

Our Women and Children

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We fondly cherish the memory of the late Josephine Silone-Yates who spent her life in the interest of the women of her race. Just before her death she contemplated the publication of a book of poems among which was the following gem, which we feel might appropriately be quoted in memory of the late Booker T. Washington.—L. S. E.

"Thou art at rest! no more, the stormy scenes of life, In which—a warrior bold—thou didst not fear the strife. The trumpet's blast, the call "To arms," For thee, brave soul, held no alarms!

Nor didst thou fear if rife the air with potents dire, Thy hopeful soul foresaw, beyond the gloom and mire, A breathing space—a talked-of age of peace! An age of light—from war, a rare surcease!

An age in which a race would mount and rise, To seek from Heaven that boon, that prize Which comes alone to those who conquer self. Yes, still we seek this prize, in spite of earthly pelf.

Therefore, rest on, brave soul, rest on, nor weep, Ye friends,—“He giveth His beloved sheep,” Although our eyes with tears are dim, “Thrice blest the dead, who die in Him!” And from the deep rolls in this glad refrain— “Reward is sure and Christ is gain!” Therefore, rest on brave soul, rest on.”

—J. S. Yates.

WHAT IS YOUR HOBBY?

Every woman ought to have some pet interest in life, outside of the everyday routine which composes her regular occupation. What is yours? Don't say you are too busy, too tired, too uneducated, too isolated, or too cramped in the crowded quarter of some great city. Nobody is so hampered by any of these handicaps as to be unable to find time for a hobby. And nobody who hasn't at least one hobby is getting all the enjoyment of life to which she is entitled.

The man who wishes to be strong continually lifts great weights. The would-be runner steadily practices running. The musician becomes

skilled in music by constant practice. So it goes in every department of life, in the heart and mind and soul, just the same as in the muscles and bones and nerves.

When a woman falls a prey to the treadmill of routine she is to be pitied, her self is beginning to decay. The best tonic for self is enthusiasm. The only sure developer of enthusiasm is a hobby, something in which you can take lively interest by way of relief from monotony. If you wish to keep young, and bright, and interesting, and enjoy and prolong your life, don't delay another day.

Get a hobby.—Ex.

JUST FOR A MOMENT.

Oh, just for a moment, when Christmas has come,

Sit down, little girl, little boy.

And silence the trumpet and muffle the drum,

Forget every doll, every toy—

Then think, in the stillness that fills all the room,

Of somewhere far over the sea,

Of hearts that are dumb in the sense of their gloom,

Of Christmas that never will be.

And just for a moment, you grown-ups, suppose

You return from the gladness at home,

Where candle shades give things the color of rose,

And then let your fancy roam

To homes that were once, and to hearths that are bare,

To children who know naught of glee—

Then just for a moment, in thought you will share

The Christmas that never will be.

So, just for a moment, suppose you and I

Agree on this deed we will do.

We'll think of the children who wonder and sigh

Of Christmases that they once knew;

We'll send them a prayer; we'll send them a thought,

And hope that we never may see

The days dipped from hell that of warfare have wrought

The Christmas that never will be.

—Wilbur D. Nesbit in Life.

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