



## ABIDE WITH ME.

Abide with me, O Lord, thou must not  
leave me, for life's brief day is now far down  
the way;  
darkening clouds my sun are sinking  
low,  
Lord stay and soothe thy fretted child  
to rest.

Abide with me; ere I can fall on sleep  
my throbbing head must on thy  
bosom recline,  
and I must hear anew thy voice, and  
feel  
the thrill of the pierced hands in  
touch with mine.

Abide with me; so then shall I have  
peace  
The world can never give nor take  
from me  
For life nor death can that calm peace  
disturb  
For life and death alike are gain  
through thee.

Life is well; for though in paths of  
pain  
I tread, yet place afar I am led aside,  
and here 'tis joy my master's cup to  
share.  
I pray, O Lord, with me abide.

No gain if death; for in that far off  
land—  
No longer far—no veil of flesh will  
dim  
me the wondrous beauty of my  
king,  
and he abides with me, and I with him.

Abide with me; I have told gladly on  
a little while, in strife of care and  
strife,  
The task is laid aside at thy command,  
and thou art perfect with thy perfect  
life.  
—Selected.

## THE SNOWS OF YESTERDAY

Wonder in what Isle of Bliss  
Apollo breathes ambrosial air,  
what green valley Artemis  
For young Rhodope spreads the  
star.

Where Venus lingers debonaire;  
The wind has blown them all away,  
and Pan lies piping in his lair—  
Where are the gods of yesterday?

Where the great Semiramis  
Lies in a rose-bed tomb, and where  
Alas! precious dust of Cæsar is;  
The Cleopatra's yellow hair;  
Where Alexander's Do and Dare;  
The mind has blown them all away,  
a Red-head of the Iron Chain,  
Where are the dreams of yesterday?

Where does the Queen of Herod's kin,  
In Phryne in her beauty bare,  
Rhodope and Tamara,  
And Sappho and Campaspe fare,  
And Cleopatra the world's despair?  
The wind has blown them all away,  
and Helen, fairest of the fair,  
Where are the girls of yesterday?

For lo! the pair by pair  
The wind has blown them all away,  
and we seek them here and there.  
Where are the snows of yesterday?  
—Justin McCarthy.

## NOTES.

Berk Ibsen, the Norwegian author,  
is to keep his hair in disorder. "This  
will be his vanity," he always  
said. He has a little toilet case containing a  
brush and a comb, which are at-  
tached to the lining of his gray hat. He  
often removes his hat to look into  
the mirror to see how his hair is lying.  
It is not enough to say that he  
uses the comb to give it the  
right angle.

William Stearns Davis, whose two  
books, "A Friend of Caesar" and "God  
in the East," achieved such a prompt popu-  
larity two years ago, has another  
volume ready for the press.  
It will be published by the Macmillan  
company some time during the spring.  
It will be remembered that this au-  
thor's first successful novel was writ-  
ten before he graduated at Harvard  
and was considered an extraordinary  
achievement for a man of his years on account  
of the wide scholarship and reading  
which he had acquired in the preparation of the story.

The following is an estimate of the  
value of books contained in the large  
libraries in the world:

The National Library	3,000,000
British Museum Library (St. Peters- burg)	2,000,000
Library of Congress (St. Peters- burg)	1,500,000
Library of the Vatican	1,000,000
Library of the University of Berlin	700,000
Library of the University of Vienna	600,000
Library of the University of Leipzig	550,000
Library of the University of Halle	500,000
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