

Choice Miscellany.

Every Day Work.

Great deeds are trumpeted, loud bells are rung. And men turn round to see; The high peaks echo to the pans sung. O'er some great victory. And yet great deeds are few. The mightiest men Find opportunities but now and then. Shall one sit idly through long days of peace. Waiting for walls to scale, Or lie in port until some Golden Fleece Lures him to face the gale? There's work enough. Why idly then delay? His work counts most who labors every day. A torrent sweeps down the mountain's brow With foam and flash and roar; Anon its strength is spent—where is it now? It's one short day is o'er, But the clear stream that through the meadow flows All the long Summer on its mission goes. Better the steady way; the torrent's dash Soon leaves its rent track dry, The light we love is not the lightning flash. From out the midnight sky, But the sweet sunshine, whose familiar ray From its calm throne of blue lights every day. The sweetest lives are those to duty wed. Whose deeds, both great and small, Are close knit strands of an unbroken thread. Where love ennobles all. The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells; The Book of Life the shining story tells. Woman's Sphere in Agriculture.

BY C. S. HOLCOMB. Were I asked to state in brief what her position should be, I would say, To do the work that lies nearest her hand that seems good to be done; and to be a counselor as well as a co-worker with her husband. What is woman that she should expect to be carried through life without an effort on her own part. All useful labor is honorable, and she who can not turn her hand to any branch of it without fear of losing caste, is already very low down in the scale. It is Christianity that historians regard as the great cause in modern times of the higher civilization in which woman is held, and not any particular kind or quality of work she may do or not do. So let me say, if duty seems to call her to the field, then go to the field; if it lies in the house, the garden, the dairy, or the poultry yard, so let it be; but whichever way her hand may be turned in usefulness let her remember she is not a beast of burden, but a responsible human being, with an immortal soul that must render an account of stewardship in every earthly relation. When man was placed in the Garden of Eden to dress it, and keep it, and it was found from his wavering movements that he was not likely to get on alone, a helpmeet was made in the form of a woman, and they twin were pronounced one: it was nowhere set down that "one should be the man. It was "to them" that dominion was given over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. The Omnipotent power that saw it was not good for man to be alone, I feel assured will never permit him to prosper who abuses this last considerate gift, which he cannot do without. I have mentioned the lack of money as one reason why farmer's wives are often obliged to carry a heavier load of care than is desirable. And I have also dedicated woman to the work of counseling in agriculture. As my audience is rather small at home, and home lectures are not always treasured and rehearsed to the outer world, may I have a word here? The eyes of women are upon you. They are awakening from a long slumber, and demanding better times. A section of that great world-wide woman's organization working for "God and Home and Native Land," is looking towards your boards of agriculture. It sees the devious and traps, at so-called agricultural fairs, that tempt the boys, the young sons of our love and tender care, into ways that are dark, and that must sooner or later end in destruction. It is urging women to join your societies in large numbers, and help by their votes in the management of its affairs. And why? Is woman losing her faith in man? It will be an unhappy day for us, and for you, when we no longer trust our fathers, and brothers, and husbands, and look up to them as protectors of ourselves and our children. We take pride in looking to you, dear brothers, as our superiors in strength and intellect, and altogether worthy to be our care-takers. Are you managing things in a way to win and keep woman's approval? You are industrious, many of you work harder than any modern business training. Beyond the discipline of home he has no master. He falls into no routine methods. He remains himself, regardless of imitations. He is taught the value of honesty, and the necessity of labor, but he is not made a slave of, and his condition is in every respect different from that of the city boy, who is compelled to earn his own living. If the latter is to engage in business, he begins by selecting that "society" considers respectable. He starts as a cash boy, becomes a clerk, and in nine cases out of ten, this is his career. He is driven and hurried; he is in terror of losing his place; and if he keeps his place he loses his individuality, and a more serious loss no boy can suffer. It is a great pity that the census does not deal with this important question. The

