#### A Government Official.

By IAN MACLAREN, Author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," Etc. (Copyright, 1895, by John Watson.) 

rate in speech, so precise in manner as my When he took his bath in the morning I knew it was half past 7, and when he rang for hot water that it was a Until a quarter past he moved about his room in his slow, careful dressing, and then everything was quiet next door till half-past 8, when the low murmur of the Lord's prayer concluded his devotions. Two minutes later he went downstairs-if he met a servant one could hear past 9 he went upstairs and changed his coat, and he spent five minutes in the lobby selecting a pair of gloves, brushing his hat and making a last survey for a speck of dust. One glove he put on opposite the hat stand, and the second on the doorstep, and when he touched the pavement you might have set your watch by 9:30. Once he was in the lobby at five and twenty minutes to

10, distressed and flurried. "I cut my chin slightly when shaving," he explained, "and the wound persists in bleeding. It has an untidy appearance and a drop of blood might fall on a letter."

The walk that morning was quite broken, and before reaching the corner he had twice examined his chin with a handkerchief and shaken his head as one whose position in life was now uncertain.

"It is nothing in itself," he said after-ward, with an apologetic allusion to his anxiety, "and might not matter to another man. But any little misadventure a yesterday's collar or a razor cut, or even an inky finger-would render me helpless in dealing with prople. They would simply look at the weak spot and one would lose all authority. Some of the juniors smile when I impress upon them to be very careful about their dress—quiet, of course, as becomes their situation, but unobjectionable. With more responsibility they will see the necessity of such details. I will remember your transparent sticking plaster-a most valuable sug-

His name was Frederick Augustus Perkins; so ran the card he left on my table a week after I settled in the next room, and the problem of his calling gradually became a standing vexation. It fell under the class of conundrums, and one remembers from childhood that it is mean to be told the standard to the control of the the answer, so I could not say to Mr Perkins—for it was characteristic of the prim little man that no properly constituted person could have said Perkins— "By the way, what is your line of things?" or any more decorous rendering of my cu-

Mrs. Holmes, who was as a mother to Mr. Perkins and myself, as well as two younger men of literary pursuits and irregular habits, had a gift of charming irrelevance, and was able to combine allusions to Mr. Perkins' ordinary life and the amatory tendencies of a new cook in a mostic of arthyllbre interest.

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"No, Betsy Jane has 'ad her notice and goes this day week; not that her cookin's bad, but her brothers don't know when to leave. One was 'ere no later than last night, though if he was her born brother, 'e 'ad a different father and mother, or my name ain't 'Olmes. 'Your brother, Betsy Jane,' says I, 'ought not to talk in a 'strange' ouse on family affairs till 11 o'clock.'

"E left at 'alf past 10 punctual,' says she, lookin' as hinnocent as a child, 'for I 'eard Mr. Perkins go up to 'is room as I was lettin' Jim out.'

"Betsy Jane,' I says, quite calm, 'where do you expect to go to as doesn't know wot truth is?' for Mr. Perkins leaves 'is room has the 'all clock starts on 11, and 'e's in 'is bed room at the last stroke. If she 'adn't brought in Mr. Perkins she might 'ave deceived me, gettin' old and not bein' quick in my hearing as I was, but that settled her

"'Alf past," went on Mrs. Holmes, scornasleep in 'is chair, being bad with hinflu-

in the morning and goes out, and comes in and takes 'is dinner, and goes to bed like the Medes and Persians, I've never seen 'is equal; an' it's five and twenty years since 'Olmes died, 'avin' a bad liver through takin' gin for rheumatics; an' Lizbeth Peevey says to me, 'Take lodgers Jemima; not that they pays for the trouble, but it 'ill keep an

