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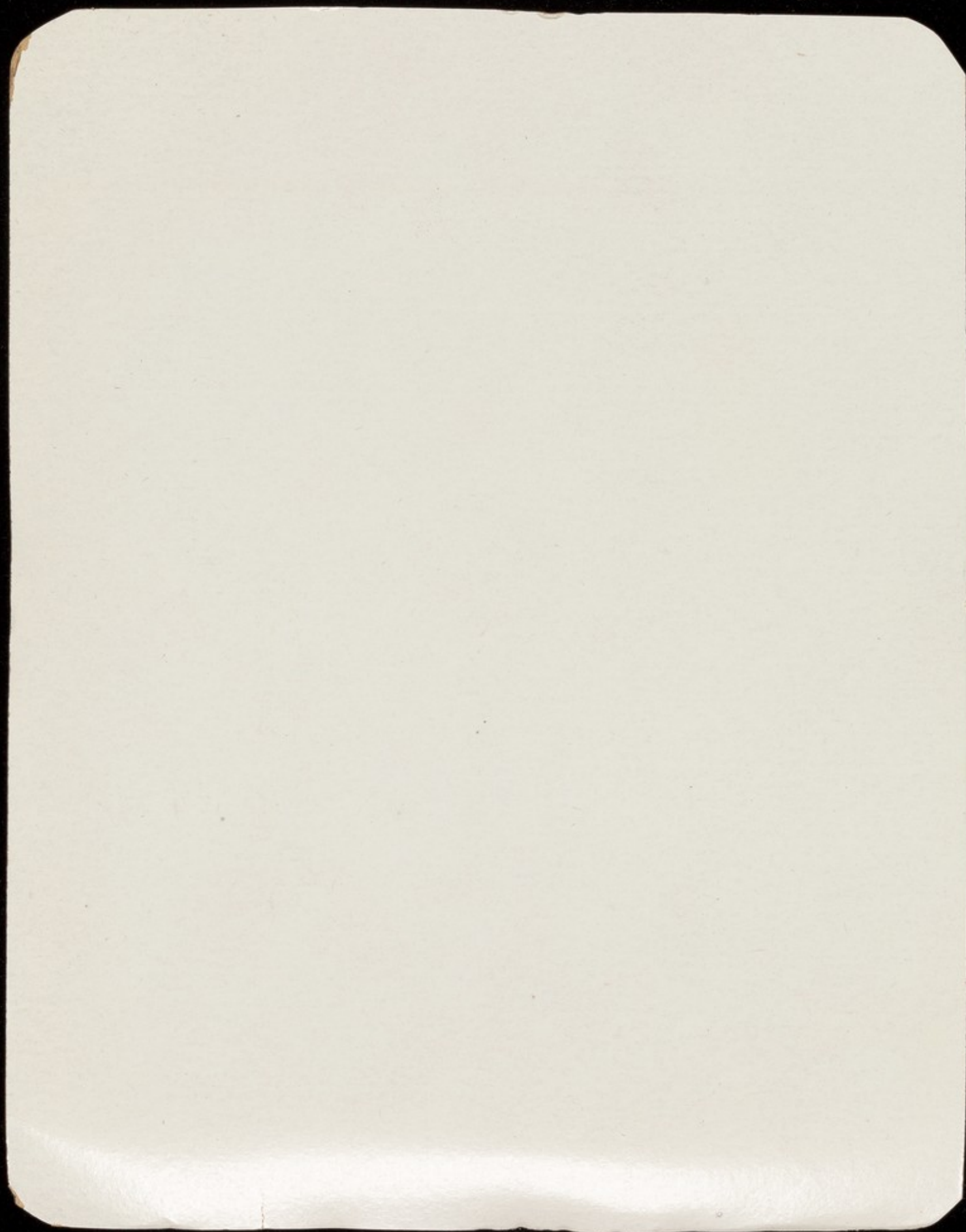
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Fraught with blessings may thy Christmas be



The pearl of Charity is yet      And every bosom where 'tis set  
The Christian's purest, fairest gem      Serves well the "Star of Bethlehem".





