

not be intimidated by the cheerless beginnings of knowledge, by the darkness from which she springs; by the difficulties which hover around her, by the wretched habitations in which she dwells, by the want and sorrow which sometimes journey in her train; but let him ever follow her as the angel that guards him, and as the genius of his life. She will bring him out at last into the light of day, and exhibit him to the world comprehensive in acquirement, fertile in resources, rich in imagination, strong in reasoning, prudent and powerful above his fellows, in all the relations of life.

BE A MAN.

"Be a man," by filling the place you are in. If you are a man, be a man, every whit a man. If you are not a man, glory in this; be a woman in the true sense of the word. If you are a youth or child, do not disdain productive disciplinary years. Are you poor or rich, humbled or honored, citizen or magistrate, be your position what it may, if you cannot improve it, show yourself a man in it. To the young I say, do not make haste to become men prematurely, but seek to become the best specimens of youth. Men's garments do not become boys; youth is the stepping-stone to manhood, the apprenticeship of life. God has adapted responsibilities to relations, and these to natures and spheres. Seek to show yourselves true to the nature and sphere you are in; it is thus you will prove yourselves to be men in the best sense. Let us magnify the position we are appropriately in, and show ourselves to be the noblest specimens of what God made us to be. "Be a man," by cultivating yourself. There is need of a sound body, invigorated by habits of virtue and healthful enterprise; but there is more need of a noble mind, disciplined by culture and subject to principle. This is essential to the highest state of manhood. Uncultivated mind, like uncultivated toil or brute strength, fails of its highest productiveness. The whole mind and heart needs thus to be developed and disciplined. We cannot shew ourselves men in any true sense till we raise our standard of thinking, of acting, and purpose, to the highest practical point; and to gain this high ground we must take covenant with labor, we must resist temptation, and put the heel upon

the neck of inordinate appetite and indulgence. We must store the mind and taste with what is useful and wholesome; we must be able to go from cause to effect, and from effect back to cause, upon the strong chain of reasoning; and we ought to know how to form those chains by clear links of knowledge. We measure men, not by stature, nor station, nor by age, nor sex, nor circumstances, but by cultivated powers, and the success with which they are able to bring those powers to bear upon the nobles' interest of earth.

THE DEAD' AND THE LIVING.

By a deep and sensitive instinct of the heart we are impelled to think and speak kindly of the dead. Therefore we should think and speak no less kindly of the living. Why wait until the green turf is laid over his breast, before we have compassion upon our erring brother? Only when he is past all sense of benefit or injury—alike indifferent, we suppose, to harsh judgment and tender sympathy—we relent towards him. The forgiveness of faults, the charitable constructions of motives, which is of so little consequence to him now, would have opened sweet fountains of feeling in his bosom when he lived. We had no mercy for him then; but now that death has taken him we stand awe-struck, thinking he has gone to be judged where we shall also some day render our account; remembering now his better qualities which in our old impatience and anger were all forgotten; and feeling the arrows of our unkindness glance back from his tombstone, and enter our own remorseful hearts.

Is it not well, then, to take a little forethought, and be kind before death comes with his stern reminder? Time and toil and care have perhaps worn away the flowering soil of youth from your father's rocky character, and left its hard, sharp angles bare for you to bruise yourself against, and every day you suffer your hurt spirit to be influenced against him; but the time will come when you will see that you never owed him anything but love and forbearance for the faults with which he was so blindly afflicted. Or it may be your mother is old-fashioned and peevish, and you think of her as a burden, not con-

sidering that you yourself may some day be old and peevish and burdensome—and reflecting that the surest means of avoiding that unhappy condition is to cultivate now that patience and cheerfulness which will enable you to bear with her whimsical sorrows. Or your brothers and sisters anger you, or your friends, by an unconsidered word or deed, offend you, and your inexorable heart turns stony towards them, when by one appealing look or affectionate remonstrance you might save yourself the bitterness of that later grave-side repentance.

Alas! that our daily trials should so often make us forget that we are all brothers—that we must all sleep side by side at last—and that the judgments we render to others here shall surely be rendered unto us again.

TRUE WORTH.

True worth consists in the amount of goodness which fills the souls of men, and makes life radiant with its celestial sunbeams. Fashion, rank, splendor, worldly riches, fame; these can never impart value to the immortal soul. They may save to show the want of true worth, but of themselves can never create it. Soul-purity constitutes the only reliable scale by which true worth is measured. Ardent affections, warm impulses, high aspirations and desires for perfection, intellectual and moral developments, tinged with the aroma of goodness, will always be counted in the estimate of our real value by the great soul-measurer,—God. This Pearl of great Price, which constitutes the only really valuable jewel in the crown of humanity, should be sought after by all men, women and children, throughout the length and breadth of our earth, for it is a jewel whose diamond lustre will continue to glow throughout all the ages of eternity!

GOT LEFT.

A genuine touch of woman's, as well as human, nature, pervades the following:—A comfortable old couple sat a seat or two in front of us in a railway car, during one of the hottest days of last summer. Their journey was evidently one of the events of their lives, and their curiosity excited the general attention of the passengers. At a way-station the old gentleman got out for a drink, or to