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Words are easy, like the wind;
Faithful friends are hard to find.
—Shakespeare.

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Thee, magnificent, oh Queen! we greet, Enthroned upon thy heavenly seat.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Dolly's Bath.

This is the birthday of sister Polly, Come, let's give her a nice surprise. Suppose we wash her dear old dolly? But don't let the soap get into its eyes.

The precious dolly—the dear old dolly—

Fill the basin, and in she goes.

Rub away, scrub away! Isn't it jolly?

Now for her cheeks and the tip of her nose.

What is the matter? Her cheeks were painted.

Where are the eyebrows she had before?

Whiter and whiter! The doll has fainted.

And the giue is gone, and the wig she wore.

Forgive us, forgive us, sister Polly.

We have dried her and dressed her,
but what will you say?

You hardly will know your own old dolly,

Now half of her beauty is washed away.

What a beautiful thing thought is, and what pleasure it gives, when it lifts itself on high! 'Tis the natural direction, which it resumes as soon as it is freed from terrestrial objects. There is a mysterious attraction between us and heaven. God wants us, and we want God.—Eugenie de Guerin.

The Song of the Bee.

Buzz! buzz! buzz!
This is the song of the bee.
His legs are of yellow;
A jolly, good fellow,
And yet a great worker is he.

In days that are sunny,
He's getting his honey;
In days that are cloudy
He's making his wax:
On pinks and on lilies,
And gay daffodillies,
And columbine blossoms,
He levies a tax!

Buzz! buzz! buzz!
The sweet-smelling clover,
He, humming, hangs over,
The scent of the roses
Makes fragrant his wings:
He never gets lazy;
From thistle and daisy,
And weeds of the meadow,
Some treasure he brings.

Buzz! buzz! buzz!
From morning's first light
Till the coming of night,
He's singing and toiling
The summer day through.
Oh! we may get weary,
And think work is dreary;

'Tis harder by far To have nothing to do.

There is one thing in our day that ought to make us afraid: persons who have hardly begun to make their meditations, if they seem to hear anything during their recollection, pronounce it to have come from God; so they tell us, God has spoken or I have had an answer from God. In truth all this is nothing: these persons have been speaking to themselves, out of a longing for such communications.