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an experience unknown to the shallow man; it is the manly way.

### THE LAST TIME.

The last time on earth that we may gaze on the face of one we have known and loved, one whose spirit has been called from its earthly habitation to dwell in a heavenly one! We stand reverently looking down on all that remains to us of what was once all life and animation; the coldness and chill creep into our frames, flow through our veins and hold us spell-bound, grief-bound, frozen with the pain of this parting which must be forever! We have parted with friends who have gone to foreign lands, but that good-bye was not like this; we held their hands, looked into their eyes from which answering gleams came, and there was hope, faith of their return; our heart strings quivered, were strained, our eyes were moist with tears, but they wept with us, and bore half the grief; but in this sad taking leave we bear it all. The last time when we shall meet on earth, and the strangeness of this last meeting cannot be described; words are too cold, too weak, to reveal what this has been and will be to us all. The last day at school, the last day of maidenhood, before one takes up the responsibilities of wifehood, the last day of each year, the last hour of the day, midnight, all these are solemn times when we feel deeply, strangely, and half sadly, when life

is held sacred and we walk as through some old cathedral, reverently into the beyond. Let us strive to live so that those who may gather about us for the last time may look on our cold, calm face, lovingly and sadly—regretting that we are gone, but rejoicing that we have left so few stains on the path on which we have trodden and so many flowers.

### DO WELL ALL THAT YOU DO.

If you have anything to do, do it well. Reflect before commencing, and do it as well as possible. Do it as if it were the only thing that you have to do in all your life, and as if all depended on it. Then your work will be well done, and will procure for you true satisfaction. It is often true that much depends on the manner in which the apparently trivial duties are done. Do well all that you do, and you will find that it will not only contribute to your own happiness, but to the happiness of others as well.

### "GATHER OUT THE STONES."

"It is such a stony little path between here and Mrs. Harvey's that I can't bear to go over it," said Jim.

"And Dick Harvey doesn't like it any better when he comes over

here," said Frank. "I heard him say he had got ever so many bruises in the path. He was grumbling about it yesterday."

"Why don't you clear the way between here and your neighbour's?" asked Mr. Morris. "Much better do that than keep grumbling about it."

"Why, we should never get all the stones out of that path," cried Jim.

"Not all in one day, nor by taking all the stones at once," said the father. "But if each of the boys who cross there would take a stone out of the way every time he goes, the work would be done. Try it."

The boys did try it. There were half a dozen young lads who used the path, and each one helped to clear it by doing a little every time he went that way. By this means the stones were cast out and the path was cleared.

This is exactly the way to make it easier and pleasanter for others in this world. Let each one make it his business, as he goes through life, to take some little hindrance out of the way whenever he can. Little faults should be cured, and little temptations that cause unwary feet to stumble should be removed. Small unkindnesses should be confessed and careless ways amended. Trifling slights should be smoothed over, and sharp words, dropped in fits of ill-humour, should be taken back, as far as possible. All these things will make the path of life smoother. It is well worth while to clear the way. "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."—Children's Friend.

### A POLITE MONKEY.

The following incident seems to indicate that politeness, always invaluable in man, sometimes stands animals in good stead:

A brave, active, intelligent terrier, belonging to a lady friend, one day discovered an organ grinder, with his monkey seated upon the bank within the grounds, and at once made a dash for him. The monkey was attired in jacket and hat and awaited the onset in such undisturbed tranquility that the dog halted within a few feet of him to reconnoitre. Both animals took a long, steady stare at each other. The dog was evidently recovering from his surprise and about to make a spring for the intruder. At this critical juncture the monkey, who had remained perfectly quiet hitherto, raised his paw and gracefully saluted by lifting his hat. The effect was magical. The dog's head and tail dropped and he sneaked off and entered the house, refusing to leave it till he was satisfied that his polite but mysterious guest had departed.

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