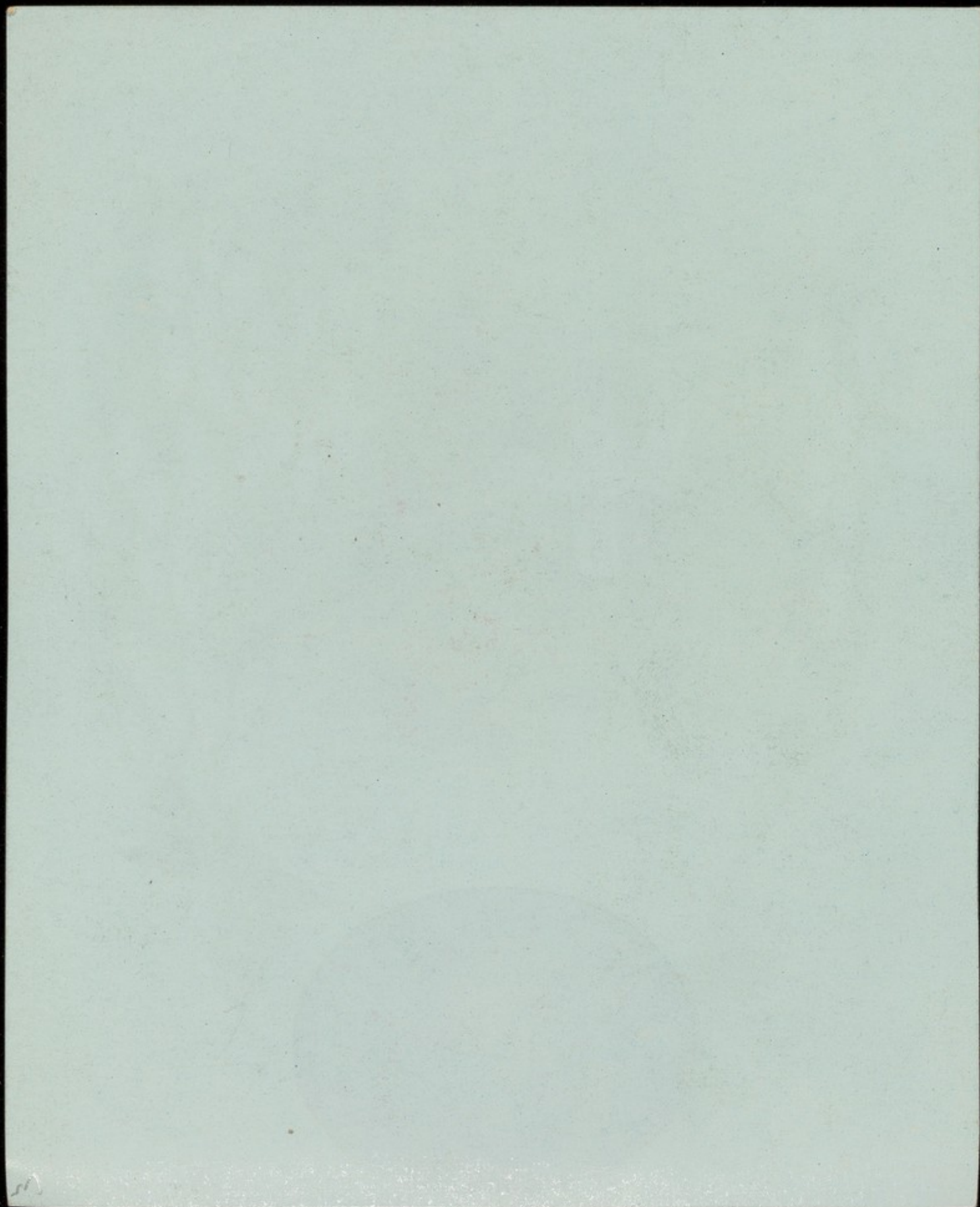


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...Brightest hopes  
and lightest fears."

