

ere the mother
y to be found.
s at the sewing-
Hughie's Sunday
by asleep in the
spite of the dia
and little Rob-
through the long
from the warm
here that seemed
ng to go in, but
zed that he must
th his mother.
d the shame of
ed him. He was
did not notice
e time he had
he had braced
bright smile and

apparently no-
me again?" she
r hand to him
comradeship she
m. "Are you
Hughie, kissing
chance to get

find something
ntry we saved
t."

Robbie. "Pie!
uzzie tept it for
were not to
shaking her

said Robbie,
e to keep his

hat's a lesson
n many times,
little lips shut.
st as good."
," said Hugh-
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mother. "Pie
men."

Hughie indig-
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the congrega-
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meanness, he
his mother.

n you! What
u are!" said
run away to
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e will have a
fter supper."

ad to get out
eizing the pie,
arn and hurled
He felt sure
would choke

e seen Foxy
our, how glad
him back his
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plit the wood
prepared kin-
s fires, he had
his new self.

first lesson in
ut of h's face.
and through all
breaking win-
e woods were
the snow and
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ied his burden
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l without am-
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os, and conse-
y's pencil-box
Hughie was
His chance of
wn conscience

ed.)

See.

r girl is more
their manners
use her hat is
es because her
d many a boy
of clothes might
without dream-
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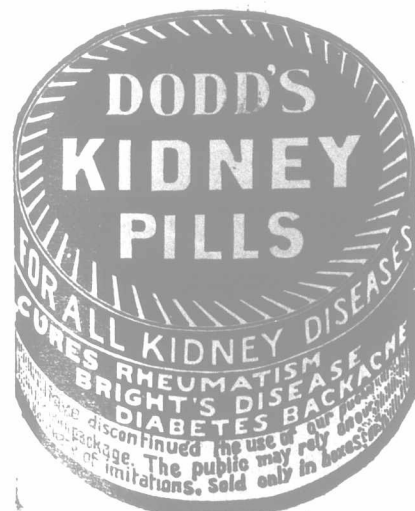
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come to hand, and I have been reading
your talk on "Life in a great city," and
it has awakened within me something of
an old longing to have the privilege of
laboring among "God's poor" in our
great cities: but hitherto my life-work
has been plainly laid out for me in the
country. Not that I do not love the
country; I love it with all my heart, for
aside from many other blessings in living
near to nature, we seem to get nearer
to the great loving heart of Nature's
God. Still the crying need of the masses
in the cities appeal very strongly to my
heart, and I long to widen my sphere of
usefulness for the Master. By a strange
coincidence, the very poems which I had
previously prepared, and which I am
sending in this letter for "The Farmer's
Advocate," express something of that old
longing, although I was hardly conscious
of it until I read your letter. Hoping
the poems may be useful, and wishing
you very heartily a year of success and
blessing in this and in every other work
which may be given you.

Yours very sincerely,
(MRS.) M. C. HAYWARD.

Corinth, Ont.

I gladly publish your poems, Mrs.
Hayward, feeling very sure that they will
go straight home to many hearts. There
are so many souls with high ideals,
longing to spend their lives in some high
and holy work of love, yet kept by God's
restraining Hand in a groove that seems
so narrow. We can never be thankful
enough that the great Life which has
transformed innumerable lives of men
and women, was spent almost entirely in
a little country village. Surely the
Saviour of mankind longed to get away
from the apparently trivial work in the
carpenter's shop, that He might do the
"great work" of uplifting the souls of
sin-laden men and women. But, well
indeed it was for us that He did not
drop the commonplace everyday duties,
until the guiding pillar of God's provi-
dence plainly led the way. As a friend
of mine, now laboring in a distant mis-
sion field, says: "It is not our fields, but
on faithfulness that matters. We need to
realize the largeness of a small work as
well as the smallness of a great work,
in order that in the one hand we may
do least things grandly, and, on the other,
grand things humbly." Bishop Brooks
shows, in wonderful language, how eager,
aspiring souls gather round the Son of
Man, "each with his poor, pathetic little
pie of struggle, which has looked so
hopeless" while he was fighting it out in
his own obscure corner of the world; see
how each comes and sets his bit of soli-
tary struggle deep into the great victo-
ry of Christ, and knows that he has
his true part in Christ's fulfilment of the
human life—the complete establishment of
God's idea of man."

The Master is watching each worker.
Whether the world knows anything of
what we are doing, or passes by our
service unheeding, matters very little.
Does He approve of the way we are
living? That is the searching question
for each one of us—in country or in city.
Is he saying: "Well done!" each day?
Look up into His face and see. HOPE.

She Hath Done What She Could.

(Mark 14: 8.)

"She hath done what she could," the
Master said;
The weeping Mary felt
A thrill of deep, sweet gladness in her
soul,
As at His feet she knelt.

Her broken box lay empty at His feet.
Its perfume filled the air;
Her heart's unspoken, self-denying love,
Had found expression there.

What though His friends looked on in
censure cold,
And deemed her act unwise;
If only He accepted what she gave,
And blessed the sacrifice?

They could not read the motives of her
heart,

The Master understood;

He knew that she had given her best to
Him,
She had done what she could.

And we, the followers of the same dear
Christ;

Like Mary, long to prove
To Him, who bought us with His
precious blood,
The fullness of our love.

And yet, sometimes our hearts are sad,
because

Our service seems so small;
So many seeming barriers hedge our
way—
The Master knows it all.

He knows, when those whose sympathy/
we need

Give only words of blame;
He waits to soothe and cheer our aching
hearts,
For He has felt the same.

And when life's common duties press
around

And claim each passing hour,
We think, "Oh, I would do so much for
Him
If it were in my power."

But is it not for Him? Our daily tasks
Rich privilege afford,

Through loving trust and cheerful self-
denial
To glorify our Lord.

So while we long for greater things to
do,

We need to watch and pray,
Lest we neglect the duties that lie close
Around us, day by day.

And this sweet thought may comfort and
sustain,

When burdened and oppressed,
The Master only asks of us our own,
And not another's best.

Oh, that our hearts might lie, like
Mary's box,

All empty, at His feet,
With each God-given talent we possess,
Poured forth in service sweet.

Thus, in the weakest of God's children
here,

Rich fruitage would abound;
And the sweet perfume of our words and
deeds
Breathe forth to all around.

Thus following Him, whose pure, unself-
ish life

Was spent in doing good,
Sweet guerdon shall be ours, to hear
Him say,

"They have done what they could."
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Jesus Knows and Understands

Oft my heart is filled with longing
For some greater work to do;
Work amid earth's teeming harvests,
Where the laborers are so few;
Very commonplace and trivial
Sometimes seem the tasks at hand;
But this sweet thought ever cheers me:
Christ doth know and understand.

Dearest friends sometimes misjudge me,
Sometimes fail to help afford,
Just when all my heart is longing
For a helpful, cheering word.
But there's One who never, never
Fails to meet my heart's demands;
Though its needs be all unspoken,
Jesus knows and understands.

In my soul are high ideals,
Sought, but never quite attained;
Every holy aspiration
By some weakness seems restrained.

But my soul, with all its yearnings
Lies within the Master's hand;
He will use them for His glory,
For He knows and understands.

But, when freed from mortal 'cumberance,
My glad spirit finds its goal—
Satisfied, yet ever growing—
In the homeland of the soul,

When I meet those eyes so tender,
When I clasp a nail-pierced hand,
In the perfect light of heaven,
I, too, shall know and understand.

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