out knowing that rum is the chiefest enemy to the farming interests to-day. It is not so plain that one may read as he runs, that if the \$300,000,000 spent annually in drink were put into the pockets of the wives and housekeepers, they would buy liberally of your choice farm products, and create a profitable market for you? and you would go home and give generously to your wife, and she would at once proceed to spruce you up—for there is nothing a woman so likes as to see her husband looking like a gentleman—and there would be no end to the happiness and prosperity we might all enjoy if those sinful repositories for the people's cash were closed. Then, too, if the other \$300,000,000 which you must pay out in taxes, (for land you know is never allowed to escape taxation) to educate the children of drunkards and to support prisons and almshouses, and homes of every variety which are filled in consequence of the indulgence in this unholy beverage could be saved, you might have a snug balance in the bank for a rainy day. Prosperity can never dawn on you and your work again until the rapidly growing liquor traffic is diminished, or better still wiped out. If this is ever done you must aid in the work. There is no other way. It is not enough for you to sit back in retirement, and urge the women to pray on, you are in hearty sympathy with them, only you don't want anyone to know it until the battle is over. You will have to come to the front with breast bared to the fire that assails the home of the sober, as well as of him who drinks. My principal sphere in agriculture, dear brothers and sisters, shall be to devote my most earnest efforts to hasten the day when the farmer's grain and fruits—God's good gifts to man—shall no longer be distorted and turned into that which crazes the brain, and sends man—our companion and protector—out into the highways, a terror to lone women and children, and an offence against Heaven.—Farm Journal.

Young Men and Single Life. It is undoubtedly true that a single life is not without its advantages for some. There are hundreds of young men, as there are a like number of young women, to whom a married life would be unsuitable and unwise. It is an inexcusable sin for any young man of hereditary ill-health or deformity to assume marriage, and to such a one single life has advantages, even though it holds out few pleasures. But that young man who is possessed with every bodily and mental equipment, and marries not, falls in one of the most palpable duties of life. He deprives himself of life's most refined and exalted pleasures, of some of its strongest incentives to virtue and activity, and sets an example unworthy of imitation. Nothing has, or should have, a greater refining and moralizing influence on a young man than marriage. If he remains unmarried, he lays himself out to alluring vices that have no place in his eye or mind when his attentions and affections are centred upon a devoted wife. Marriage changes the current of a man's feelings, and gives him a centre for his thoughts, his affections, and his acts. It renders him more virtuous, more wise, and is an incentive to put forth his best exertions to attain position in commercial circles. It is conceded that marriage will increase the cares of a young man which he would not encounter if he remained single, but it must be granted, on the other hand, that it heightens the pleasures of life. If marriage, in some instances without our knowledge, has seemed to be but a hindrance to certain success, the countless instances must not be forgotten where it has proved to be the incentive which has called forth the best part of a man's nature, roused him from selfish apathy and inspired in him those generous principles and high resolves which have helped to develop him into a character kind, loved, and honored by all within the sphere of its influence. Matrimony, it is true, is chargeable with numberless sorrows and responsibilities, and this all young men should fully understand before entering upon it, but it is also full of joy and happiness that is unknown to the bachelor.—Brooklyn Magazine.

Our Most Successful Men. Boys raised in the city, remarks the Atlanta Constitution, no doubt enjoy their surroundings. They have a great many so-called "advantages," and yet never since the world began has the city-bred youth had any advantages over the boys raised in the country. In all the professions, in every department of life, the country boy has a tremendous advantage. There are many reasons why this should be so, but the principal reason is that the country boy acquires and retains an individuality that is of immense service to him in after life. He acquires and retains an independence that is better than any modern business training. Beyond the discipline of home he has no master. He falls into no routine methods. He remains himself, regardless of imitations. He is taught the value of honesty, and the necessity of labor, but he is not made a slave of, and his condition is in every respect different from that of the city boy, who is compelled to earn his own living. If the latter is to engage in business, he begins by selecting that "society" considers respectable. He starts as a cash boy, becomes a clerk, and in nine cases out of ten, this is his career. He is driven and hurried; he is in terror of losing his place; and if he keeps his place he loses his individuality, and a more serious loss no boy can suffer. It is a great pity that the census does not deal with this important question. The

most successful men are those who were country bred—men who have touched that great training school, the farm, at some point of their history. Wherever the conspicuously successful man is to be found it may be taken for granted that he is country bred. Therefore we advise the country lads who are fretting and pining to take heart. Their time will surely come. They will find their opportunity.

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