

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, JAN. 16, 1874.

"She Had Outlived Her Usefulness."

Not long since a man in middle life came to our door asking for the minister. When told that he was out of town he seemed disappointed and anxious. Being questioned as to his business, he answered: "I have lost my mother, and as my father lies here, we have come to lay her beside him."

My heart rose in sympathy, and I said, "You have met with a great loss."

"Well, yes," he replied, with hesitancy, "a mother is a great loss in general, but our mother had outlived her usefulness. She was in her second childhood, and had remained grown as weak as her body, so she was no comfort to herself, and was a burden to everybody. There were seven of us, sons and daughters, and we agreed to keep her among us year about. But I had more than my share of her, for she was too heavy to be moved when my time was out, and that was three months before she died. But she was a good mother in her day, and toiled hard to bring us up."

Without looking at the face of the heartless man, I directed him to the house of a neighboring pastor, and returned to my nursery. I gazed on the merry little faces which smiled or grew sad in imitation of mine—those little ones with their curly heads in our language is half as sweet as "mother," and I wondered if that day could ever come when they would say of me, "She has outlived her usefulness." God forbid that I should outlive the love of my children! Rather let me die while my heart is a part of theirs; that my grave may be watered with their tears, and my love linked with their hopes of heaven.

When the bell tolled for the mother's burial, I went to the sanctuary to pay my only token of respect to the aged stranger, for I felt that I could give her memory a tear, even though her children had none to shed.

"She was a good mother in her day, and toiled hard to bring us all up; she was no comfort to herself and a burden to everybody else."

The cruel heartless words rang in my ears as I saw the coffin borne in the aisle. The bell tolled long and loud until its iron tongue had chattered the years of the toil worn mother. One, two, three, four, five. How clearly and almost merrily each stroke told of her own peaceful slumber in her mother's arms, and of her seat at nightfall on her father's knee. Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, rang out the tale of her sports upon the grassward, in the meadow, and beside the brook. Eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen, spoke of her school days, and little household joys and cares. Sixteen, seventeen and eighteen, sounded out the unmarred visions of maidenhood and dreams of early love. Nineteen, brought us to her mother's arms, and of her seat at nightfall on her father's knee. Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, rang out the tale of her sports upon the grassward, in the meadow, and beside the brook. Eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen, spoke of her school days, and little household joys and cares. Sixteen, seventeen and eighteen, sounded out the unmarred visions of maidenhood and dreams of early love. Nineteen, brought us to her mother's arms, and of her seat at nightfall on her father's knee.

you of ingratitude, or murmuring on account of the care she has been to you of late. When you go back to your homes be careful of your example before your children; for the fruit of your own doing you will certainly reap from the brink of the grave. I enter on as a friend, as one who has himself entered the evening of life, that you may never say in the presence of your families, nor of Heaven, "Our mother had outlived her usefulness; she was a burden to us." Never, never! A mother can never live so long as that. No; when she can no longer labor for her children, not yet care for herself, she can fall like a precious weight upon their bosoms, and call forth, by her helplessness, all the noble and generous feelings of the human heart."

"Uncle Bob," remarked a citizen of Dallas to an old negro who sells milk, and who was complaining how much his customers were indebted to him, "you must adopt the cash system." Uncle Bob looked up over his glasses, and with a quiet smile and a dubious shake of the head, said: "Now master, go 'way, go 'way. Can't dopt cash system whar da am I no cash."

A San Francisco dispatch of the 6th says that a German employed by James Adams, of Adams, Blinn & Co., committed suicide at Menlo Park, by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun. The name of the suicide is unknown. He said he had a brother living in Portland, Oregon.

The latest Indiana divorce is claimed on the ground that the lady is in training for a pedestrian match, which is not at all the sort of match the husband bargained for.

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