

Choice Miscellany.

For the ACADIAN. THE INDIAN HUNTER.

Let me go to my home That is far distant west, To those scenes of my childhood That I love the best.

Where the tall cedars are, And the bright waters flow, And my parents will greet me; While man let me go.

Let me go to the hills, And the valleys so fair, Where so oft I have breathed My own mountain air; And there is my mother, Whose heart will o'er flow At the sight of her child; To her let me go.

Let me go to my father, By whose brilliant side I so often have wandered In the height of my pride; And excited to conquer The insolent foe; To my father, the Chieftain, White man let me go.

And oh let me go To my own dark-eyed maid, Who taught me to love Beneath the willow shade; With a heart like a fawn, And as pure as the snow, And she loves her dear Indian; To her let me go.

And oh let me go To my own forest home; And never again Will I wish to roam; And there let my body In ashes lie low To those scenes of my childhood; White man let me go.

MRS JUDITH ELLEN FOSTER.

Mrs Foster is the daughter of a Methodist clergyman, who, in early life, years before he ever heard of a temperance organization—outside those mentioned in the Bible—pledged himself to total abstinence. He was one of New England's most successful preachers and leaders in all reforms.

In his gifted daughter, he still breathes and speaks his lofty and indomitable spirit. She was born at Lowell, Mass., 1840; educated in the Boston Public School and the Seminary of Charlestown, Mass., and Lima, N. Y. Her husband is a prominent lawyer and politician of Iowa, a life-long temperance man and earnest working Christian. She read law for his entertainment, and afterwards, by his suggestion, and under his supervision, pursued a systematic course of legal study, with, however, no thought of admission to the bar. Instead of amusing herself with fashion plates and fiction, she read with her babies about her knees such learned poems as Blackstone and Kent. She never had an ambition for public life or public speaking. Until about the time of the crusade she never heard a woman preach or lecture; but when the trumpet of her husband's cause sounded, she responded to the call, and lifted up her voice in protest against the iniquity of the drink traffic.

This, occurring just as she had finished her legal studies, and seemed a providential indication, and her husband said, "If you could talk before an audience, you could talk before a court of law," and he insisted on her being examined for admission to the bar. She was examined and admitted. This triumph won the approval of friends, and increased the hatred of the liquor party who knew in their hearts that she was a help-mate to you, and not a hindrance, for you must take in to consideration that now while on one young you must lay something for a time of need, for that time is—and to come some time in a man's life, and a list in the bank may tide you over some sudden rock that lies in your life of travel. Do not think of making her your wife because she is a beauty, for she will grow old; not for her lovely hair, for she may be bald and wear a wig; but make sure that she has good common sense, a mind of her own, and will have a smile of welcome for her husband when he comes to his home. A woman who will try to make one's life full of sunshine and to help and cheer him on, as he climbs the rugged road of life to a more successful issue, is a treasure to be proud of. A girl who will try to make her father and mother happy and fill their lives with sunshine is the girl to make you a good wife.—O. Angelo, Halifax, Mass.

ONLY A PRINTER.

Such was the sneering expression of a person residing not a thousand miles from the door of our *Sonnet*, in reference to the profession we follow in pride. "Nobody but a printer," in south it makes our free blood run rampant through our veins to hear such expressions from the lips of those nursed on republican soil. And let us become dis- graceful?—and is the name of printer a reproach in the land? We cannot believe it. Whoever gains an honest living by his labor look to their grandfathers, and they will see noblemen after the same God's own hand—men who stood and sang among the waving corn—men who wore their human nature like a crown. "Nobody but a printer" Who was William Caxton, one of the fathers of literature? "Nobody but a printer" Who was Earl Stanhope? "Nobody but a printer" Who was Samuel Woodworth the poet? "Nobody but a printer" Who was Governor Armstrong of Massachusetts? "Nobody but a printer" George P. Morris, James Harper, Horace Greeley, Robert Sears, and Senators Cameron, Dix and Sibley, and a host of no less conspicuous printers, who were they? "Nothing but printers, my how!" Let the mistaken souls of our land scorn those who honest- ly work out the perils of our condition prescribed by the Creator, and, if justice has not

will do. Or, "They are not worse than other young men." Excuse sin on account of other's sins—how's that? What others do won't make much difference when trials and troubles come as the result of these (to you) now harmless faults but which may change to serious ones as years roll on.

The result of marriage is to every one either happiness or misery, joy or sorrow, plenty or poverty, unity and peace, or discord and strife.

I have written all these letters hoping that you may be influenced to look before you leap; to be sure as you can of your future before you take the decisive step; to be in no haste to wed. The end and aim of life should be something higher and nobler than just to have "Mrs" prefixed to your name. The choice is yours, and that you will either rise in the world or else sink to a sort of nonentity. Girls, please read and think on Aunt Mollie's advice, and in the future may it be of assistance and help to you.—Aunt Mollie.

For the ACADIAN. WHAT IS LOVE.

