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GRANTED WISHES.

Two little girls let loose from school
Queried what each would be;
One said, "I'd be a queen and rule";
And one, "The world I'd see."

The years went on. Again they met,
And queried what had been;
"A poor man's wife am I, and yet,"
Said one, "I am a queen."

"My realm a happy household is,
My king a husband true;
I rule by loving services;
How has it been with you?"

One answered: "Still the great world
lies
Beyond me as it laid;
O'er love and duty's boundaries
My feet have never strayed."

"Faint murmurs of the wide world come
Unheeded to my ear;
My widowed mother's sick-bed room
Sufficeeth for my sphere."

They clasp each other's hands; with
tears
Of solemn joy they cried:
"God gave the wish of our young years,
And we were satisfied."
—John G. Whittier.

Procrastination.—The late Emperor of Brazil, on being asked the cause of the country's backwardness, replied, "Manana," which is, being interpreted, "Tomorrow."

A Great Life.—"What," says Alfred de Vigny, "is a great life? It is a thought conceived in the fervent heat of youth and executed with the solid force of manhood."

The most Valuable Possession.—Dr. L. W. Munhall says: "I have travelled the world over, going about 30,000 miles every year. I have been in the desert of Sahara and in the cannibal islands of the sea; in the palaces of kings and the huts of savages, and I know from my experience that there is nothing in the world so great, or so enduring, as the Word of God and the companionship of Christ."

The True Patriot.—He loves his country, but he loves still more the kingdom of God. He cares too much for his country to uphold her in any wrong. He does not reserve his patriotism until he has a chance to die for his country; he lives for her. He does not urge the selection of the best men for candidates, and then refuse to serve when called upon, though at the cost of time and

money and inclination. He does not vote for bad men, and then plead that he did not know they were bad. He takes time to investigate the character of candidates.
—Selected.

Not a Millinery Show.—In the course of his sermon at the Des Plaines camp-meeting, Dr. H. I. Rasmus, of South Park Church, Chicago, said: "There would be more faith if there were less fuss and feathers. The church was never intended to be a millinery establishment, but it was intended for a much better purpose. It was intended for a place of worship, and let it be used as such. Perfumery should never be detected in a house of worship."

What One Woman Did.—Miss Clara Butler, by an accident that killed her brother, came to own an unproductive farm and cider mill near Montandon, Pa. By skilful management she has developed a creamery, making nearly 50,000 pounds of butter a year, a farm and market garden yielding a good profit, and a cider mill that earns nearly \$600 a year. She was not forced to do this to make a living, but resolved that the old farm should be made to pay.—Success.

Say It Now.—If you have a kind word for a brother, say it now. Cecil Rhodes, in savage scorn, predicted that his enemies would "slobber over his grave." And certainly some of his harshest critics grew kind after his death. What a pity a man must die to get his full meed of praise! How it would cheer many a discouraged minister in the midst of his toil, if he could hear a few of the kind things his brethren will say of him at the Conference Memorial Service. "A rose to the living is better than sumptuous wreaths to the dead."

The New Home.—"I want our home to be like a strain of beautiful music, without a discord of any kind. I want the home atmosphere to be always cloudless and bright. I want our home life to be so full of love that everyone who comes into it, even for an hour, will feel its influence and be happier for having been here." In these words one of the best and dearest women who ever made this world a summer place for others by her presence expressed her ideal of wedded life and home joy. She had been a rarely successful girl, in the sense of achieving her ambitions and filling her eager years with interesting experiments and worthwhile work. She meant, as she put on her bridal raiment, to be a successful wife, complementing her husband in every part of his nature, sending him from her, day by day, to his avocations,

stronger and truer for her companionship, and leaving no weak spot in their garden of Eden into which any serpent of envy or jealousy might creep unawares. Having this purpose clearly defined, and looking upward for help to carry it out, this woman suffered no disillusion, nor was her married life in any respect a disappointment. She, the home-maker, from the first lifted the home to a high plane and never allowed it to lose its fine and inspiring characteristics.—Margaret E. Sangster.

What is Expected.—Bishop Foss expresses his opinion of what the world expects of our Church thus: "The world expects of the Methodist Church a genuine, heartfelt, glowing, religious experience. I presume that when John Wesley was born, you could not have found 150 men in all England to say that they knew their sins were forgiven; but after he had graduated at Oxford, God took him through the fires for fifteen years, and then he declared that the Spirit witnessed with his spirit that he was born of God; and others took up the glad story, and now you can find millions of men on both continents who can humbly say, I know my sins are forgiven. I say the world expects of us sound doctrine and a real, glowing, religious experience; and it expects us, still further, to be among the foremost of the churches in carrying aloft the banner of glowing and transforming evangelistic power. It expects us to proclaim salvation now and free for all, and to carry this proclamation everywhere through the land."

Success in Life.—Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., delivered an address to the young men's Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, a short time since. His subject was, "What Is Success in Life?" Mr. Rockefeller said, in part: "It is a habit of thought in business that the man who gets the most money is the most successful, but though he may get great sums of money honestly and legitimately by his own efforts, that money is of no real use to him unless he uses it in the right way, and it may be a great curse to him, and he may achieve no real success whatever. On the other hand, the man who is poor, with only enough money for the necessities of life, may use his life for the good of others, and that man is a true success. If you believe what Christ said of success, you must believe that a successful life is one that has been made the most of in the way of doing for others. The highest success is not what one can make, but how one can make one's self most useful. Money, power and place are circumstances more or less useful, according to how a man may use them."