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(Hattie Dusenbury, in the 'American Messenger'.)

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 In the morning of my youth,
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 All the future lies before me
 Like a strange and unknown land;
 I know not what awaits me,
 But can trust it in thy hand.

Bless me also, O my Father,
 In the noontide of my life,
 Grant me strength for all life's duties,
 Arm me for the coming strife.
 For I know that thou art mighty,
 Only in thy strength I'm strong.
 Shielded by thy great salvation
 I can battle against wrong.

Bless me also, O my Father,
 In the twilight of my life,
 When I'm weary of earth's trials,
 And its sorrows, cares and strife
 When my soul, with conflicts weary,
 Longs to leave this house of clay
 And return to God, who gave it,
 He who leads me all the way.

The Real End.

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The object of life, 'I come to do Thy will, O God.'

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The next thing you need after food is society: 'He that doeth the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.'

You want education: 'Teach me to do Thy will, O God.'

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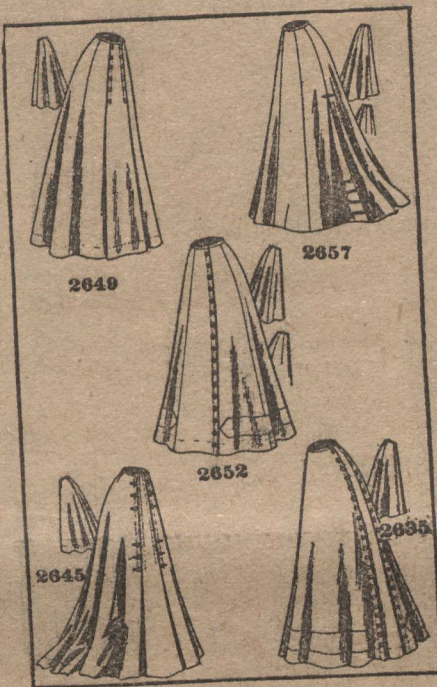
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