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## Poetry.

### MY FRIEND.

BY DELLA W. YOCUM.

There is a man among the crowd,  
A friend whom you have often met,  
Whom you had thought you had forgot,  
Who seldom talks or laughs aloud,  
Whom you could easily forget.

He comes so peacefully and calm,  
So heedless of the noisy clamor,  
That you have thought his heart was cold,  
Or that his nature could not help  
A true affection, deep and warm.

And you have found the merry jest,  
And when he laughs at his expense,  
And when he laughs at his expense,  
And when he laughs at his expense,  
You thought, perhaps, 'twas lack of sense.

You did not note the little start,  
Or see the shadow in his eye,  
Or know that far within his heart,  
A little chamber stands apart,  
With windows veiled carefully.

And in that chamber is a name,  
Upon a tablet clearly seen,  
More sacred than the words of God,  
Dearer to him than voice or flame,  
Of all the charms of forest haunts.

### SOMEbody.

Somebody's eyes have given dimness  
To the clear light of the sun;  
Somebody's hands have been busy  
In the work of the world;  
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The path of the good and true;  
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quarries we hear the call for those who  
are able to guide the youthful mind in  
pursuit of knowledge, and stimulate  
and encourage the purpose and efforts  
of those who are seeking for wisdom.

Nations call on the enlightened in  
mind and the pure in heart to manage  
their affairs and govern their people—  
to assemble in council and discuss im-  
portant questions relating to life, lib-  
erty and the pursuit of happiness—so  
the advancement of civilization and the  
common safety of all.

The illiterate, however, are not com-  
petent to discharge those duties,  
nor to share these honors. It has been  
well and truly said that "educated  
mind governs the world." Through a  
stolid ignorance may stand the chair of  
State, knowledge behind the chair will  
rule the people and the State. Knowl-  
edge is power, before which the ig-  
norant and illiterate will bow with pro-  
found respect.

The investigation of science demands  
a well balanced and accurately trained  
mind of a close observer one who can  
confront the analytical process, note  
the facts and clearly discern the rela-  
tion which a part bears to the whole.

Nature is full of mystery and full of  
science. Deep thought is required for  
discovery; whether our researches have  
reference to the planets and celestial  
bodies floating in the heavens, and their  
laws of motion, or to those things  
which lie more immediately under our  
view, Geometry, botany and zoology,  
with the entire range of physical and  
natural science, as well as geometry, trig-  
onometry and calculus, having the love  
of wisdom to go forth and enter their  
empirical in search of truth. How  
before the mind can be made to take a  
high range, and yet with vigor and sus-  
tained attention, so minute and com-  
plicated as many are, with which it will  
come in contact, cannot be expanded to  
its utmost extent, and expanded by  
what it knows of relaxation.

Let us take the apple, when the eye  
of an apple falls from the tree, his curiosity  
is aroused, and his quest for knowl-  
edge would not let him stop with the  
mere fact that the apple fell; he must  
inquire into the cause of its falling,  
and thence discovering the great law  
pertaining to the attraction of the heav-  
ily bodies, thus solving the mystery  
of the solar system, and inaugurating  
the Newtonian order of the celestial  
order.

Further education is conducive to in-  
dividual and social happiness, as well  
as the general good. "If ignorance be  
bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." But igno-  
rance is not bliss, therefore it is the  
greatest folly not to be wise for man's  
happiness increases in direct ratio with  
his abilities to enjoy. Knowledge alone  
gives him these abilities; therefore, his  
happiness increases directly as his  
knowledge. A person with but few or  
no facts of his nation's history read in  
his mind, and who cannot read to ex-  
plain the incidents, interesting and im-  
portant, hourly transpiring about him,  
has but little to make life agreeable.

On the other hand he who is conversant  
with literature, versed in science,  
and has his mind full of facts, will be  
able to converse freely in any society  
into which he may be thrown. Every  
channel of social happiness will be  
open to him, through which he may  
not only enjoy himself but interest  
others also, and cause them to feel joy-  
ous and gay leaving pleasing impres-  
sions stamped upon their memories that  
time will not erase.

Education, like every thing else use-  
ful to the human family, requires dili-  
gence to obtain. If not, why should  
there be so many in our country un-  
qualified for any thing, except the more  
common kind of business, although they  
have been surrounded by every  
thing needful to their advancement?  
Their parents have been wealthy and  
have urged them to attend school and  
treasure up knowledge, knowing it  
could not be foolishly squandered in a  
little while and lost forever. They  
heeded not the advice of the good  
council of the wise and experienced of  
age. Fully marked their reasoning and  
they considered as none but the foolish-  
do, that the riches they would inherit  
from their parents would bear them  
through this short journey.