'Mr. Perkins' business," it was shabby, but the temptation came as a way of escape from the flow of Mr. Helmes autobiography 'now that I couldn't put a name on, 'e never speaks about 'is affairs, just d evening, Mrs. 'Olmes; I'll take fish for breakfast tomorrow;' more than that, or an-other blanket on 'is bed on the 1st of No-vember, for it's by days, not cold, 'e goes." It was evident that I must solve the prob

lem for myself. Mr. Perkins c Mr. Perkins could not be a city man, for in the hottest June he never wore a white waistcoat, nor had he the swelling gait of one who made an occasional coup in mines and it went without saying that he did no write, a man who went to bed at 11 and whose hair made no claim to distinction. One's mind fell back on the idea of law—conveyancing seemed probable—but his face lacked sharpness, and the alternative of confidential clerk to a firm of drysalters was contradicted by an air of authority that raised observations on the bad weather to a level of a state document. The truth came upon me—a flash of inspiration—as I saw Mr. Perkins coming home one evening. The black frock coat and waistcoat, dark gray trousers, spottess linen, high, old-fashioned collar and stiff stock were a symbol and write, a man who went to bed at 11 and collar and stiff stock were a symbol and could only mean one profession. "By the way, Mr. Perkins," for this was



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come tax or stamps?"
"Neither, although my duty makes me familiar with every department in the civil service. I have the honor to be," and he cleared his throat with dignity, "a first class

posed in our office.

"No, that is a common mistake," in reply to my shallow remark; "the departments do not draw up their own forms, and in fact they are not fit for such work. They send us a memorandum of what their officials wish to ask, and we put it into shape.

"It requires long experience and, I may office the strength of the

really creditable schedule, one that will bring out every point clearly and exhaustively—in fact. I have ventured to call it a science"—here Mr. Perkins allowed himself to smile—"and it might be defined schedulology.

"Yes, to see a double sheet of foolscap divided into some twenty-four compartments.

each with a question and a blank space for the answer, is pleasing to the eye, very pleas-

"What annoys one," and Mr. Perkins be-came quite irritable, "is to examine a sched-ule after it has been filled and to discover how it has been misused—simply mangled. stairs—if he met a servant one could hear him say "Good morning"—and read his newspaper—he seldom had letters—till 9, and have an insane desire to write their when he rang for breakfast. Twenty past 9 he went upstairs and changed his but members of the civil service abuse the st admirable forms that ever came out of

> "Numerous? Yes, naturally so; and as governmental machinery turns on schedules they will increase every year. Could you guess, now, the number of different schedules under our charge?'

"Several hundred, perhaps."
Mr. Perkins smiled with much complacency "Sixteen thousand four hundred and four, besides temporary ones that are only used in emergencies. One department has now reached 1,202; it has been admirably organ-ized, and its secretary could tell you the sub-

ject of every form.
"Well, it does not become me to boast, but I have had the honor of contributing 220 myself, and have composed forty-two more that have not yet been accepted. "Well, yes," he admitted with much mod-

alight difficulty in breathing, but 1 am quite able to go to the office—in a cab. "You are most kind and obliging, but the schedule I am—it just comes and goes— thank you, no more water—is important and -intricate; no one-can complete it-except

"With your permission I will rise—in a few minutes—10 o'clock, dear me—this is most unfortunate—not get down till 11—I must really insist—" But the doctor had come, and Mr. Perkins obeyed on one condi-

know; you see I am not a young person-nor nervous—thank you very much—quite so; pneumonia is serious—and double pneumonia dangerous—I understand—no, it is not that—one is alarmed at my age, but—yes, I'll lie down—letter must go to office—dictate it to my friend—certain form—leave of absence, in fact—trouble you too much—medical certificate."

He was greatly relieved after this letter was sent by special messenger with the key of his desk, and quite refreshed when a clerk came up with the chief's condolences.

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"My compliments to Mr. Lighthead an excellent young official, very promising indeed and and would be step upstairs for a minute and will excuse this undress in circumstances are really I will not speak any more. "Those notes, Mr. Lighthead, will make

my idea quite plain • • and I hope to revise final draft • • if God will • • · my dutiful respect to the board, and kind regards to the chief clerk · it was kind of you to come, most thoughtful."

