

Give Yourself, Mother.

If you want your children when they are children no longer to have sweet memories of their childhood and of you, don't struggle to do for and wait upon them beyond your strength, but give them of your time, your pleasant companionship. Brightest and sweetest among my childish memories comes that of a day when mother said: "I will play with you to-day. Father and the boys will be away to dinner, and I will have a leisure day to amuse my children." Nothing earthly could have happened then, I think, to give us such joy. Oh! the thought. Mother to be ours—wholly our own, mine and my younger sister's and tiny brother's, and childhood's days are long. First, with a lap full of bright pieces she sat and made dolls for us. And oh, how greedy we were, selecting such numbers of colors for dresses and wanting so many; but she made them in a quick way, just rolling up the little roley-poleys and winding the bright pieces around them, fastening them with a stitch or two at the neck; and they pleased us better than Parisian dolls decked with cunning workmanship would have done. Then we went for a walk over the sweet fields to a ledge where the wild-brier, rose, and other wild flowers grew. This was mother's favorite walk. Doubtless her heart held volumes sealed to us in connection with it; but our young hearts glowed with inspiration from hers with love for the flowers, the birds and the sunshine; and through long years of travel and experience that day stands out in my memory as a white day—one of the purest and sweetest pleasure days of life.

When returning we climbed a fence, the top rail of which slipped with mother to the ground, leaving her dangerously near to the edge of a cliff down which it might have been fatal for her to fall. Hastily our small hands were stretched to rescue her; and our small hearts ached with the thought of the danger, exaggerated by the fact of its being directed toward anything so precious as our mother. We considered her superior to any earthly being or thing. We knew our father did so. The ripest peach, the rosiest apple were always for her. His every look and tone for her was full of worshipful love; and we caught the same spirit. She was worthy of it. She gave us all that mothers give—her strength, her time, her

toil; but better than all else, to keep our childish memory of her fresh, she gave us—herself.—C. M. S., in *Christian at Work*.

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