

*sent J. D. Carpenter
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running away like a coward, though it did not seem as if I could ever look in your dear face again."

"Vera, leaning against the window sill, was conscious of the wisteria climbing all about her, its heavy purple blossoms throwing their sweetness on the air. She drew a long breath as if to fill herself with the fragrance of it—there was comfort in the flowers after all."

"I am going away to begin over again," Gerald continued, "and take courage from the strength you have given me this past hour. Perhaps I may never conquer myself, but I shall never cease to try. The thought that I have brought sorrow into your life drives me mad!" He paced the room restlessly.

"I would not have my life all sunshine," the girl said, vehemently, "and you have made me so very happy all these weeks, and now—now that you are going away I shall be happy still, knowing that you are going to reach up out of the darkness and be worthy of yourself."

"It is you who are pulling me up, dear."

"No, no! I will not have it so! It is your own better nature asserting itself and it will conquer in the end. And then—"

"And then?" the man began, eagerly, but would not let her answer. "Forgive me, dear, I will not let you be so generous."

"One cannot be too generous to those we love, Gerald."

"Ah, my dear, there was never any one like you, and the leaving you is like death." He hid his face in his hands.

The girl took some pansies out of a dish near by and put them into the lapel of his coat. Her fingers trembled so that she could scarcely fasten the flowers, but she spoke to him bravely.

"There is heart's ease for you, dear—a little sweetness and color to take away. You will write me your plans. I think I would like to have you go now."

The man held her hands and kissed them reverently.

"I may come back in a year, dear—it may be two or three. I want to leave you free to make your own life. I do not mean to make my fight with the hope of the reward that might come to me, but for the sake of my honor and manhood—the things you have roused in me."

"Gerald, dear, I—I cannot think beyond today. You seem to have come and to be going so suddenly. But I want you to go and—oh, my dear," she cried, flinging her arms about his neck, "I have such faith in you!"

The man held her for a moment, his dark head bent against her sunny hair.

"Good bye my little love," he said, "and God help me to be worthy of you."

The girl raised her head and looked steadily at him for a moment, her eyes glowing with the light of her high belief in him, then she slipped from his arms and turned away that she might not see him go from her.

A moment later she heard the door close and knew that he was gone. A great sob burst from her, but as if she felt that even yet she had no right to think of herself, she went rapidly into the sick room and knelt by the bed.

Her aunt opened her eyes and spoke feebly, "Has Gerald come?"

"He has been called away unexpectedly," the girl replied with an effort, "but the man I love will come back again."—The Story Teller.

Call for Fourth Annual Convention Nebraska State Irrigation Association.

To the People of Nebraska:

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association will be held in Lexington, Nebraska, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 19, 20 and 21, 1896.

The representation in said convention will be as follows:

The governor of the state will appoint twenty delegates at large.

The State Board of Agriculture the state labor commission, the State university and the university agricultural department, shall be entitled to ten delegates each.

All farmers' institutes, granges, county or local agricultural or horticultural societies in Nebraska, not herein otherwise provided for, ten delegates to each organization, to be chosen or appointed as the officers of the respective organizations named shall decide.

Each irrigation association larger than a county will be entitled to a delegation of all its officers and ten additional delegates.

Each local irrigation association will be entitled to a delegation of all officers and ten members.

Mayors of cities are requested to appoint ten delegates each, villages five delegates, presidents of boards of trade and commercial clubs five delegates each, private and denominational colleges, three delegates each, and every labor organization, local or state, shall be entitled to three delegates.

Every regularly organized Irrigation Ditch company shall be entitled to three delegates.

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A. G. WOLFENBARGER,
President Nebraska State Irrigation Association.

JAMES L. MCINTOSH,
Secretary.
LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 2, 1896.

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2—"Be still dar yo' rascals!'"



3—"Lawd! how de snow am fallin'."



4—"Can' hardly hol' 'em. Sakes libe but dis am hard luck."



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