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AND DOUBLY SWEET A BROTHERHOOD IN SONG."—KEATS.

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POETRY OF NEBRASKA

PAUL CUNNINGHAM.

BORN: CANADA, AUG. 10, 1846.

Two years after his marriage in 1868 to Miss Mary E. Seaman, Mr. Cunningham moved to Iowa, and the year following settled in Nebraska, where he now resides at Osceola. For two years he was city marshal. He has written one hundred poems.

NEBRASKA.

Now out here in Nebraska,
This land of lovely flowers,
I am glad that each can think
There is no land like ours.

Wild red men, too, since I came West,
Over these prairies run;
They robbed us of what bread we had,
And left our children none.

The buffalo, with curly pate,
And rough and crumpled horn,
Once was the monarch of our state,
Where now grows golden corn.

And now all over this fair land
Are homes and cities built,
Where once the Indian had command
And precious blood was spilt.

Great fields of flowing grain
Are by the white man tilled,
And in the Autumn many a crib
With golden ears is filled.

Now all our happy homes
 With plenty surely's blessed:
 Wars and rumors cease to be,
 And all is quiet rest.

A THUNDER STORM.

Hark! Thunder's rumblings seem to shake
 The raindrops from the sky;
 While lightnings from their chambers break
 And through the heavens fly.

This earth, on which we now do tread,
 To the center will be shook;
 The graves will then give up their dead,
 To meet what's in life's book.

O friend, how is thy soul?
 God's plan I know's complete;
 Earth rolls together as a scroll,
 And melts with fervent heat.

What will you say at last,
 When God says: Child, come home!
 Then Gabriel gives the awful blast,
 And God sits on His throne.

FRANCES E. TOWNSLEY.

BORN: ALBANY, N. Y., SEPT. 13, 1851.

She is pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Ashland, Nebraska. She has remarkable power of language and of much eloquence. She was licensed to preach in 1874, and has ever since been engaged in gospel work. Miss Townsley is a singer and a writer of prose and poetry, and her poems have appeared in the Youth's Companion and many of the leading periodicals of America.

WAITING.

"Wait for Trotty!" The childish pleading,
 Bird-like and sweet,