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A GLANCE AT LIFE'S BRIGHT SIDE.

What thing of love is there of greater worth
Than some fond fam'ly group, where all
combine
To make their hearth a little heav'n on
earth;
The sweetest spot on which the sun can
shine?

Each seeking first the others to inspire
With pleasant words and deeds of hope
and joy;
Each aiming with an earnest, pure desire,
Their time and gifts the best way to em-
ploy.

The father here is honored as the head,
His counsel is revered as law and light;
While he, in turn, by light from heav'n is
led,

That all may think and act and see aright.

No chaos here; the mother in her place,
Sits as a queen, her husband's joys to
share;

While ev'ry child with laughing, merry face,
Adds lustre fresh to bless the happy pair.

J. O.

"THY WILL BE DONE."

AN INTERESTING development has appeared in Scotland in connection with landlordism, a question that has so long hung and twisted around the neck of unhappy Ireland to the point of strangulation. The situation, so far as relates to the placing of the poor under the iron heel of petty oppression, is as unbearable in Caithness, in the north highlands of Scotland, as on the Emerald Isle. The victimized tenants of that section of the British Isles have been agitating the advisability of applying remedial measures. A numerously attended meeting was held in the town of Murkle for the purpose, last month.

It was proposed that the parties aggrieved should themselves decide what was a fair rent, and if the landlords refused that, the "plan of campaign" should be adopted.

If such a resolution had been carried the struggle in Ireland would—in proportion to the area

covered—be tame to what would have ensued in Caithness. The people are strong, robust, hardy and resolute to the verge of stubbornness. Fortunately they are slow to adopt revolutionary methods, but whatever course they resolve upon they stand by. Such a proposition in an Irish assemblage convened for a similar purpose would have been carried with a whoop and a whirr, they being of a more spasmodic and volatile disposition.

A gentleman named Donald Miller presented another resolution, which was seconded by Mr. John Swanson. It is in every respect novel, and its unanimous adoption by the meeting was but another of the many evidences the race to which they belong have given of the strong religious sentiment that has permeated them for generations. We herewith give it as published in the Dundee Journal of Jan. 19th:

"That this meeting resolves to adopt a new plan of campaign. After taking full consideration of all the legitimate means used for the benefit of the masses of humanity in connection with the land question, we consider that these means have utterly failed; therefore we resolve to try a remedy which we are certain shall not fail—that is, prayer; so we pray that the landlords may be taken away or convinced of the awful miseries that they are pouring out on their fellow beings. Further, let the will of our great Maker be done."

The mover followed up the presentation of his resolution with a strong speech in support of it, in the course of which he said:

"We will no longer trust in horses or men's sons, nor in the arm of flesh, but we will trust in Him who is able and willing to deliver us out of the mouths of lions and from the paws of bears. So our determination must be to pray for our enemies and them that despitefully use us. You all know that when the Israelites prayed for their enemies they were either taken away

from them or their enemies' hearts were changed in their favor; so, I doubt not, if we come with a true heart and penitent feelings, that we will be heard, for He says, "Call on Me in the time of trouble, and I will deliver you," and a more troublous time than the present never was since the memory of man. There is distress on every hand, first by the amalgamation of land, and now by the amalgamation of the pavement works; but notwithstanding all these perplexities and troubles, our salvation is nigh. An account has been given, which possibly you have all seen, concerning a very bad landlord, his tenants being sorely harassed by him. Well, three of their number appointed a day that they might pray together for him, because of the tyranny they endured. Each one went to his own separate place for secret prayer; two of them prayed that he might be changed and converted, whilst the prayer of the third was—"Thy will be done." Well, they came together to see if any answer was given. The first got no answer, but the third said, "I have got the answer; he is away out of this world, and will not trouble his tenants any more." So, friends, I consider we should appoint a night that we should meet together for prayer in behalf of ourselves and the landlords, and just resign them and ourselves to the will of the Most High, and His will shall be done; and further, that we shall give due notice to all the ministers and elders of the two parishes, that they may come and help us on this very important matter. We have six ministers in the parish of Thurso and three in the parish of Orlig, with not a few elders; and I know that if asked to join us they will rally to a man, because the staff of bread is at stake and hazard in the district."

The comparing of the tyrannical landlords to devouring lions and tearing bears is forcible rhetoric under the circumstances. The resolution would imply that the proposed appeal to the Lord of hosts is not a legitimate process, it being asserted the former is resorted to because of the miserable failure of the latter. This is questionable. When a people who believe in the power