

**Lost Names.**

Those women which labored with me in the Gospel, and other my fellow-laborers, whose names are in the book of life.—Phil. iv., 3.

They lived, and they were useful; this  
And naught besides;  
No record of their names is left to show  
How soon they died;  
They did their work, and then they passed  
away,  
An unknown band,  
And took their places with the greater host  
In the higher land.  
And were they young, or were they growing  
old,  
Or ill or well,  
Or lived in poverty, or had much gold,  
No one can tell;  
Only one thing is known of them,—they were  
Faithful and true  
Disciples of the Lord, and strong through  
prayer  
To serve and do.  
But what avails the gift of empty fame?  
They lived to God.  
They loved the sweetness of another name,  
And gladly trod  
The rugged ways of earth, that they might  
be  
Helper, or friend,  
And in the joy of this their ministry  
Be spent and spend.  
No glory clusters round their names on earth;  
But in God's heaven  
Is kept a book of names of greatest worth,  
And there is given  
A place for all who did the Master please  
Although unknown:  
And there lost names shine forth in brightest  
rays,  
Before the throne.  
O, take who will the boon of fading fame!  
But give to me  
A place among the workers, though my name  
Forgotten be.  
And if within the book of life is found  
My lowly place,  
Honor and glory unto God redound  
For all His Grace!

—Selected.

**Gathered Flowers.**

The death of a little child leaves a vacancy, an aching sense of loss in a household that is quite apart from and in contrast with the sorrow that follows the death of one who has lived a long life and is gathered to his fathers. So many possibilities are bound up in the very thought of childhood. When the mother loses her infant she loses far more than the happiness of the present moment, more than the little head pillowed against her breast, more than any one but a mother can weigh. All the sweet days that were coming, the music of the first broken speech, the joyous patter of little feet, the school days, the hopes for the future are laid away in little graves that make only a short bed beneath the daisies.

When death comes suddenly to a child, as it sometimes comes, the silence that falls on the home, the arrest of movement and the hush of childish appeal, are for the time appalling. How are fathers and mothers to go on living when they have laid their darling out of their sight under the sod?

If we recognized the right of the Lord to the little ones He loves, His right to take them early from earthly guardianship to a heavenly inheritance, His right to lift them gently into the realm of endless joy and beauty, we can but accept His will, even here as best.

The little ones who stay must inevitably endure pain, illness, disappointment and trial, for this is the common lot. The little ones who go have fought their last battle, suffered their last pang and forever are safe in the presence of the Lord. In the home to which they have gone they will grow in grace and beauty, and a day will come when the parents shall find them again, when the broken circle shall be reunited, and there shall be unspeakable gladness and the deepest content.

'Who plucked this flower?' said the garden-

er. The answer was, 'The Master.' And the gardener held his peace.

If the Master in the fullness of His love shall gather a flower from one of our earthly gardens, what else can we do but hold our peace? Although it may seem in the anguish of bereavement that there can be no agony so terrible and no desolation so dark, observation and experience alike prove that there is more consolation in the death of a little child than there is ever granted to those who bend beneath the crushing weight of a living grief. Children of exquisite beauty and wonderful promise have grown up and wandered far from the safety and purity of the early home. As between pressing a kiss on the cold brow of a little sleeper and putting away the little toys and the little clothes that shall be needed no more, and beholding a child of love and prayer staining his manhood with sin and falling into consequent degradation, there is absolutely no comparison. Parents who have wildly rebelled and stormed the gates of heaven with prayer for the recovery of a child from illness have lived to regret that the lad had not been taken in childhood from the evil to come. For any of us, in whatever stress of trial we are, there is but one path of wisdom, the path of resignation to the Divine Will. 'The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord,' said the ancient patriarch in the hour of his calamity. There is nothing more modern than the Book of Job. It answers over the ages to the heart's cry of those who yesterday dropped their tears beside the latest vacant chair. Let no one lament, hopelessly, the loss of a little child. The child has but gone to the upland pastures where the Good Shepherd takes the tenderest care of His little flock.—Aunt Margorie, in the 'Christian Intelligencer.'

**What the Girls Should Know.**

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- Teach her to arrange the parlor and the library.
- Teach her to say 'No,' and mean it, or 'Yes,' and stick to it.
- Teach her how to wear a calico dress, and wear it like a queen.
- Teach her how to sew on buttons, darn stockings and mend gloves.
- Teach her to dress for health and comfort as well as for appearance.
- Teach her to cultivate flowers and to keep the kitchen garden.
- Teach her to make the neatest room in the house.
- Teach her to have nothing to do with intemperate or dissolute young men.
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