This young gentleman came into my room o learn the state of the case, and was much impressed.

"Really this kind of thing—Perkins gasping in bed and talking in his old-fashioned way—knocks one out of time, don't you know? If he had gone on much longer I should have

"Like him in the office? I should think so. You should have seen the young fellows today when they heard he was so ill. Of course we laugh a bit at him-Schedule Per-kins he's called-because he's so dry and



PERKINS LAY VERY STILL AND DID HIS BEST TO BREATHE.

"I have kept copies of the original | formal; but that's nothing. "An author? It is very good of you to gay so," and Mr. Perkins seemed much pleased with the idea, twice smiling to himself during the evening, and saying as we parted: "It's my good fortune to have a large and permanent circulation."

All November Mr. Perkins was engaged

with what he hoped would be one of his greatest successes.
"It's a sanitation schedule for the education department, and is, I dare say, nearly perfect. It has eighty-three questions on every point, from temperature to drains, and

will present a complete view of the physical condition of primary schools. "You have no idea," he continued, "what fight I have had with our Head to get it hrough-eight drafts, each one costing three

lays' labor—but now he has passed it.
"'Perkins,' he said, 'this is the most exnustive schedule you have ever drawn up, and I'm proud it's come through the hands of the drafting sub-department. Whether I an approve it as Head of the publishing sub-"Do you mean that the same man would

pprove your paper in one department today

"Quite so. It's a little difficult for an outsider to appreciate the perfect order, per-haps I might say symmetry, of the civil service," and Mr. Perkins spoke with a tone of condescension as to a child. "The Head goes himself to the one sub-department in the morning and to the other in the afternoon, and he acts with impartiality.
"Why, rir"—Mr. Perkins began to warm

and grow enthusiastic—"I have received a letter from the other sub-department, severely criticising a draft he had highly commended in ours two days before, and I saw his hand in the letter—distinctly; an able re-view, too, very able indeed. "'Very well put, Perkins,' he said to me

himself; they've found the weak points; we must send an amended draft; and so we did, and got a very satisfactory reply. It was a schedule about swine fever, 972 in the Department of Agriculture. I have had the pleasure of reading it in public circulation when on

Does your Head sign the letters addressed

'Certainly; letters between departments are always signed by the chief officer." Mr. Perkins seemed to have found another illustration of public ignorance, and recognized his duty as a missionary of officialism. "It would afford me much pleasure to give you any information regarding our excellent system, which has been slowly built up, and will repay study, but you will excuse me this evening, as I am indisposed—a tendency to shiver which annoyed me in the office today." Next morning I rose half an hour late, as Mr. Perkins did not take his bath, and was not surprised when Mrs. Holmes came to my overflowing with concern and discon-

'E's that regular in 'is ways, that when 'Annah Mariar says 'is water's at 'is door at 8 o'clock, I went up that 'urried that I couldn't speak; and I 'ears 'im speaking to 'isself, which is not what you would expect of 'im, 'e being the quietest gentleman as

"Is Mr. Perkins ill, do you mean?" for Mrs. Holmes seemed now in fair breath, and Mrs. Holmes seemed now in fair breath, and was also given to comparative reviews.

"So I knocks and says, 'Mr. Perkins, 'ow are you feeling?' and all I could 'ear was 'temperance;' it's little as he needs of that, for excepting a glass of wine at his dinner, and it might be something 'ot before going to bed in winter—

"So I goes in," resumed Mrs. Holmes, "an' there 'e was sitting up in 'is bed, with

"an' there 'e was sitting up in 'is bed, with 'is face as red as fire, an' not knowing me from Adam. If it wasn't for 'is 'abits an' a catching of 'is breath you wud 'ave said drink, for 'e says, 'How often have the drains been sluiced last year?' "After which I went up to Mr. Perkins' room with-

cleared his throat with dignity, "a first class clerk in the schedule office."

