

BEYOND.

BY HENRY BURTON.

Never a word is said,
But it trembles in the air,
And the truant voice has sped,
To vibrate everywhere;
And perhaps far off in eternal years
The echo may ring upon our ears.

Never are kind acts done
To wipe the weeping eyes,
But like flashes of the sun,
They signal to the skies;
And up above the angels read
How we have helped the sorer need.

Never a day is given,
But it tones in after years,
And it carries up to heaven
Its sunshine or its tears;
While the to-morrows stand and wait,
The silent naves by the outer gate.

There is no end to the sky,
And the stars are everywhere,
And time is eternity,
And the here is over there;
For the common deeds of the common day
Are ringing bells in the far-away.

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In starting out upon the journey of life, it is well:
First, to obtain every kernel of knowledge within your reach.
Study people for the knowledge they can impart to you.
Read books for what they can teach you.
Next, see what your temperament best suits you for.
Mark your tendencies, and apply them.
Be sure you have not mistaken your calling.

Once certain, apply yourself to your chosen work.
Then, work hard, earnestly and incessantly.
Don't consider anything beneath you.
Be patient, honest and pleasant in manner.
Treat all persons alike, high or low.
Have a smile and a pleasant word for all.
Success may not come at first, but it will not be far off, and when it does come it will be the sweeter for the delay.—Ladies' Home Journal.

THE BIBLE COMPETITION.

In our next number we hope to give the results of the Prize Bible Competition. The examination of these papers has been most interesting, though far from easy, and, interrupted by so much Christmas work, has taken longer than we planned. A new competition will also be announced.

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