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Poetry.

The Music of the Stars.

(From Citharion.)

After the strife of the day,
There comes in the hush of night,
A down through measureless space
From eternal spheres of light,
A rhythm divine - sweet
As if God had tuned the bars,
And nature thrills and thrills again
With the music of the stars!

After our dreams that were dear
To the gods of twilight mist—
Aback through numberless years
In moon's and love fire's kiss—
When hope and love first kissed—
And the song that we love first kissed—
And the song that we love first kissed—
With the music of the stars.

A Prayer.

We pray "Have mercy on our weakness,"
O God, we pray, have mercy on our weakness,
That will not yield unto the living Father,
Although we know Thy will must win at last.

Oh, who is bold enough to meet unaided
The foe we cannot conquer all alone?
Or dare unaided by God's presence shadowed
To face a might so far beyond his own?

Thy pity waits upon our weakness ever;
Our doubting meets Thy patient love at last;
Thy merciful compassion fails never;
O Lord, have mercy on our weakness.

Show us our helplessness; the dreary yearning,
The restless fear we proudly try to hide;
Unaided, shall we ever find our way,
Shall in Thy perfect good be satisfied.

—Agnes L. Carter.

Select Literature.

Why Dorothy Went Home.

(ELIZABETH CUMMINGS, IN "FORWARD.")

"There's things better'n money for a young girl," said the old minister, who had known Dorothy since she was a baby, "but the best of all is to have a good home."

"I don't know," said Dorothy, "but I like to see you back."

"Take a seat," said Mr. Titus, cordially. She went back to the parsonage, and she had not been there a week before she was home again.

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What a Sunday School Should Be.

It is a real school of over eight hundred members. It does not pass as a model school. It is the first good thing to be said about the school is that it is not a "show" school. There is no gallery for visitors.

The school begins in time. The doors are closed. Late comers do not struggle in during the prayer or a hymn.

The school stage, and when it sings it does nothing else. The leader waits for closed doors and good order before beginning, and after a few minutes of the time are played, a single note is firmly struck on the piano. No interludes are played. The writer has heard so much of "old worn out hymns," that he gladly notes the freshness of this school for old songs.

The school sings from banners, so that all heads are up, and attention is centered. About a hundred and fifty have been learned. The first hymn is as much beloved to-day as it was ten years ago, and it is better sung.

The lesson hour is never crowded upon for moral purposes. Sometimes the school remains after the hour, but the most of it is music learned and rehearsed at special week-evening meetings.

There is no clanging of bells or loud calling for order to this school. The presiding officer taps a small table bell, and stepping to the edge of the platform, waits with his eye on the school for absolute quiet. When this plan was first adopted, it was not immediately successful. Perseverance was rewarded, and the school now does what it has learned to know is expected of it.

There is no out-and-dirt order of procedure. The same general plan is followed, but the interest is sought to be kept up by a variety which, however, is never straying or disturbing.

One part of the plan is never changed. The study half hour is sacredly preserved from all encroachment. It is not broken in upon by officious assistants or wandering secretaries.

Absentees are visited.

This visiting not only gratifies the sick, and restrains the delinquent, but gives the school a strong hold upon the families, coming, and the interest of which have any Church connection. No scholar is dropped from the rolls until after repeated unavailing visits, or a positive report of removal.

The Bible is the text book of the school. Adequate helps are provided for home study, but there is a Bible for the use of every scholar in the main school, and in all Bible classes. The use of papers in the school is discouraged.

Finally, the expenses of the school are paid by the church, and the school's offerings go to maintain it.

Such are some of the good things that might be told. There are doubtless better schools, and there are worse. There are schools which rarely begin in time, and never get beyond the first few minutes of the hour. There are schools where the part of the school that has books sing when they want to; schools where there is neither life nor worship in the lessons; schools where even approximately perfect order is unknown; schools where a purified programme has established a general habit of inattention; schools where the best efforts of teachers are constantly hindered by unwise and unnecessary interference; schools where the infants are "in the way," and therefore are suppressed or ignored that they have no share in devotional and praise service; schools where they "keep silent" and wait upon the customers who come, but where little or no responsibility is felt for the results; schools where the children are not taught to read and the indifferent scholars; schools where the children are not taught to read and the indifferent scholars; schools where the children are not taught to read and the indifferent scholars.

Do we realize what this means? A decrease of birth life means more than the loss of beautiful songbirds. It means the loss of agricultural interests. Birds are the natural allies of the farmer, and the gardener, for they feed incessantly upon the harmful weeds, insects and small rodents which destroy the crops. Even the crow is a natural ally of the farmer, and the common belief, reader interesting service.

It is therefore gratifying to see that the legislatures of several states have been secured by the passage of laws which have before it too late. In Rhode Island the legislature has appointed a regular bird commission, consisting of eminent naturalists, and the bird commission has been authorized to employ deputies in each county, with power to arrest persons violating the bird laws of the state. Deputies will also aid in the work, and it is hoped that with the co-operation of citizens birds with shot guns on their shoulders, soaring the woods in more wantonness for young, innocent song birds will be snatched and protected in general forego, with no better business than shooting innocent birds that are of no earthly use to the bird, should be sought better.

That is to the tenderest that best becometh the gentlest sex, thousands of women have already discarded the feathers of non-birds in their hats. But it still said that 170,000,000 birds are annually sold to ornament female hats, and that of this number 40,000,000 come to the United States. Thoughtful women are beginning to see that hats can be made fashionable as well as beautiful without the use of the plume of wild birds. There are always available the feathers of outcasts and other domesticated birds. Some of the humiliated "hat reform" societies are holding annual exhibitions, designed to show that a pretty hat is possible without resort to warts and cruelty.

"The alder" is the most curious and useful of all the new inventions for working up the birch logs of Maine, and its production up uses in every household and in every grocery and butcher shop in the United States. When we purchase a pound of butter or a quart of berries or a basket of grapes we take them home in a dish made of this wood. Ten years ago they were unknown. The invention of the "alder" made them possible, and now millions upon millions of these useful receptacles are manufactured in the "sovereign mills" of Maine. The same mills turn out a similar number of fruit baskets. When you buy five pounds of grapes the basket is shown to you, but by its last. A wave of depression is supposed to follow the sun from east to west, caused by the absorption of moisture from the soil. It is found that it is the absorption of the land to a relative depression of the soil.

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