"Our work," he explained to me, "is very important, and in fact, vital to the administration of affairs. The efficiency of practical government depends on the accuracy of the forms issued, and every one is composed in our office.

"No, that in a common mistake," in reply start.

"With all his little cranks, he knows his usiness better than any man in the department: and then he's a gentleman, d'ye see? could not say a rude word or do a mean thing to save his life—not made that way, in "Let me just give you one instance-show

you his sort. Everyone knew that he ought to have been chief clerk, and that Rodway's appointment was sheer influence. The staff was mad, and some one said Rodway need not expect to have a particularly good time. once. 'Mr. Rodway'-you know his dry manner, wagging his eyeglass all the time—'is our superior officer, and we are bound to render him every assistance in our power, or,' and then he was splendid, 'resign our commissions.' Rodway, they say, has re tired, but the worst of it is that as Perkin nas been once passed over he 'ill not suc

'Perhaps it won't matter, poor chap, said Lighthead, hurriedly, turning back and examining a pipe on the mantleplece, "do you think he is going to-I mean. has he a chance?" "Just a chance, I believe. Have you been long with him?"

"That's not it-it's what he's done for a-Strangers don't know Perkins. You might talk to him for a year, and never hear anything but shop. Then one day you get into a hole, and you would find out another Perkins. 'Stand by you?" and he wheeled round.

"Rather, and no palaver either; with money and with time and with-other things that do a fellow more good than the whole concern. our office has cause to-bless Schedule Per-

"Let me tell you how he got-one chap out of the biggest scrape he'ill ever fall into. Do you mind me smoking?" And then he made himself busy with matches and a pipe that was ever going out for the rest of the

"Well, you see, this man, clerk in our office, had not been long up from the country, and he was young. Wasn't quite bad, but he couldn't hold his own with older fel-

"He got among a set that had suppera their rooms, and gambled a bit, and he lost and borrowed, and—in fact, was stone broke. "It's not very pleasant for a fellow to sit in his room a week before Christmas and know that he may be cashiered before the holidays, and all through his own fault. "If it were only himself, why, he might

take his licking and go to the colonies, but it was hard—on his mother—it's always going out—this pipe—when he was her only son, and she rather—believed in him. "Didn't sleep much that night-told me the best way out was to buy opium in the

city next day, and take it-pretty stiff dose. you know-next night. "Cowardly rather, of course, but it might be easier for the mater down in Devon-his mother, I mean—did I say he was Devon? same county as myself—affair would be hushed up, and she would have—his mem-

ory clean. "As it happened, though, he didn't buy any opium next day-didn't get the chance for Perkins came round to his desk and asked this young chap to have a bit of din-

"He had the folliest little dinner ready you ever saw, and he insisted on the fellow smoking, though Perkins hates the very smell of 'baccy, and—well, he got the whole trouble out of him, except the opium.

"D'ye think he lectured and scolded? Not bit-that's not Perkins-he left the fool a bit—that's not Perkins—he left the fool to do his own lecturing, and he did it stiff. I li tell you what he said: 'Your health must have been much tried by this anxiety, so you must go down and spend Christmas with your mother, and I would venture to suggest that you take her a suitable gift. "'With regard to your debt, you will al-low me,' and Perkins spoke as if he had been explaining a schedule, 'to take it over, on two conditions—that you repsy me by in-stalments every quarter, and dine with me every Saturday evening for six months.'
"See what he was after? Wanted to
keep—the fellow straight, and cheer him up; and you've no idea how Perkins came out those Saturdays—capital stories as ever you

heard-and he declared that it was a pleasur to him.
"'I am rather lonely,' he used to say, 'and

it is most kind of a young man to sit with me.' Kind!"

"What was the upshot with your friend? Did he turn over a new leaf?"

"He 'ill never be the man Perkins expects, but he's doing his level best, and—is rising in the office. Perkins swears by him, and that's made a man of the fellow.

