

to secure a home for her and not for himself alone? Yet she had never once thought of forgiveness before. There were only three people in the world that knew the awful secret. Mr. White, Gerald, and herself. Still—a thief. “Oh, why, why, why?” she kept murmuring to herself. An old verse of Scripture she had learned at her mother’s knee came to her now. “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” With head bowed on the window sill and with the soft moonlight playing on her dark brown locks she breathed out a prayer to the Great Comforter, from a heart truly heavy laden with sorrow and trouble. Rising and lighting a lamp she opened her table drawer and prepared writing materials. She worked for some time trying to disguise her hand, then when she felt sure that her writing would not be recognized:

“Friend:

“I found your note in a sack of flour. The contents were a real sorrow to me. I can only answer your questions thus:

“The mind is its own place, and in itself

Can make a heaven of hell or hell of heaven.”

“Do you read your Bible? Turn to Luke VII, 40-50, then turn to Matt. XI, 28, they may help you.

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Hastily sealing this note she slipped quietly down the stairs and out to the corner where she posted it. Returning at once to her room she found her Bible on her table and as many a lonesome one has found comfort before, she also found rest in reading the Great Message.

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Thus note followed note. At first merely brief questions and answers then explanations and friendly advice and counsel. Osborn soon grew unsatisfied with the system of notes and pleaded for a personal interview with his new friend and comforter. One of his letters contained this plea:

“You have done so much for me will you not allow me to meet and become acquainted with you? I would that I could thank you in person for your great kindness. Will you not permit me to arrange a meeting?”

But Grace was not ready to disclose her identity. She knew