

For the Messenger.  
Effie.

Little Effie is mother's joy,  
And father's darling pride;  
The dearest treasure that they own  
In all the world so wide.

Clustering ringlets of golden hair,  
And sweet young face aglow with light;  
Cheeks as red as the blushing rose,  
And sparkling eyes so blue and bright.

She is the pet of the household  
To every one is dear  
The silvery ring of the baby laugh,  
That sounds so sweet and clear.

The pattering of the little feet,  
But just now taught to walk;  
And lisping of the little tongue  
Just learning now to talk.

Oh, mother, clasp her little hand in thine,  
And press her to thy heart;  
Oh, what if thou art called upon  
From her for life to part!

And, father, to thy little child  
Speak no unloving word;  
Oh, what if soon no more on earth  
That baby laugh is heard!

If soon that little heart should cease to  
beat,  
That little form be laid beneath the sod;  
The little spirit gone to dwell  
Forever more with God.

Then bitterly with many tears,  
And lasting deep regret,  
You'd sigh for every unkind word  
Spoken to your little pet.

But yet for many happy years  
She may live to cheer your way;  
Then train her in that narrow path  
That leads to endless day.

Teach her to obey her Savior's will  
In the bright days of youth,  
That when she grows to womanhood  
She may love His holy truth.

Teach her to be meek and gentle;  
Fill her heart with trust and love,  
That when she leaves her earthly home  
She shall find a home above.

If you will guide your little treasure,  
Thus in the paths of right,  
She will be indeed a blessing  
And your heart's delight.

By LITTLE EFFIE'S FRIEND.

For the Messenger.  
Faithfulness.

By A. C. STANLEY.

Other voices may speak to me,  
But cannot thrill this heart of mine;  
Other faces are fair to see,  
But none so fair as thine.

Wavy hair may grace fair brows  
Filled with intellectual light;  
But none so dear as thine, my love,  
Shall ever greet my sight.

Other eyes are clear and bright,  
But none so heavenly shine;  
They may be filled with tender light,  
But none, my dear, like thine.

Other hearts may beat for me,  
And I may love them too;  
But none so faithful, love, as thine,  
And none I love so true.

Other hands may clasp my own  
In partings sad to me;  
But none will leave me sad and lone  
As when I said "good by" to thee.

If.

"If all the seas were one sea  
What a great sea that would be!  
And if all the trees were one tree,  
What a great tree that would be!  
And if all the axes one axe,  
What a great axe that would be!

And if all the men were one man,  
What a great man that would be!  
And if the great man took the great axe  
And cut down the great tree,  
And let it fall into the great sea,  
What a splash-splash that would be!"

—In the Presidential campaign, which is near at hand, we advise our brethren of both parties to keep cool. Read both sides and reflect; talk with self-possession and don't get madly excited; hear what your opponent has to say, and don't fly all into pieces; take it for granted that your political antagonist has as much sense as you have; carry your Bible in one pocket and your political documents in the other, but don't carry carnal weapons; hear with all your ears and talk as little as possible; don't mix with the rabble, don't swear; don't bet; don't drink intoxicating liquors; hear all sides, but do your own thinking and draw your own conclusions. Don't tell anybody for whom you intend to vote. Don't sell your vote or your principles. Act the Christian wherever you go or stay. Be manly; don't lose Christian dignity; maintain your moral balance; in every trial and difficulty, keep yourself in equipoise, which is the test of all Christian manhood.—A. C. Review.

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