

creating an atmosphere of harmony and restfulness. Her influence is like music, sweet and low and subduing. So she has really made her contribution, and it will prove to be a lasting one. It shall not be taken away. It has imparted a sweetness and a strength to our hearts which will long outlive the energy supplied by the delicious food. Sit down, Martha, and rest with us! We are well served. If an extra dish goes cold it will not matter so long as our hearts are warm."

We may believe that the meal was finished leisurely and in a spirit of delightful fellowship. Martha, dear old motherly soul that she was, would sit down beside Mary, perhaps with her arm around her, and share in the enjoyment of the Master's wondrous speech. If anything further should be needed before they rise from table, it will be Mary who will hasten to bring it in.

How much more enjoyable and profitable the hospitalities of life would be if all the world should lay to heart the lesson so clearly taught in this sweet story! It would crown all our domestic feasts with an exquisite grace. And what relief it would bring to the overwrought and anxious Marthas of the world! Hosts and