

you'd orter see my lilv,' he said, his thin face beaming. 'Every bud is open—and—he stretched up to whisper in her ear, 'father's tryin' to be good to-day, and he's comin' to meetin' to-night.'

'Isn't that beautiful,' she was saying to him, with a sympathetic pressure of the little hand on her arm, when Mrs. Graham came to her.

'Grandma Lee has gone home, Miss Avery,' she said, her voice unusually tender. 'She dropped away, almost in a moment—the disease struck to her heart, they think, and the last thing they heard her say was something about Solomon in all his glory. They've laid her out with one of your Easter lilies in her hand.'

Miss Avery sat down, almost faint with surprise. 'Dear heart, she is having the happiest Easter of us all,' she said, in a trembling voice.

'Yes, and to think that your lilies were a comfort to her, even to her last breath. I shall never see one without thinking of her, for if I ever had a true friend and a tried, it was Grandma Lee.'

Miss Avery sat in her little room alone a few days later, writing to her friend with a full heart. 'You little know, dear Maria, how much good your beautiful gift has done. Not only has it cheered my own heart and given me untold pleasure, but it has reached out and blessed other hearts, of whom I can only mention a very few. It has brightened a drunkard's home, and roused thoughts which may yet work a complete reform; it has cheered the dying bed of one of God's sweetest saints, and has gone into home after home, where the fragrance and beauty of the lilies were a benediction. I cannot thank you, dear, as I should like to, with my voice and my arms around your neck as of old, but only with word and pen. It was a lovely thought, and it has borne lovely fruit, how lovely I think you and I will never know until we gather it in eternity.'



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