fifty persons in this audience who are not tired. Your head is tired, or your back is tired, or your foot is tired, or your brain is tired, or your nerves are tired. Long journeying, or 'business, or watching, or bereavement, or sickness has put on you heavy weights. So the vast majority of those who went out of this world went out tired. About the greatest place to rest in is this world. Its atmosphere, its surroundings, and even its hilarities, are exhausting. So God stops our earthly life, and mercifully closes the eyes, and more especially gives quiescence to the lung and heart, that have not had ten minutes' rest among the first respiration and the first beat.

If a drummer boy were compelled in the army to beat his drum for twenty-four hours without stopping, his official report would be courtmartialed for cruelty. If the drummer boy should be commanded to beat his drum for a week without ceasing, day and night, he would die. I am attempting in life under your restraint is a poor heart that began its drum beat for the march of life thirty, or forty, or sixty or eighty years ago, and it has had no Sunday or week day or month day or year in conscious or comatose state, it went right on, for if it had stopped seven seconds your life would have closed. But the heart will keep going until some time after your spirit has flown, for the auscultator says that after the last expiration of lung and the last beat of heart and after the blood is released, the heart keeps on beating for a time. What a mercy, then, it is that the grave is the place where that long, tired machinery of ventricle and artery can halt.

Under the healthful chemistry of the soil all the wear and tear of nerve and muscle and bone will be subtracted and the bath of good fresh clean soil will wash off the last ache, and then some of the same style of dust out of which the body of Adam was fashioned may be used in making the resurrection body. How can the bodies of the human race, which have had no replenishment from the dust since the body of Adam was fashioned, get any recuperation from the storehouse from which he was constructed, without our going back into the dust? Factories are apt to be rough places, and those who toil in them have their garments grimy and their hands soiled. But who cares for that when they turn out for us beautiful musical instruments for parlor and upholstery? What though the grave is a rough place, it is a resurrection body manufactory, and from it shall come the most beautiful and resplendent of our friends on the brightest morning the world ever saw. You put into a factory cotton, and it comes out apparel. You put into a factory lumber and lead, and it comes out pianos and organs. And so into the factory of the grave, you put in pneumonias and consumptions and fevers come out health. You put in grave, you put in dust, and they come out hallelujahs. For us, on the final day, the most attractive places will not be the parks or the gardens or the palaces, but the cemeteries.

We are not told in what season that day will come. If it should be winter, those who come up will be more beautiful than the snow that covered them. If in autumn, those who come up will be more gorgeous than the woods after the frosts had penciled them. If in the spring the foliage on which they tread will be dull compared with the rubicund of their cheeks. Oh, the perfect resurrection body! Almost everybody has some defective spot in his physical constitution, a dull ear, or a dim eye, or a rheumatic foot, or a neuralgic brow, or a twisted muscle, or a weak side, or an inflamed liver, or some point at which the east wind of a season of overwork assaults him. But the resurrection body shall be without one weak spot, and all that the doctors and nurses, and apothecaries of earth will thereafter have to do, will be to rest without interruption for the broken nights of their earthly existence. Not only will that day be the beautification of well kept cemeteries, but some of the graveyards that have been neglected and have been pasture ground for cattle and rooting places for swine, will for the first time have attractiveness given them.

This Bible tells us that in Christ's resurrection our resurrection, if we are his, and the resurrection of all the pious dead, is assured, for he was "the first fruits of them that slept." Reuben says he did not rise, but five hundred and eighty witnesses, sixty of them Christ's enemies, say he did rise, for they saw him after he had risen. If he did not rise, how did sixty armed soldiers let him get away? Surely sixty living soldiers ought to be able to keep one dead man! Blessed be God! He did get away. After the resurrection Mary Magdalene saw him. Cleopas saw him. Ten disciples in an upper room at Jerusalem saw him. On a mountain the eleven saw him. Five hundred at once saw him. Prof. Ernest Renan, who did not see him, will excuse me for taking the testimony of the five hundred and eighty who did see him. Yes, yes; he got away. And that makes me sure that our departed loved ones and we ourselves shall get away. Excuse himself from the subsequent feature of the sport, and bills American critics of the Spanish bull fight keep silence hereafter for very shame.

Rev. Mr. Gormly made some remarks at the Free Methodist revival meeting at New Brighton, Pa., about a young woman who recently died which caused a sensation. He had been a close friend to the girl to give the minister a sound thumping. Had it not been for the interference of others it is believed he would have killed him.

"The grim humor of the camp waged eternal warfare on the general decorum," said General Gordon. On one occasion a prayer meeting was held in camp, and one of the soldiers was called on to pray. "Oh, Lord," he said, "we are in the midst of a terrible battle and in an awful lot of trouble. We hope you will take a proper view of the matter and give us the victory."

EASTER.

Well, mother, you have come to see
The lilies blow,
And I am glad to sit with you
An hour or so.
Yes, I am better, mother dear,
And soon shall be
Quite strong and well and free
As you are me.

Remember, mother, how you said
That Easter day
Would bring the lilies and the spring
And I should say
Farewell to pain and weariness
And sickness, too,
And I should be as well as you
And strong as you?

Ah, mother, mother, look at me!
Can you not see
That I am changed? Can you not guess
What this may be?
Why do you look so strangely now?
Why do you start?
Why do you shrink away and grow
So pale apart?

Mother, I know! I know! I know!
Why you are here!
Why you have come to see the lilies
Blow this year!
Why you have left your household cares
And come to me!
Why you are sitting by my chair
And not by tea!