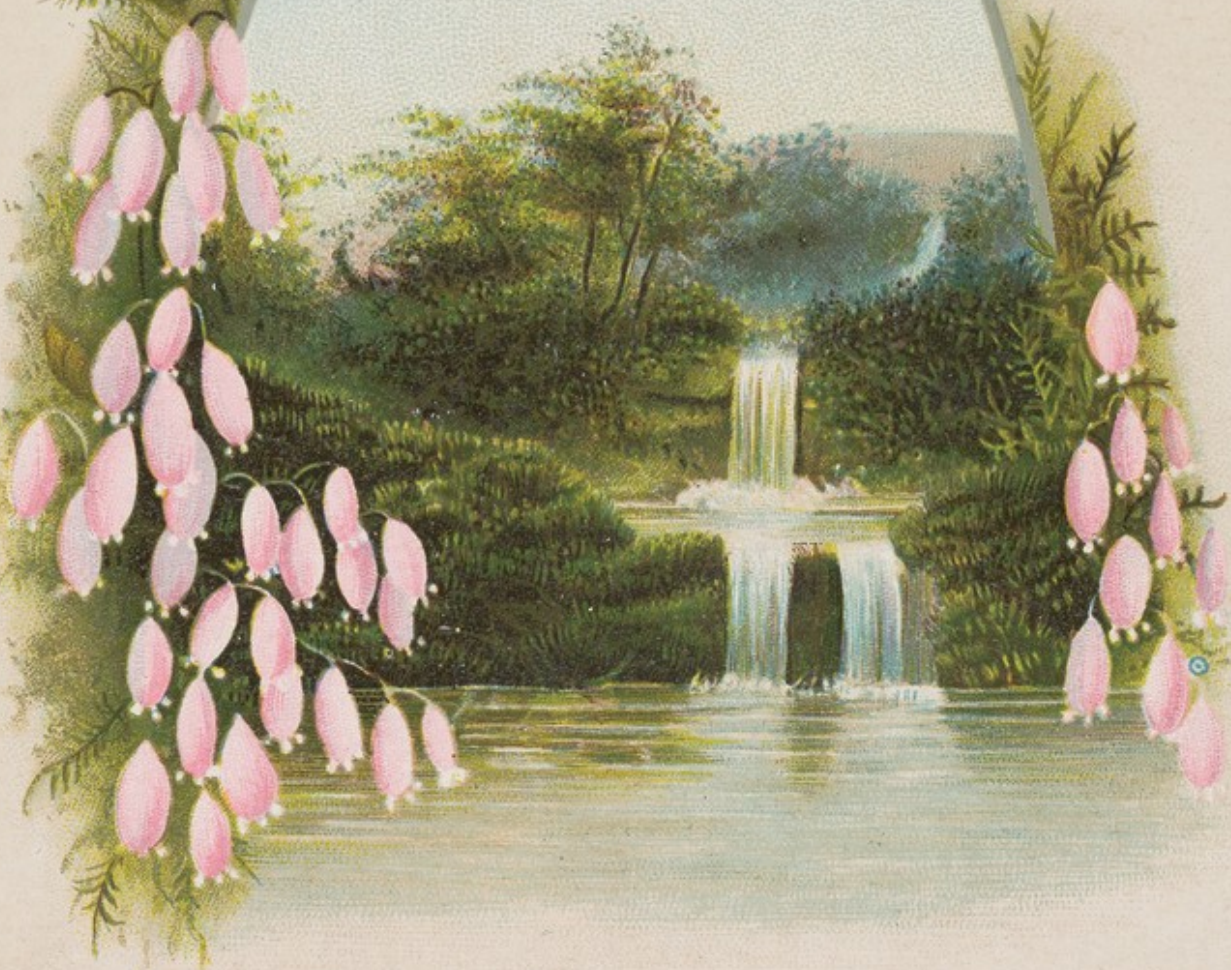
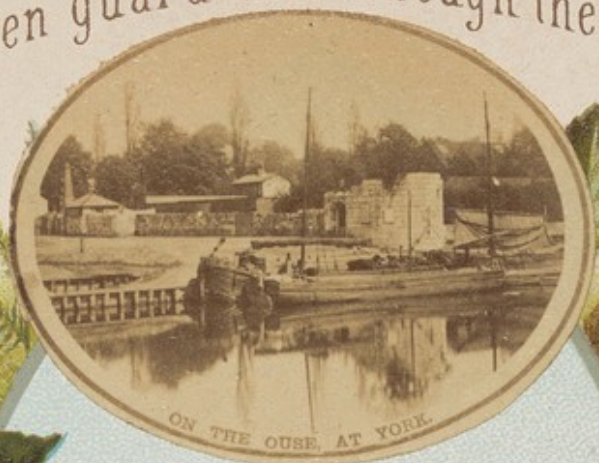
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Heaven guard thee through the New Year.

