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## IN A VILLAGE.

### A POOR PLACE.

IT wasn't a place you'd care for much, it hadn't a  
noble air,  
Or a grand cathedral and stately close, where tourists  
would stand and stare.  
Its folk were no better than other folk, and more  
utterly lost to fame ;  
For no poet e'er passed from its doors and made for it,  
and himself, a name.

Yet whenever I hear of the old-fashioned spot—and  
" 'tis seldom enough," you say—  
A feeling comes over my heart as I sit in my home so  
far away,  
As the spirit of one who had ceased to be mine were  
hovering over me ;  
It isn't regret, or pride, or love, but a mixture of all  
the three.

When a lad from the county that holds that place  
shows prowess in school or play,  
Or a man from thence does a gallant deed makes  
earth ring out for a day,