

### Young Woman's Corner

#### THE WILL OF GOD.

I worship thee, sweet Will of God!  
And all thy ways adore,  
And every day I live I seem  
To love thee more and more.

Thou wert the end, the blessed rule  
Of our Saviour's toil and tears;  
Thou wert the passion of His heart  
Those three and thirty years.

And he hath breathed into my soul  
A special love of thee,  
A love to lose my will in His,  
And by that loss be free.

I love to see thee bring to naught  
The plans of wily men;  
When simple hearts outwit the wise,  
Oh, thou art loveliest then!

The headstrong world, it presses hard  
Upon the Church, full oft,  
And then how easily thou turn'st  
The hard ways into soft.

I love to kiss each print where thou  
Hast set thine unseen feet;  
I cannot fear thee, blessed Will!  
Thine empire is so sweet.

When obstacles and trials seem  
Like prison-walls to be,  
I do the little I can do,  
And leave the rest to thee.

I know not what it is to doubt;  
My heart is ever gay;  
I run no risk for, come what will,  
Thou always hast thy way.

I have no cares, O blessed Will!  
For all my cares are thine;  
I live in triumph Lord! for Thou  
Hast made Thy triumph mine.

And when it seems no chance or change  
From grief can set me free,  
Hope finds its strength in helplessness,  
And gaily waits on thee.

Man's weakness waiting upon God  
Its end can never miss,  
For men on earth no work can do  
More angel-like than this.

Ride on, ride on triumphantly,  
Thou glorious Will! ride on;  
Faith's pilgrim sons behind thee take  
The road that thou hast gone.

He always wins who sides with God,  
To him no chance is lost;  
God's Will is sweetest to him when  
It triumphs at his cost.

Ill that He blesses is our good,  
And unblest good is ill;  
And all is right that seems most wrong  
If it be His sweet Will.

—Faber.

It is possible to stop in the course of the erection of a material building without detriment to its perfect finish, but in the spiritual operation of character building there can be no rest. We are either building or throwing down what we have built. No rest! It sounds hard, but this is our probation time, and the reward is infinite.

The way in which we take our troubles is the best indication whether our characters are improving or degenerating.

We know that God, who is a God of Love, can change our sorrow to joy when he wills. Out of His infinite mercy and love would He not do so if He thought it good for us that He should. Here is the point. If we are not able to take our troubles joyfully let us at least accept them in a resigned manner. There is nothing more destructive to our building than the constant strain on its timbers made by our worrying. There is nothing so weakens its structure as those frequent gusts of passion that shake, it to its foundation.

It is so undignified to rail at Providence or fate because of our troubles.

A woman cannot be a lady without some dignity. Self-control is essential to that quality. The self-

control we display in our troubles and the least we say about them the more lady-like we appear.

A little sorrow borne meekly and patiently under the Will of God is most refining to a character. Perhaps it is the one thing needful to purify a nature. It teaches us sympathy and love and mercy to such a degree of toleration as to make us look at human failings in a very personal way.

We get to wondering if we would do any better under the same temptations and we learn to love the sinner no matter how much we hate the sin.

Pray God for the patience and love that will make your sorrows blessings and you one of the blessed in the world beyond.

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the fair name he made for himself by his gallantry and daring on many a hard fought field. He had sought "the bubble reputation at the cannon's mouth"; he had secured what he sought; but what a veritable bubble it proved to be! Vanity of vanities, and all is vanity; surely here once more is enforced the old, old lesson which the world is so slow to learn, which the world won't learn, because it does not want to.

"Better to die thus than face dishonor." This is what some men have said. They are not ashamed to pervert that old and honourable maxim, Death before dishonor. "Better die thus," indeed! So died Judas, and the Master said it would have been better for Judas if he had not been born. Every man who is afraid to face the consequences of his own acts is a moral coward; and every soldier who quits his post on the field of battle before the fight is done, or the order is given by the commander-in-chief to withdraw, is a deserter, and a traitor to his King. Is not the life of man a warfare upon earth? and is not God our great Captain? and shall we dare to quit our post before the summons comes from Him? "Vetati enim dominans ille in nobis Deus injussu hinc nos suo demigrare.—Tusc. Qaest., lib. 1." So says the pagan Cicero, in this not pagan, but far more Christian than many who bear the name. "That God who is our Lord and Master forbids us to go hence without His leave." These are words worthy to be writ in golden letters. God has made man lord of his own acts, not of his own life. But men forget this; they ignore God; they are ashamed to face their fellow-man, poor, soiled image of God that he is, and they are not ashamed nor afraid to thrust themselves unbidden into the very presence of God Himself.—The Casket.

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