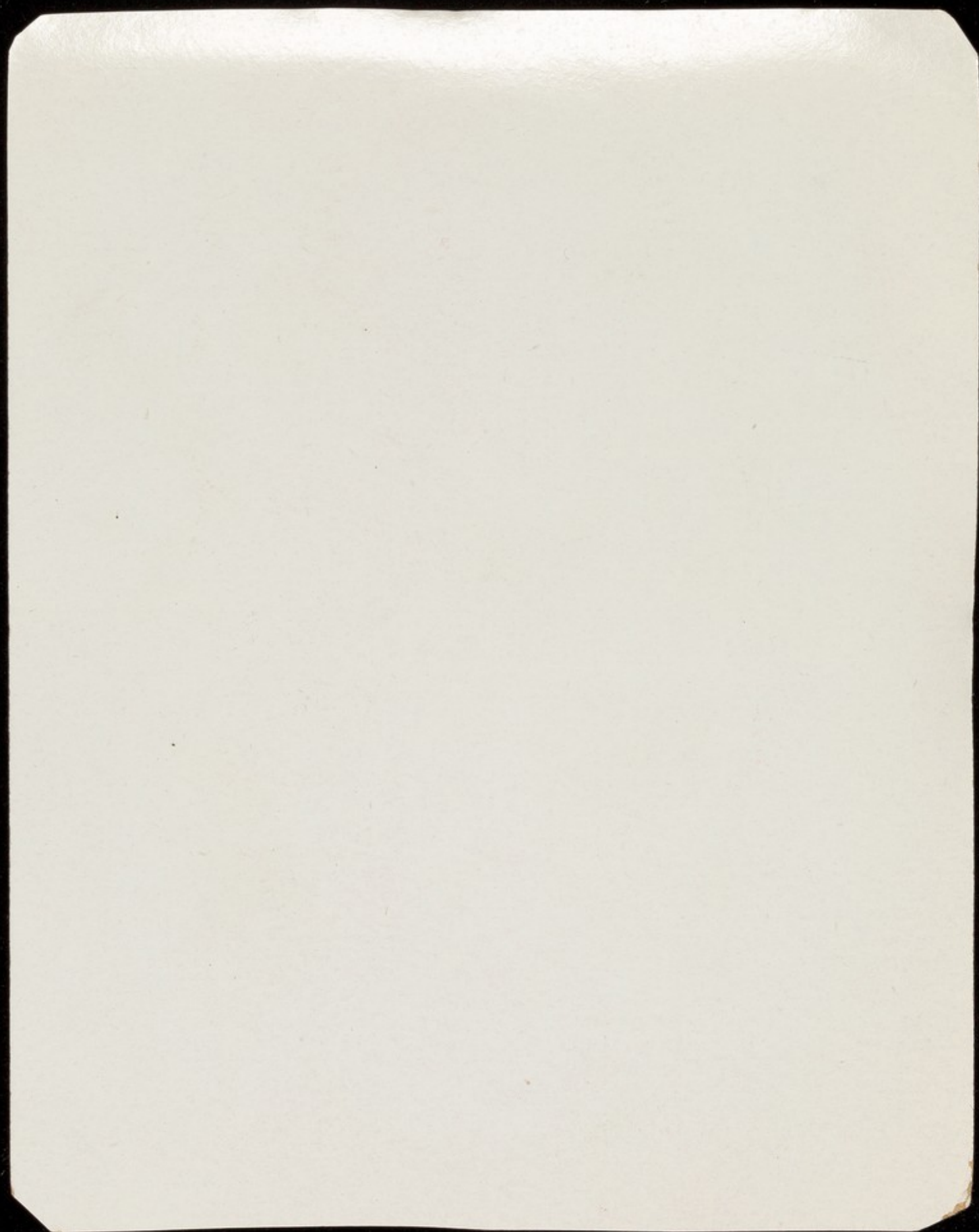


Let us then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait.

Davidson Brothers

Longfellow








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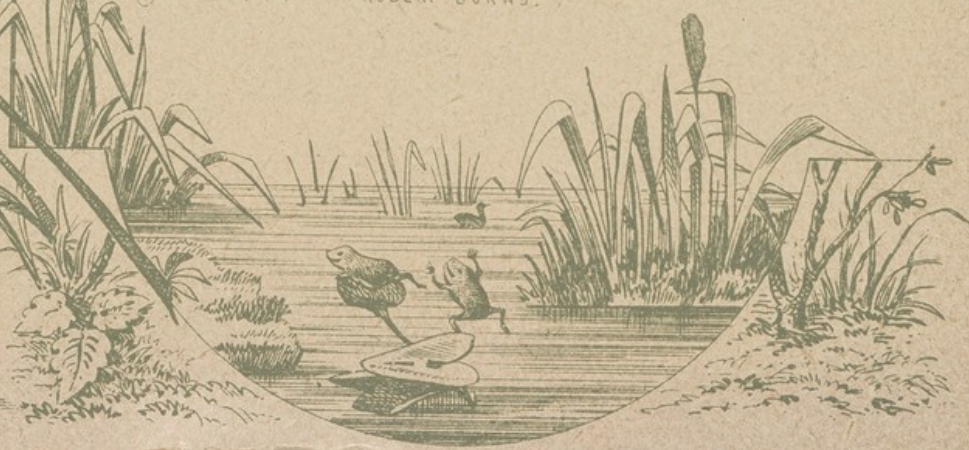


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THOUGH STARS IN SKIES MAY DISAPPEAR  
AND ANGRY TEMPESTS GATHER,  
THE HAPPY HOUR MAY SOON BE NEAR  
THAT BRINGS US PLEASANT WEATHER,  
THE WEARY NIGHT O' CARE AND GRIEF  
MAY HA'E A JOYFU' MORROW,  
SO DAWNING DAY HAS BROUGHT RELIEF  
FAREWELLOUR NIGHT O' SORROW!

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Mrs Mill  
George Hotel  
Buxton



I have  
have a number  
reasons for my  
long silence. but I was  
done for the best reply  
the circumstances but  
nevertheless  
forget  
you

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Mrs Mill  
The George Hotel  
Buxton



Please  
give a card  
to Perez, Annie, William  
& Arthur, William & you  
must make one of them.  
You, but you must all share in  
the good wishes & affection, hoping  
you have had a good season, are  
all in good health, that you  
may spend a merry Christmas  
& a happy New Year,  
is the wish of your  
affectionate  
Sister  
Anne