One hundred letters were written to as many well known "thinkers" of Vincennes, requesting answers to the question, "What is love?" The result indicates a confusing variety of opinions among the people of Vincennes as to what love is. Following are the answers of sixteen different persons. The most interesting and pardonable of human weaknesses.

A mere delusion that has ruined many men. A feeling of such exquisite tenderness that it is too sweet for comparison. I don't know anything about it; don't think it amounts to much.

The sweetest and most passionate excitement known to men—binding together by the strongest cords sex, kindness, and nations.

Don't know anything about it; never was there.

It is something that no fellow can find out—yet all feel its power, more or less.

A sweet and delusive imagination act.

A dormant passion of the mind aroused by beauty and intellectual qualities of some one woman.

An indefinable principle which will beings processes, and which lies at the foundation of all happiness.

A noble passion which envelops our whole being and shows itself in every thought, word, and action.

Fine bliss—void of fancy—of happiest happiness.

An egotism of two.

A feeling that takes root in the heart and is only made perfect when it enters the soul.

A latent faculty of the mind that, when aroused, glows with a radiance that illuminates the gloomiest mind and wields a power of influence that is unequalled.

One of the worst diseases of the heart.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

I would say a few words to the boys. Young man, if you are in love with a young woman, be sure that she is a lady before you ask her to be Mrs.—Do not let your love blind your sense of duty to yourself and your parents. Make sure that she will be a help-mate to you, and not a hindrance, for you must take in to consideration that now while on one young you must lay something for a time of need, for that time is—and to come some time in a man's life, and a list in the bank may tide you over some sudden rock that lies in your life of travel. Do not think of making her your wife because she is a beauty, for she will grow old; not for her lovely hair, for she may be bald and wear a wig; but make sure that she has good common sense, a mind of her own, and will have a smile of welcome for her husband when he comes to his home. A woman who will try to make one's life full of sunshine and to help and cheer him on, as he climbs the rugged road of life to a more successful issue, is a treasure to be proud of. A girl who will try to make her father and mother happy and fill their lives with sunshine is the girl to make you a good wife.—O. Angelo, Halifax, Mass.

GIRLS, LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

If a young woman's hand is asked in marriage, I can see no impropriety in her taking into consideration the prospects of support and a home. Perhaps she says: "We can get along. I shan't want much, and life in a cottage with a crust of bread is better with my lover than any other life alone." My dear girl, remember that your John or Joe ceases to be a lover at marriage; he is then a husband. He will not be attentive to your slightest wish as before. He has other cares, other friendships. You cease to be a novelty as you cease to be a new possession, and if at the same time there is want for the various necessities of life, their will be sighing and hanging to the time of plenty when you were your own master, could come and go fancy-dieted, and when perhaps you earned your money in some of the various avenues open to girls. The old saying, "You must summer people and winter them to find them out" I thoroughly believe, and this is why I entreat those who are contemplating this important step to be willing to hear, and not be offended if some friend tell them their admirer is not altogether without fault. Young people's means are very limited, and the fancy pictures many virtues which are never possessed. They show their best side just as the shop man shows his goods. So don't be too sure that you may not be wrong in your judgment.

Again, young ladies make so many excuses for the falling of favored ones. "They have had no chance; they are not appreciated; just see what my influence

gone forever, they will blister their hands with manual labor. We have seen such cases even in our day.—*Travis City Daily.*

MOTHER.

Have you ever noticed when hearing a child say the word mother what a pleasant, soft, balmy sound it has, like a sweet, soothing and grateful breeze? Do you know why every bosom responds to the word mother as it finds its way to our hearts in youth and retains its hold upon us in our age?

Why, it is because the blessed tie which links mother and child together is so holy, simple and beautiful in its construction so pure, good and genuine in its strength, and is the emblem of all we can imagine of fidelity, truth and love that we feel the value of it in our youth and manhood, and lament the loss of it when our mother is laid in the grave. If fathers are looked up to for precept, principle and example, mothers are relied upon for tenderness and endearing affection; if fathers are strongholds of safety, mothers are sources of love and consolation. In all our trials, amid all our afflictions, mother is our friend; when all else forsakes us she is still by our side calming the ruffled spirit and tranquilizing the agitated heart. If we do wrong she reproves us more in sorrow than in anger, and whose voice is ever so soft and tender as mother's? Do not despise mother when she is old, for when she was young you were prouder of her and had more respect and reverence for her than for any other woman. Do the same now, and continue doing so to the end. Age may wax and waste the mother's beauty, she may lose her strength, she may lose her hearing or eyesight, she may be gray-headed, but is still the same to her child, and her "motherly relation is ever in its flourish." It may be autumn or winter, but with the mother, as mother, it is always spring. Never forget she is mother; she can never tear you from her bosom nor forget you are her child.

Noah was the first base-ball player recognized in sacred history. He "pitched" the ark within and without, and finally sent a "fowl" "out on a fly" in search of dry land.—*Chicago Telegram.*

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