

Spring

The spring comes linking and jinking
through the woods,
Opening wi' gentle hand the bonnie
green and yellow buds—
There's flowers and showers, and sweet
songs o' little bird,
And the gowan wi' his red croon peeping
thro' the yird.
The hail come rattling and brattling
sne! an' keen,
Danding and blanding, though red set
the sun at e'en;
In bonnet and wee loof the weans kep
and look for mair,
Dancing thro'ther wi' the white pearls
shining in their hair.
We meet wi' blythetome an' kythesome
cheerie weans,
Daffing and laughing far a-doon the
leafy lanes,
Wi' gowans and butter cups busking the
thorny wands,
Sweetly singing wi' the flower branch
waving in their hands.
'Boon a' that's in thee, to win me, sunly
Spring!
Bright clouds and green buds, and songs
that the birdies sing;
Flower-dappled hill-side and dewy beech
are fresh at e'en;
Or the tappie-toorie fir-tree shining a' in
green—
Bairnies, bring treasure and pleasure
mair to me,
Stealing and spelling up to fondle on
my knee!
In spring time the young things are
blooming sae fresh and fair,
That I canna, Spring, but love and bless
the ever mair.

—William Miller.

Reveries

Life seems so hard at times, and I
Fain would drop all its burdens with a
sigh;
And sink to eternal rest,
Where endless sleep should stand with-
out
And guard from conquered's groan and
victor's shout
That seemeth best.
But life is all a sea, swept by the
storms,
Upon whose bosom are tossed the
furies
Of souls overcome by fear.
Beyond the distant harbor surely his,
Where all is bright and the wailing
sighs
Of earth, I will no longer hear.
So then in faith I'll set the sail once
more;
And with undaunted heart steer for the
shore
Of that divinest rest,
Where after life has been endured
complete.
'Tis only joy and happiness I shall
meet.
'Ah, this is best.

F. B. McEwen, father of Mrs. Righter
and Mrs. W. B. Hargreaves, died yester-
day at 5 a. m. at the residence of Dr.
Righter. Funeral Sunday at 3 p. m.
from the residence.

There is to be an engagement extra-
ordinary at the First Congregational
church next Wednesday evening, in the
nature of a leap year party. The men
of the congregation say they will give a
church supper and entertainment that
will surpass the wildest dreams of any
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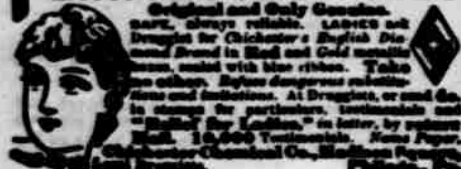
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