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Mrs Mill  
Carlisle House  
Broad Walk  
Buxton







so much to be thankful for to  
the giver of all good, and I  
must not forget to tell you how  
much I owe to the dear old  
Ellen, that of my pen has made  
back in other ways. I don't think  
clear. I don't think be her friend  
as well as of her Miss Bridges  
My future life seems to center  
in her, she is my heart's home  
here in this world. He & I are  
all one's hearts in him. He is  
absolutely the best, a saint  
to us, and he does all the  
care we give him, and all the  
riches & experiences he sends  
far outweigh the pains, sor-  
or bitterness we have at the  
part I can do nothing for  
for all. I don't know what  
there is in it. I could  
have done so well  
without



So his covenant is ordered in a  
thing, and I see, even the fail-  
ing of the mind, the knowledge  
of it, helps me to trust now, and  
I believe in the past, in the Lord's  
hand as well enabled me to live  
through that which I must  
have surely under, so it is you  
do all things work together  
for good to those who love the  
Lord hath chosen for his  
own Let my father & the rest  
know all this, tell him I have  
not forgotten my own father  
and what I never did, I never  
can, but live in hope of a happy  
meeting of not being in the home  
of the blessed, but tell him I  
have no power, nor do I wish  
to have, it is in better, more  
safe hands than  
mine



My dear sister Feb 28th 1866  
I do not know what could be a  
greater help to me & family of people  
than to feel you try to bear  
up bravely under what the Lord  
permits & of which we have no  
control; not only for my sake  
but your own. Your husband &  
family. as well as your large  
household. I comfort & helps  
me to ask this for you & yours  
but you must pray also & seek  
from above for your strength  
as well as the desire thus  
to live & endure patiently what  
is sent to us by Him who is  
to. we be told. "And who cloth  
and apparel willingly the children  
of men" Luke 3.33. <sup>even your</sup> is a test  
I ask for your father your stone but  
father died glad & at home  
Never think for one moment I can  
ever forget a child of our people -  
your mother who died in the land  
& left us to his sleeping in the  
full assurance of hope and as the  
child she was leaving us O Ephraim



on as Mr Fancher had learned  
on his death bed. I hope  
these orphans I suggest counts  
from the birth from that day  
my father's last Will & Testament  
put his seal to the back. If  
it is so that my mother's children  
& poor Williams are excluded  
from enjoying them with the  
second family. Such a Will  
is as much below as  
the giving of Grandfather's Will  
to one small child. It is not  
legally worth a straw. Our  
father's trust is owing to our  
counties. Their and low. poor  
misguided Wm made himself  
necessary to our wages & so we  
shutted himself & his family  
to any legal claim or power  
but he must see to it that  
they are not left to suffer  
for their father's wrong doing  
We can claim the two thousand  
pounds of Mr. Thos with inter-  
est from 1830 which is allow-  
ing a broad margin to father  
on etc. etc.

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According to my (dear) my  
our claim is partly for eight  
thousand on what your father  
has left, & near behind he  
could make any distinction be  
tween you, third & the younger  
family. It has been as a rule  
a punishment & grief to know  
he should have such a share  
on the memory of our darling  
mother, but the Lord will plead  
an error & restore to his own  
legitimate rights not only in  
this, but grandsons & grandchildren  
cents. But I suppose you know  
we are not the only sufferers  
by father's his wife & the  
the mother & family. His  
reparation can never be  
made to the widowed family  
of poor Mrs. Not only for what  
he suffered so cruelly for in  
his life, but his death & the  
reason to believe has hastened  
by a knowledge of what had  
be fallen