"He's paid over the cash new, but—he can never pay up the kindness—confound those wax matches, they never srike—he told his mother last summer the whole story.

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"She wrote to Perkins—of course I don't know what was in the letter—but Perkins had the fellow into his room. "You ought to have regarded our transaction as confidential. I am grieved you mentioned my name,, and then as I—I mean as the fellow—was going out, "I'll keep that letter beside my commission," said Perkins.

"If Perkins dies"—young men don't do

"If Perkins dies"—young men don't do that kind of thing, or else one would have thought—"It 'ill be—a beastly shame," which was a terrible collapse, and Mr. Geoffrey Lighthead of the Schedule department left the house without further remark or even the house without further remark or even shaking hands.

That was Wednesday, and on Friday morning he appeared, flourishing a large blue envelope, sealed with an imposing device, marked "On Her Majesty's Service," and addressed to

"Frederick Augustus Perkins, Esq.,
First Class Clerk in the Schedule Depart-ment. Somerset House, London. ment. Somerset House, London. an envelope any man might be proud to receive and try to live up to for a week.

"Rodway has retired," he shouted, "and we can't be sure in the office, but the betting is four to one—I'm ten myself—that the board has appointed Perkins chief clerk," and Lighthead did some steps of a triumphal character.

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the board had met. "There's a letter their
monuts wish taken at once to Mr. Perkins.
Can any of you deliver it at his residence?"
Then the other men looked at me, because—
well, Perkins has been friendly to me, and
that hansom came very creditably indeed.

"Very low, eh? Doctor afraid not last
over the night—that's hard lines—but I say,
they did not reckon on this letter. Could
not you read it to him? You see this was
his one ambition. He could never be secretary, not able enough, but he was made for
chief clerk. Now, he's go it, or I would
not have been sent out skimming with this
letter. Read it to him, and the dear old
chap will be on his legs in a week."

It seemed good advice, and this was what
I read, while Perkins lay very still and did

read, while Perkins lay very still and did his best to breathe:
"Dear Mr. Perkins—I have the pleasure to inform you that the board has appointed you chief clerk in the Schedule department in succession to Gustavus Rodway, esq., who succession to Gustavus Rodway, esq., who retires, and their honors desire me further to express their appreciation of your long and valuable service, and to express their earnest hope that you may be sptedily restored to health. I am, your obedient servant, ARTHUR WRAXALL, Secretary."

For a little time it was to much for Mr. For a little time it was too much for Mr Perkins, and then he whispered: "The one thing on earth I wished, and-

more than I deserved—not usual, persona references in Board letters—perhaps hardly regular—but most gratifying—and—strength

"I feel better already—some words I would like to hear again—thank you, where I can reach it—nurse will be so good as to read Mr. Perkins revived from that hour, hav ing his tonic administered at intervals, and astonished the doctors. On Christmas eve he had made such progress that Lighthead

was allowed to see him for five minutes.

"Heard about your calling three times a day—far too kind with all your work—and the messages from the staff—touched me to heart—never thought had so many friends—wished been more friendly myself.

"My promoting too—bore may be fit for "My promotion, too—hope may be fit for duty—can't speak much, but think I'll be spared—Almighty very good to me—chief clerk of schedule department—would you mind saying Lord's prayer together—it sums So we knelt, one on each side of Perkins' bed, and I led with "Our Father"—the other two being once or twice quite audible. The choir of a neighboring church was singing a Christmas carol in the street, and the Christ came into our hearts as a little

AN OLD LOVE ENTIER.

