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agitations which are damaging to one's digestion and complexion. More women are worn out by discontent, than by hard work and trouble; and the little frictions of every-day life produce wrinkles more rapidly than old age.

"A long life and a cheerful heart, a smiling face and willing hands, with love to make eternal sunshine—that is what I ask for myself as my earthly portion; if I have that, all other good things are added; without it I have nothing. I have no fears for the present or future. I dread nothing, not even the primitive curse which attaches to woman's highest privilege. To be the mother of noble boys and girls,—ah, that is a beautiful thought!

"But I must leave you now, for lo, on my listening ear falls the sound of a step in the porch. It belongs to the dearest, mightiest, little man in the world.

"So good-bye, Emily, I hope I haven't made you too unhappy and envious, or rather, to be strictly truthful, I hope I have made you as wretched as possible, and that some good man will have cause to thank me for driving you into the refuge of his love.

"Hoping soon to receive an invitation to your wedding, I am now, and ever your affectionate friend,

"CARRIE WILSON HOWARD.

"P. S. I have copied the following verses for you. They were written by my sister Addie, the poet of our family, and seem very appropriate to this occasion. C. W. H."