Mr. after he left England & since  
I think in common justice they  
have an equal right to a full  
show of whatever comes to us  
from whatever source. Beside all  
their father's appeal for his in-  
nocence & fidelity to me, his  
family must be in straight-  
ened circumstances by his death  
he always said if they had the  
advantage in position over us  
then. It comes by Mother's death  
but that we had expected for  
the future. They had no hope  
of us neither side were weak  
It is only the hope of what may  
come to them by us that helps  
me to rest in reference to that  
affair. I need not name other  
matters which it is my duty  
to think of I think Winthrop  
will know altho he has had  
no communication I could not  
guarantee that he is spared  
who will with others I am sure  
of all that is right to us as a  
family & to my wish as to the  
future of my own friends to  
whom he is so deeply indebted



I hope fathers & family are all  
well, but I do not want you to  
live as they do, but that you &  
yours may be of those whom the  
Lord can bless & save. That you  
may be a good being. God knows  
only knoweth. Let the word of  
God be read daily once if not  
William himself would do it. if  
you encouraged him, I am sure  
and let it be the rule & rule  
of each be from the head  
of the word. I hope my brother  
will do the same also in dis-  
tance. O you who are parents  
don't let your children have you  
to blame for a miserable life  
with a painful ending. If you  
would help me by doing what  
will be for the good of all that  
will bring to you its own reward  
& add to your happiness in every  
relation of life. I may add to  
your earthly & true. I think  
that is a fact which none  
can deny in the context of  
the two brothers Uncle <sup>Wm</sup> & Father



In every relation of life, & so  
ample time & good men they  
so it is said of such. The  
righteous shall be in constant  
ing remembrance. The thought  
of them & thoughts like  
a Tower of strength to me in  
my weakness not only in years  
long past but to the present  
My lonely position in life en-  
ables me to see & feel more deeply  
by the world of such needs &  
ties than may appear to others  
excepting poor Denmark. He  
can feel as I do. He can do  
less. And now my dear sister  
you & my brother Wm. Mill, in all  
that I say near your hearts & con-  
cerns your affairs. children &  
for there. Every day I beg you  
maybe led to make him your  
requests unto God in the name  
of the Lord Jesus. And my his  
blessing ever rest on you & yours  
with affection to every. Amen Will  
& Arthur yours O H M. your long sister  
M. A. Lanson



The Merchant, York. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1833  
My dear sister  
I received your Paper Yesterday, with  
thanks, and hope all the future  
will. And that the coming season  
may be a very good one, of fine  
settled weather and warm  
I send a copy of times by Miss  
Harrigill. because they are so true  
of my own experience. And some day  
they may be compared to you  
I am an old woman and you are  
comparatively young, with regard to  
my health and bodily condition of  
mind. It is all too wonderful to  
me to express (renewed strength,  
and restored mind) further than  
It is all the Lord's doing. And  
I leave you to understand how the  
Lord works by means, blessed thank  
and as what a cost may restoration  
had been brought about, of friends,  
and friends, to Dr. Baker & Dr. Banks  
but most of all I believe to Miss  
Parker's thing I need mention other  
prayers and all the Lord has made  
her to be to me. I believe



As all combined in the Lord's  
own hand. His almighty power  
and faith on my behalf in answer  
to the prayers His own. "The prayer  
of the righteous availeth much,  
saith the scriptures," beside all  
others have <sup>who</sup> suffered with me  
must not omit to remind you  
of the large share the Lord takes  
in all that can happen to his  
people. "Apprehend in all these  
afflictions," to say nothing of my  
own & thinking <sup>the</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>supposing</sup>  
of the past. It is plainly necessary  
for all concerned in my welfare  
to do nothing that will either  
injure the health of body or mind  
or retard progress in the desired  
end as to the future. Not only  
for the sake of Him who has  
made me His own to know him  
as such, but to others <sup>to</sup> whom  
my life is dear. For I am  
not my own now in any sense  
I can only live for others. If I  
am to be happy indeed I could