Parson to His Affianced. The old parsonage in which Parson Williams lived in East Hartford for fifty-five years is well known to Hartford people, says the Hartford Courant. This letter was written to the young widow who became the old minister's second wife. His first wife was his cousin, the daughter of Rector Elisha Williams, president of Yale college The letter is not quite as affectionate as the old Puritan love letters of John Winthrop. but there is a delicacy and courteousnes about it and enough love to make it inter

HARTFORD, May 3, 1777 .- Dear Madam

Nover did time pafs more flowly with me a Leaden age feems to roll on in every hour till the 12th of June; when by the Divine favor, & thro' your obliging goodnefs, I look to be made as happy as the prefent state of things will admit. I would indeed check impatient defires, and overeager expectation. considering the extraam uncertainty of all created Blifs, and as not knowing what a day nay bring forth; efpecially in this feafon of public calamity, & dark and doubtful expec-tion; yet with fubmifsive deference, may then hope the crowning my wiftes, and com letion of my outward felicity, in being per mitted to call you mine, and becoming moti intimately & inviolably yours; than which I have no greater ambition. • • • I laf vening returned from New Haven, extreamly fatigued, & exercifed with fome return of my late disorders owing to Riding hard and in bad weather, but hope forn to recruit, found your old acquaintance there & family well; O, how happy for me that you went not thither; referved by kind heaven, truft, to Blefs me & my family; and I hop not unhapy for you; not fo, to be fure, if all the Little in my power, can contribute to your comfort and fatification. Expect to go to New Haven again, the Laft week in this month, to attend another meeting of the corporation, if able; and mean-while to be employed in providing for the scholars in the neighboring Towns; fo that I am like to have very little time to attend my own concerns at prefent. • • • Wil a gracious Creator give you health and every blessing. • whatever others tell of a blind being that difpofes their hearts. I defpife their Low Images of Love; and to adopt the words of Andromache's Gal

adopt the words of Andromache's Galiant, I bave not a thought that relates to you, which I cannot with confidence befeech the all-seeing power to blefs me in may be be your perpetual guide and director, and ftill lead you on in the bright paths of unfullied Virtuz & peace this is an uncommon way of talking to Ladies; but you have a noblenefs of Spirit, which exalts you above being moved by the flatteries of parafites, whofe tongues are like jugglers' hands, and their brightnefs of addrefs ufed to gain attention & admiration, while they pafs falfe play upon the fair Sex my pafsion diffinterefted; which will make it my conftant endeavor that the object thereof my conftant endeavor that the object thereof

nay be as happy as pofsible;"

I wrote you immediately after my return I wrote you immediately after my return from you, which I Truft you have received \* \* \* and add no further Now, tho' I have a thousand things to say \* \* please to present due respects to your good mother and Brother and charming Sifter, Mrs. Cutshing, not exclusive of her worthy pariner & family \* \* and if you would favor me with a Line, acquainting me with your state of health &c. It would lay an additional obligation on him who is (my dearest. ional obligation on him who is (my deareft

madam) in all fincerity, & with utmoft ardor of affection, ever your's ELIPH'T WILLIAMS. To Mrs. Sarah Parfons, Waltham. How to Prevent Croup.

Some reading that will prove interesting to young mothers. How to guard against the disease. Croup is a terror to young mothers and to post them concerning the cause, first symp-toms and treatment is the object of this item. The origin of croup is a common cold. Children who are subject to it take cold very Children who are subject to it take cold very easily and croup 's almost sure to follow. The first symptom is hoarseness: this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgetten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy, for it contains nothing injurious.

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AS TO OFFICIAL BONDS.

Advantages of the Surety Company Bond Over the Personal Bond, OMAHA, Nov. 20 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Most questions of public concern have their day of discussion and settlement. Owing extreme embarrassment, and not infre-quently results in the wrecking of faithful financial failures in all parts of the country and well meaning officials. the problem of reliable security is now being onsidered. In some states even the law makers have taken notice of this matter. It is perhaps not generally known that a law was enacted at the last session of the Nebraska legislature authorizing guarantee companies to become sole surety in this state on any bond recognizance or other writing in the nature of a bond, in the same manner as natural persons may." The question of in-demnity for loss sustained by reason of acta of commission or of emission is an important one. The fact that security is required at all implies that the sureties, if approved, are, or at least ought to be, possessed of sufficient means to meet any possible

