

LIVE FOR SOMETHING.

Live for something: be not idle,
Look about thee for employ;
Sit not down to useless dreaming:
Labor is the sweetest joy.

Folded hands are ever weary;
Selfish hearts are never gay.
Life for thee has many duties.
Active be, then, while you may.

Scatter blessings in thy pathway:
Gentle words and cheering smiles
Better are than gold and silver,
With their grief dispelling wiles.

As the pleasant sunshine falleth
Ever on the grateful earth,
So let sympathy and gladness
Gladden well the darkened hearth.

O'er sad hearts oppressed and weary
Drop the tear of sympathy;
Whisper words of hope and comfort,
Give, and thy reward shall be

Joy unto thy soul returning
From this perfect fountainhead;
Freely, as thou freely givest,
Shall the grateful light be shed.

BARE FEET BUT CLEAN HANDS.

There was once a poor shepherd who kept a flock of sheep on the banks of the beautiful river Rhine. So poor was he that he often had not enough money to keep him in shoes. Once when it was cold and icy, and his feet were stiff and almost frozen, a robber came out of the woods to the poor shepherd, and said:

"Why do you not leave your vocation and follow mine, which pays so much better? If you will enter into my service you will have to work less, and you will have no longer to go barefooted in the cold and mud."

"God forbid it!" said the shepherd. "I would rather go barefooted and be an honest man, than procure shoes by dishonest means. Better have the feet covered with mud than the hands soiled by crime!"

VALUE OF MONEY EARNED

The way to keep money is to earn it fairly and honestly. Money so obtained is pretty certain to abide with its possessor; but money that is inherited, or that in any way comes in without a just and fair equivalent, is almost certain to go as it came. The young man who begins by saving a few shillings a month and thriftily increases his store—every coin being a representative of solid work honestly done—stands a better chance to spend the rest of his life in affluence than he who, in his haste to become rich, obtains money by dashing speculations, or the devious means which abound in the foggy regions between fair dealing and fraud.

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LEARN TO OBEY.

Is it wise for young men to grow impatient of the counsel and control of a good father? He is much more likely to be right than they are, since he has already been over a bit of the way which is still to them untried. Even when young people cannot help thinking their parents unreasonable in their commands or restrictions, they should not rebel. We are bound to obey our parents "In the Lord;" that is, whenever their law does not lead us to the transgression of some higher law given by God the Father to all His children; and it is generally the case that the parental laws which excite most discontent are laws which only restrain from more than doubtful good. Young people should realize that no insult, but rather honor, is shown them by any such restrictions. It is young, thoroughbred horses, and not donkeys or mules who need restraint, and who are considered worthy to receive it! By obedience alone is the will disciplined into self-command, and only he who has learned to obey can ever know how to rule.—Edward Garrett.

THE UNFINISHED PRAYER.

Now I lay—repeat it, darling,
'Lay me,' lisped the tiny lips
Of my daughter, kneeling, bending
O'er her folded finger tips.

'Down to sleep.' 'To sleep,' she murmured.
And the curly head bent low;
'I Pray the Lord,' I gently added—
'You can say it all, I know.'

'Pray the Lord,—the sound came faintly
Fainter still, 'my soul to keep';
Then the tired head faintly nodded,
And the child was fast asleep.

But the dewy eyes half opened
When I clasped her to my breast,
And the dear voice softly whispered—
'Mother, God knows all the rest.'

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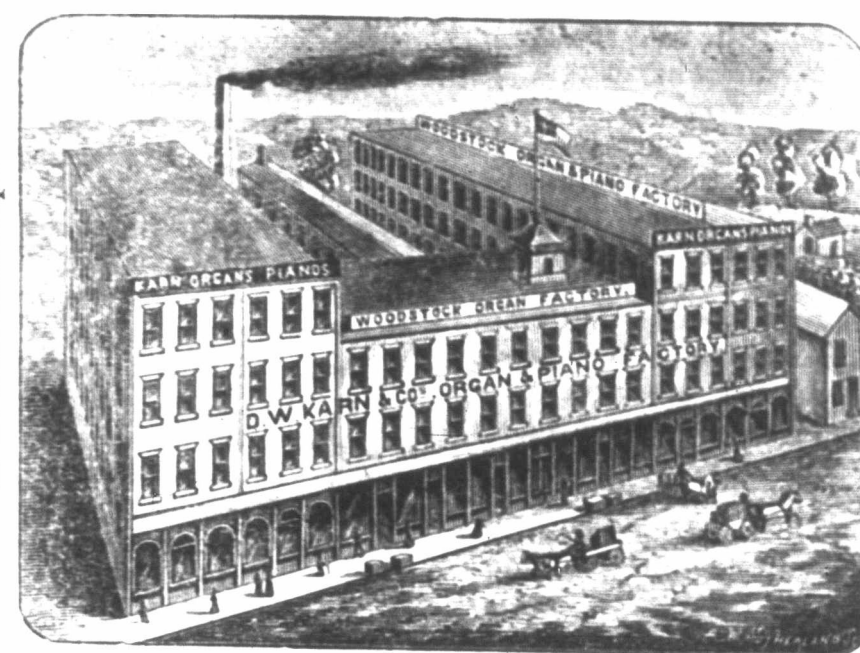
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