

with their friends in the feast of spiritual good things. Such Friends would appreciate all interest shown in them and would feel that they were not forgotten, and when the way became clear for them to go forward, they would feel that they were needed and would go forth with renewed strength to labor in the vineyard of the Master.

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As an illustration of the "harmonies of creation," Darwin said the amount of clover seed produced in any given locality was proportionate to the number of "old maids" there resident, which he proved by the following statement: There can be no clover seed without the bumble bee, because no other insect fertilizes it. The enemy of the bumble bee is the common field mouse, that steals into their nests and destroys the larvæ and eats up the honey. The enemy of the mouse is the common house cat, and the solid friend of the cat is the old maid. Consequently, the more old maids the more cats the more cats, the less mice, and the less mice the more bumble bees, the more bees the more clover seed.

Man is of the earth, but his thoughts are with the stars. Mean and petty his wants and desires; yet they serve a soul exalted with grand, glorious aims—with immortal longings—with thoughts which sweep the heavens and wander through eternity. A pigmy standing on the outward crest of this small planet, his far reaching spirit stretches onward to the infinite, and there alone finds rest. — *Carlyle.*

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