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Friendship

Paper given by Mrs. John Prudham at the Women's Institute Meeting

Friendship is the wishing a person what we think good for his sake and not for our own, and as far as it is in our power the exerting ourselves to procure it. Is not that the definition of true friendship?

We wish our friends what we consider is for their own good. Where there is genuine friendship there is more than mere wish, there is a definite endeavor to procure the best for our friend. "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity", thus wrote the writer of proverbs.

It is easy enough to be friendly when fortune smiles, but in the face of adversity friends are tested. A true friend will stand the test in the dark days. Friendship, sometimes, calls for self-sacrifice in the face of heavy odds. The friend is the person whom one is in need of and by whom one is needed. Yet, willingness to help is by no means always a measure of friendly feeling. Very often in philanthropy there is not the true idea of friendship. Where there is friendship there is sympathy. There are those who are born benefactors but who have no genius for friendship.

A woman is known by the company she keeps. She tends to become like those with whom she associates. Friendship pays little attention to qualities and natural gifts. Just as in magnetism unlike poles attract, so in friendships people of opposite temperaments are often friends. The humorous person may not be able to exercise her wit on her friend, yet the attachment continues. The husband is often unable to appreciate his wife's fine art and accomplishments to the fullest extent. The friend of an intellectual person is not always of equal ability. Such is the law of life. Friendship does not depend upon similarity of disposition and accomplishments. "There is something, I know not what, which yokes our fortunes, yours and mine" thus wrote an old Latin poet.

There must be, however, a living sympathy between the natures before is at all possible. Only the virtuous can be friends in the highest and noblest sense. Friendship throws off the cloak of reserve and secrecy. Only the good and noble can prove equal to such absolute confidence. There can be no true friendships between unequals. I do not mean unequals in the ordinary social sense. But the cultured and the uncultured, the pure and impure cannot be bound by the ties of love. The pure may help her impure friend, but in doing so there is the awful danger of her own nature becoming less pure. Therein lies the seriousness of forming friendships.

Never sacrifice a friend. Lord Burleigh said, "Win hearts and you have hands and purses." Charles Kingsley when asked the secret of his success replied, "I have a friend." Lincoln has nothing, only plenty of friends, was often said of the young Illinois lawyer. Poor in purse as he was, he was rich in his friendships, and he rose largely by their aid. Though born in a log cabin, he rose to the first position in the American Republic.

No young woman starting out in life could have better capital than plenty of friends. They will strengthen her credit, support her in every effort and make her what unaided she could never be. Friends of the right sort will help her more to be happy and successful than much money and great learning. Hundreds who are lauded in the press owe their success largely to the encour-

agement of a mother, a sister or some other friend.

The great value of friends is seen in adversity as well as in prosperity. The Scripture says, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." We are always ready to drop a tear over the fallen. Yet jealousy often prevents our rejoicing in the success of others. There would be no great enjoyment of prosperity without someone to rejoice in it equally with yourself, and adversity would indeed be difficult to endure without someone to bear it even with greater regret than your self. A friend doubles pleasure and divides pains. There is nothing in the world more valuable than friendship. There is nothing in the world which can be taken in exchange for a faithful friend.

Let us learn something from some well known friendships. A Russian nobleman and his family were saved from death by the serf leaping willingly out of the sleigh to become a prey to the wolves. The monument erected to the serf's memory bears this inscription, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Pythias became surety for his condemned friend, Damon, while he went home to say farewell to his loved ones. When it seemed probable that Damon would not return before the time appointed for execution Pythias was glad of the opportunity to die in his friend's stead. This friendship melted the heart of the tyrant prince and won his pardon. The friendship of David and Jonathan brought out all that was best in both these royal souls. David in his love for Jonathan forgot Saul's unkindness.

The first requisite for making a friend is trust. The first requisite for keeping a friend is faithfulness. Before the friendship can exist there must be perfect confidence, one in the other. In order that the relationship may continue and become closer the faith must be kept at all times. Beware of making the general favorite your confidential friend. In order to be popular with all classes one must compromise the truth. She that is too desirous to be loved will soon learn to flatter. But she who loves will gain friends. The way to make lasting friendships is to be a friend. Love is the root, trunk and branch of all lasting friendships.