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not wish for life apart from the  
Lord and His, whom he has  
given me in so much love and  
mercy, for indeed so it is, I thank  
you to remember my father's family  
that I am not mindful of  
kindred ties, yet I cannot but  
I have to leave them in his hand  
our meeting in the future, I  
mean as to time. I am afraid  
to do, or even to have a wish  
in the matter contrary to that  
of those who are to have the  
care & guidance of me in the  
future, on whom my affections  
have pressed so heavily, the most  
bitter of all has that been to me,  
so that I cannot endure the bare  
thought of its recurrence to the one  
who has endured so much in so  
many ways, only I know for her  
that  
the Lord is all-sufficient. And  
He cannot but I could not bear  
up, but it is not myself, my own  
strength by which I live, so I remain  
but it is duty to all to know  
I am so deeply indebted to do any



thing to cause pain or anxiety  
on my account, and so the future  
must be entirely in the hands  
of those whom the Lord has  
been pleased to raise up for my  
help in his tender love & mercy.  
Our friends are in the Lord's hands  
and if you will try to live so as  
to have his blessing being with  
you all, I can leave the future en-  
tirely where it is, & leaving  
meetings for fifty years. I am all  
over so sad, so that not only  
for it as stated I must  
leave all for my own sake on  
account of health, tho I cannot  
think better, I trust the future  
will be much improved on care, but  
for that I have not one more  
word to say, of that rests with  
Mam's hand. I am so  
entirely the Lord's that so one  
with Him living in him, & for  
him alone. O it is that which makes  
all the difference between such  
the world, & to have health &  
strength. The past must be behind  
him, it is all in time & efforts me  
so



The secret of the Lord is with  
them that fear him Ps 25. 14  
Just to let thy father do  
what he will

Just to know that He is true  
and be still  
Just to follow him by howe  
as he leadeth

Just to show the mighty power  
as it needeth

Just to trust Him. this is all  
Then the day will surely be  
peaceful whatsoever befall  
Bright and blessed. calm and free  
Just to let them speak to thee  
through His Word  
Watching that His voice may be  
clearly heard

Just to tell Him everything  
as it rises

And as over to Him to bring  
all surprises

Just to listen and to stay  
where you cannot miss His voice  
This is all. and thus to stay  
communing you shall rejoice



Just to ask Him what to do  
All the day  
And to make you quick and true  
To obey

Just to know the needed grace  
He bestoweth  
Every bar of time and place  
Ourselves

Just to take thy orders straight  
From the Master our common  
Blessed day. when thus we wish  
Always at our Sovereign's hand

Just to receive His love  
Always true  
Always shining from above  
Always new

Just to recognize its light  
All enfolding

Just to claim its present might  
All upholding

Just to know it as thine own  
That no power can take away  
Is not this enough alone.  
For the glances of the day



Just to trust. and yet to ask  
guarantee still

Take the training on the table  
As He will

Just to take the loss again  
As He sends it

Just to take the joy again  
As He lends it

He who promised thee for his  
Will not miss His grace <sup>praise</sup> <sub>aim</sub>

So to day and all thy days  
Shall be moulded for the same

Just to leave in His dear hand

Little thing

All we cannot understand

All that stings

Just to let Him take the care

Sorely pressing

Trusting all we let Him bear

Charged to blessing

This is all, and yet the way

Marked by Him who loves the

Secret of a happy day <sup>best</sup>

Secret of His promised rest



Oh how hard done for me for me  
I have I had asked or thought  
I stand and marvel ~~at the thought~~  
What I have my Lord hard wrong  
and wonder what glad lessons yet  
I shall be daily taught  
Yet if it be Thy will dear Lord  
Oh send me forth to be  
Thy messenger to careful hearts  
Do bid them taste and see  
How good Thou art to those who care  
All all their care on Thee  
Caring those who have been  
kind to me here I would not  
Mrs Richardson Mr Martineau  
and others I may live to  
speak of in the future  
or you may hear of, the  
Lord has raised up so many  
in such unlooked for quarters  
I cannot forget one whom  
I have learned to love in these  
days more especially in all I  
have



May all  
blessings  
be thine.



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