

"Mother's Turn."

"It is mother's turn to be taken care of now."

The speaker was a winsome young girl, whose bright eyes, fresh color, and eager looks told of light-hearted happiness. Just out of school, she had the air of culture, which is an added attraction to a blithe young face. It was mother's turn now. Did she know how my heart went out to her for her unselfish words?

Too many mothers in their love of their daughters, entirely overlook the idea that they themselves need recreation. They do without all the easy, pretty and charming things, and say nothing about it; and the daughters do not think there is any self-denial involved. Jenny gets the new dress and mother wears the old one, turned upside down and wrong side out. Lucy goes on the mountain trip, and mother stays at home and keeps house. Emily is tired of study and must lie down in the afternoon; but mother, though her back aches, has no time for such an indulgence.

Dear girls, take good care of your mothers. Coax them to let you relieve them of some of the harder duties, which for years they have patiently borne. —M. E. S., in *Evening*.

"Live For Something."

Thousands of men breathe, move, and live, pass off the stage of life, and are heard of no more. Why? They do not a particle of good in the world, and none were blessed by them; none could point to them as the instruments of their redemption; not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke, could be recalled, and so they perished—their light went out in darkness, and they were not remembered more than the insects of yesterday. Will you thus live and die? Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name by kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds, will be as legible in the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as bright on the earth as the stars of heaven. —THOS. CHALMER, D. D.

—As much real bravery may be shown, sometimes, in saying No, as in facing a battery.

Rule For Fretters.

A little girl had been visiting me who was a fretter. She fretted when it rained and fretted when it shone. She fretted when little girls came to see her, and she fretted when they did not. It is dreadful to be a fretter. A fretter is troublesome to herself, and troublesome to her friends. We, to be sure, have our trials; but fretting does not help us to bear or get rid of them.

I have lately come across a short rule for fretters which they shall have. Here it is: "Never fret about what you can't help, because it won't do you any good. Never fret about what you can help; because if you can help it, do so." Say this when you get up in the morning; say it at noon, say it at night; and not only say but do; and that will be, do not fret at all—a fine doing.

The only right way of getting along is not to wish ourselves somebody else, and fret ourselves because we are not, but contentedly bear our lot and be satisfied with what God has given us.—*Selected.*

If you have been thinking of heaven only as a happy place, working for it as the reward of some dull, lifeless service, arguing it for all men as the place where God will show his goodness by making blessed loathsome and base souls, cheat yourselves no more by this folly. Consider only whether heaven be in you now. Heaven is nothing but the joy of a perfectly harmonized being filled with God and his love. The charter of it is—He that overcometh shall inherit.—*Bushnell.*

We are always doing each other injustice, and thinking better or worse of each other than we deserve, because we only hear and see separate words and actions. We do not see each other's whole nature.

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