Old friends are best. Love at first sight may end in many happy marriages, but I believe in taking another look. The copy book bids us choose friends carefully. The uncopied book bids us love diligently. An old Scandinavian proverb says, "Go often to the house of thy friend, for weeds soon choke up the unused path." Friends are lost through the misfortune of distance. The old adage, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" is not always true to life. The misfortune of separation may be overcome by love, but the fault of silence crushes out feeling as the falling rain kills the kindling fire. Deep love will bridge over the distance, but experience often shows that "out of sight, out of mind." Sometimes we are not willing to pay the price of friendship. Then again money is the root of all evil. Friends may become entangled in a business deal. "Neither a borrower, nor a lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend."

The great aim of life ought to be to become ourselves and help others to become the best characters possible. "To make oneself beloved, that is after all the best way to be

useful," says an old French proverb. There is a joy in having a friend, one to whom one may unburden her heart, and yet not add "do not tell anyone."

We live in deeds, not years,
In thoughts, not breaths,
In feelings, not in figures on a dial,
We should count time by heart throbs;

She most lives who thinks most,
Feels the noblest, acts the best.

(Bailey)

"Life is the gift of God and is Divine."

(Longfellow)

Be a friend. Make this your life motto.

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too.

Make the world better because you have lived in it.

DOPE FOR ROSE PESTS

How to Deal With Some Persistent Rose Enemies.

A Remedy at Hand for Every Assailant—In Cold Weather Spray in the Mornings — Generous Cows Need a Good Grain Ration.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Spraying with water under pressure with a fine spray is a good preventive for the various pests that infect rose bushes. This, however, is often times not full effective, but only a help.

Tobacco and Soap Solutions Effective.

Strong tobacco or soap solutions applied in the same way as stated for the water are good remedies. Three ounces of whale oil soap dissolved in a gallon of water will make a good solution for green aphids, red spider and thrip. A solution of tobacco water can be made by placing tobacco leaf stems or raw tobacco leaves in a pail, 1½ or 2 pounds; fill the pail with boiling soap suds, cover up, and allow to cool. Strain and spray it on the plants as required.

Another good formula is made by mixing one part slightly sour milk and two parts of coal oil. These must be mixed (churned) together thoroughly first, then add 20 parts of water and mix thoroughly. This must be used quickly, as it does not keep long.

The following preparations sold at large seed stores are also good. Sulpho-tobacco soap and Black Leaf 40 are good remedies. These are also sold at some drug stores. Full directions for use are given on the packages. I find it an improvement to use soapy water in mixing Black Leaf 40.

These remedies are for aphid, thrip and red spider mainly.

Dealing With the Slug.

Another pest that infests rose bushes is what is known as the rose slug, a slimy green caterpillar, about one inch long, that eats the leaves and also eats into the flower. Dusting the bushes when the leaves are damp (not too wet) with dry hellebore from an old baking powder tin having a perforated lid, will help to keep down these pests; or an ounce of hellebore powder may be mixed with a gallon of water and sprayed on the plants. These are all very effective remedies for pests on rose bushes. Care must be taken, however, not only to be particular in mixing the ingredients, but also to apply thoroughly to all parts of the plant, more especially to the under side of the leaves for the white thrip and red spider, and start early in the season before the pests appear. Prevention is better than cure.

When to Spray.

In applying any of these solutions, any spraying necessary in chilly weather should be done in the morning. During the very hot weather, spraying may be done in the evening. If spraying is done in chilly weather it induces mildew. The remedy for downy or powdery mildew is to dust the plants with flowers of sulphur or spray with a solution made by mixing one ounce of potassium sulphide in three gallons of water. An application of any of these remedies should be made every week or ten days from early in the season until the end of summer. The potassium sulphide is also a good remedy for "Black Spot," another fungus disease that attacks the leaves of rose bushes. All dead or diseased leaves caused by black spot or mildew should be gathered up and burned. —The late Wm. Hunt, O. A. College, Guelph.