

Monica listened too interested to ask sent or ask a question.

'Marriage is a long look ahead. Two people who would walk a long way in harmony should learn to know the road as well as to know each other. There will come rainy days and busy days, discouraged days and monotonous days, which are about as hard to bear as any other days; a living in another life, taking another life upon one's self with its shame, its honor, its weakness, even its sins.'

'You make me afraid,' murmured Monica.

'What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee.' Girls so naturally find the bright side that they will not see the less bright side unless compelled. Older people take away the "romance," with their serious views of life. But do not be afraid of the expected or the unexpected, if you love each other, and are fitted for each other. "Oh, do you think I am growing like Harry?" a young wife asked me, anxiously. Be fitted to each other, and fitted for your work together, and love with all the love you can, then your life together will be a blessed giving and growing, then love and everything else will be exactly enough.'
—Jennie M. Drinkwater, in *Forward*.

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a son to his mother. The last time he came to see her, the old nurse was passed consciousness, and failed to give him her usual smile of recognition. Alexander bent down over the dying face, and asked tenderly, if she did not know him, but Kitty never spoke again; her life's work was done.

"The morning of the funeral found the Emperor and some other members of the family in the room, with the British chaplain of Petersburg, and the undertakers. As the moment came for putting the body into the coffin, the men stepped forward to do so; but the Czar motioned them back. 'No; no one shall touch her but ourselves,' he said; and then, beckoning to his brother, Grand Duke Sergius took the feet, and he lifted the head, and they gently laid the remains in the coffin.

"It was a miserable winter day; but Alexander the Third followed that coffin for two miles from the winter palace, through the streets of Petersburg to the cemetery beyond the Neva, to see his old English nurse laid in the grave. Who will not feel that such a man had a true and noble heart? and who will refuse him now that it is

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