ing the life of the obligation. If this be not

so then the whole transaction mere matter of form and would better be abolished. How to determine the character of se-curity and to decide upon its adequacy in-volves considerations of more than ordinary moment. A first point of inquiry should he, are the sureties whose names appear on the document possessed of enough property to constitute good security? If not, the action to be taken is obvious. If, on the other hand, it appears that sufficient property is held it must be ascertained that the valuation placed upon it is reasonable; that it is free from incumbrance; that the owners are not burdened with personal debts and liabili-ties, and that they are not endorsers on notes nor signers, to any considerable extent, on other obligations involving liability to loss. Guarantee companies offer known security. They relieve the official whose important duty it is to approve bonds of the responsi-

bility incident to personal suretyship, of the necessity of inquiring into the affairs of his neighbor, and of the embarrassment of re-jecting seemingly good security. On the other hand, the standing of guarantee com-panies may be ascertained at any time, as they are required to make public full and complete statements showing their financial condition. These companies expect losses and collect a premium with which to pay them. Prompt adjustment is thus assured and since the company never rests until the offender is apprehended, society is rendered invaluable service. The reverse is true of personal bondsmen. They regard the signing of a bond as a mere matter of form, do not cal-culate upon losses, are not prepared to pay them and usually try to evade payment. In addition to giving security, guarantee companies insist upon the adoption of correct

business methods, and of a rigid system of auditing in all public and private institutions where the officers and employes are and private institutions and employes are it follows that there is fraud.

Look backward, then, into the years, And see me here tonight—
See, O my darling! how my tears Are failing as I write; And feel once more upon your brow the particularly to those The kiss of long ago—You are too young to know it now, But some time you shall know. guaranteed by them. less opportunity for fraud.

While corporate bonds are While corporate bonds are highly satis-factory to those exacting security, the sys-tem commends itself particularly to those

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giving security. The latter may purchas

indemnity from a corporation and be re lieved of the disagreeable necessity of ask

ing friends to sign for them, and of the obli

gation in case they do so. A public official is commonly expected to favor those who be-

Few people are pleased to stand as secur-ity for the acts of others, especially when

they have no direct interest in the person and do not share in the emoluments of the position. Certainly no one who has given the

subject any consideration will hold that six or a dozen citizens in every community shall be liable for loss resulting from the

misdeeds of an official any more than a like number should bear the loss of public prop-erty destroyed by fire. H. A. WAGNER.

ITS MONEY GONE TO THE WINDS

Paid Firemen's Benevolent Associa-tion About Rendy to Disband.

There is a petition in circulation among

the members of the Paid Firemen's Benevo-

lent association in favor of the disbandment

of the organization on account of the financial

reserves ...ch have been discouraging.

The funds of the association have been depleted by several misfortunes, as well as by the injudicious management, and there is a strong sentiment among the members in

favor of throwing up the sponge and dividing whatever can be saved from the wreck. There are a number of the members, how-

ever, who are opposed to the plan and declare that it is intended to relieve the treasurer and his bondsmen of accountability for the

failure. It is said that one of the officers of

the defunct bank was one of the principal bendamen for the treasurer and that the en-

tire funds of the association, aggregating about \$2,000, were placed in this bank against

the advice of some of the older members, who wanted the funds divided between two or three different banks. A meeting of the association will probably be called to consider the situation and decide the question of dis-

Eugene Field.

Last night, my darling, as you slept
I thought I heard you sigh,
And to your little crib I crept,
And watched a space thereby;
And then I stooped and kissed your brow,
For ch! I love you soYou are too young to know it now,
But some time you shall know.

Some time when in a darkened place
Where others come to weep.
Your eyes shall look upon a face
Calm in eternal sieep;
The voiceless lips, the wrinkled brow,
The patient smile shall show—
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