

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Joaquin Miller
 Is it worth while that we jostle a brother
 Bearing his load on the rough road of life?
 Is it worth while that we jeer at each other
 In the blackness of heart?—that we war to the knife?
 God pity us all in our pitiful strife.

God pity us all as we jostle each other;
 God pardon us all for the triumphs we feel
 When a fellow goes down; poor, heart-broken brother,
 Pierced to the heart; words are keener than steel,
 And mightier, far, for woe and for weal.

Were it not well in this brief little journey
 On over the isthmus, down into the tide,
 We give him a fish instead of a serpent,
 Ere folding the hands to be and abide
 For ever and aye, in dust at his side

Look at the roses saluting each other;
 Look at the herds all at peace on the plain—
 Man, and man only, makes war on his brother,
 And dotes in his heart on his peril and pain—
 Shamed by the brutes that go down on the plain.

GOOD ADVICE.

Keep good company or none. Never be idle. If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth. Make few promises. Live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any. When you speak to a person look him in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue. Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speaks ill of you, let your life be so that none will believe him. Ever live, misfortune excepted, within your income. When you retire to bed, think over what you have been doing during the day. Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Small and steady gains give competency with tranquillity of mind. Avoid temptation, through fear that you may not withstand it. Earn money before you spend it. Never run in debt, unless you see a way to get out again. Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Never speak ill of any one.

BIT OF WISDOM FOR TODAY

For let a man once show the world that he feels
 Afraid of its bark, and 'twill fly at his heels;
 Let him fearlessly face it—'twill leave him alone
 But 'twill fawn at his feet—if he flings it a bone!

—Lytton.



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