

A SCENE IN GETHSEMANE.

John 13:1-11; Matt. 26:36-50.

For Judas's ravine, in the noon of the night, With lanterns and torches their footsteps to light. A cohort of soldiers, with Judas to guide, Forth march to the Garden on Olivet's side.

Selected Serial.

ONE GIRL'S WAY OUT.

CHAPTER XL—Continued.

MEET AT HOME.

Mercy walked home in the gloaming with a spirit as quiet as the hour. It was such a new thing for her to feel quiet. The way was narrow, and dark with overhanging trees and bushes, but she had been accustomed to it all her life and felt no fear.

Woman sat in a low wooden rocker, in the middle of the floor, trying to soothe a restless infant in her arms. Mercy went up behind her and stroked the hair back softly from the aching temples; then stooped and kissed the forehead. The mother looked quickly at her as such an unusual caress from the girl. Such a sweet, gentle mother-face, care-lined though it was, but lacking the strength of the younger! And baby's face was like it; the only really pretty face of the six.

With the same, and corn-bread and butter. Mr. Taak came in, looking guiltily at his oldest child. Mercy said "good-morning," and his shallow nature at once bubbled up in some trivial remark. But, reaching the act of politeness had been more embarrassing to her than the display of kindness. She had tried saying "As thou wilt" this morning again, and found that she could do it heartily. She could pity any one that was not as happy as she was.

Should We Forget. I once heard a mother say, who had recently lost a beautiful boy of five or six summers, that she had taken his portrait down, and put it in an unopened room with her, so that she could never see it. She said that she could not bear to look at it—she wished to forget him, because it was painful to think of her loss. It is well that God took the little life back into his keeping! It was given and taken for aught but good, and a mother that is willing to forget what was once so dear to her, to banish every thought of her bereavement, because sorrow is painful, cowardly shrinks and ignores a Divine lesson.

At Home and Abroad. Farmer Bell did not believe in mental or moral-plunges, at least within his own family circle. He was quite willing to commend friend or acquaintance, but he had a theory that his own family would be best improved by a species of Spartan discipline. The children must learn to do their duty without the need of praise, and as for his wife, she had toiled for fifteen years without having once been told that she was a satisfactory housekeeper.

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