Too often the case that wealth  
thus influences the thoughtless, causing  
them to spend their youth in idleness,  
and when they have squandered their  
possessions to live in penury and dis-  
tress—sometimes wealth like a

light in the night steals the last spark  
of energy from the brain. Yet not all  
who have had wealth have acted thus  
foolishly. Many that have been blessed  
with such opportunities have improved  
them and now stand high in the estima-  
tion of their fellow men. We find those in  
very humble circumstances opposed, it  
seems, in their literary and scientific  
pursuits by every obstacle in nature,  
who have ascended the ladder of fame  
and stood on the most exalted heights,  
and in the most honorable positions.

It is a common position to find and  
receive a man which has passed  
and is now the faded page of his  
life. He is still young when with the  
light of youth, every day, new in-  
sights will add new lustre to their  
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of our heads in favor of that education  
which will lead us to our feet, and  
light to our path" to lead us in the ways  
of virtue and peace. Thus may we bear  
part of the labor, and share the honor  
of increasing civilization and spreading  
Christianity through the nations of the  
earth, causing our light high and higher  
to shine unto the perfect day.

## FAMILY REMINISCENCES.

These little reminiscences are given by pa-  
rents to the development of a loving  
disposition, in the susceptible hearts  
of their children. They are early taught  
to be kind, to be true, to be brave, and  
to become rich in the common courtesies  
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The original of all men is the same,  
and virtue is the only nobility.  
It is not the place that makes the per-  
son, but the person that maketh the  
place honorable.

Coleridge says: "Intense study of the  
Bible will keep any writer from being  
vulgar in point of style."  
Coolness, and absence of heat and  
haste, indicate fine qualities. A gentle-  
man makes no noise; a lady is serene.

It is more from carelessness about  
truth, than from intentional lying, that  
there is so much falsehood in the world.

The way to get rid of doubts in reli-  
gion, is to go to work with all our  
might and practice what we do not  
believe.

Good nature, like a flower, collects honey  
from every herb. It gathers like a  
spider, silken poison from the sweetest  
flower.

Pastime is a word that should never  
be used, but in a bad sense; it is to  
say a thing is agreeable, because it  
helps to pass the time away.

Patience is a beautiful feeling toward  
others, and out in our intercourse  
with them. We are always prone to  
take our revenge and get even.

Energy will do anything that can be  
done in this world; and no talents, no  
opportunities, no opportunities will  
make a two-legged animal a man with-  
out it.

Laziness grows on people; it begins  
in childhood, and ends in iron chains.  
The more business a man has to do the  
more he is able to accomplish, for he  
learns to economize his time.

A schoolmaster thus describes a mon-  
strous child: "He serves you in the great-  
est sense; he leads you in the condition-  
al mood; keeps you in the subjective;  
and raises you in the future."

An evil is not necessarily unred, be-  
cause it has been often feared without  
just cause; the wolf does sometimes en-  
ter in, and make havoc of the flock, al-  
though there have been many false  
alarms.

They utilize Oregon problems in San  
Francisco. A salmon keeper lives one  
mile to a long line of fish-trousers ances-  
tors, but no cash—at six dollars a week  
to clean bottles.

Pride is the friend of the datterer,  
the mother of envy, the nurse of fury,  
the sex of devils, the devil of mankind.  
It hates superiors, scorns inferiors,  
and owns no equal.

As it is the chief concern of wise men  
to retreat the evils of life by the res-  
ources of philosophy, it is the way of  
fools to multiply them by the senti-  
ments of superstition.

It is said to be an excellent practice  
to belt clothes-pins and clothes-lines a  
few minutes once or twice a month,  
and dry them quickly. The former be-  
come more flexible and durable, and  
the latter keep in better order for wash-  
day service.

As the ship that crosses the ocean of-  
ten varies from the straight course,  
and yet finally reaches the desired har-  
bor; so the soul may sometimes seem to  
turn to the right or left, and yet hold  
her general way, and reach her eternal  
dwelling, whether it be heaven or hell.

Youth is full of warm friendship and  
tender emotions, and the solemnities of  
a funeral, the grief of friends, and the  
spectacle of all the high hopes, and un-  
bounded joy of a young heart laid low  
in death, tend to chasten our thoughts,  
and raise them to the contemplation of  
things less perishable than those of  
earth.

As a sign touches a flame and com-  
bines into splendor and glory, so is the  
spirit of man united to Christ by the  
Spirit of God. It is a good thing to  
obey the law of God, but it is better to  
love it. The former is to have a new  
life; the latter is to have a new heart.  
A slave may obey a master whom he  
fears and hates, but the child loves the  
laws of his father.

DAY DREAMS.—It is delightful to  
dream and drowse at high noon—to build  
castles and to resolve on high things and  
holy duty. They may help our strug-  
gles. One thing they may do—make us  
aim high. What a vast deal of good  
would be done if all the work of our  
day dreams were made real. Were  
half the good resolutions carried into  
effect for six months, the millennium  
would be here before Christmas.

David Stump