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She said, "that must bring us bliss;
The highest delight the selfish
Can never fail to miss.

Just in giving there is gaining,
He who stops to count the cost
Loses all the good he might get
If the thought of self were lost."

And her mother heard the essay,
But her thoughts seemed bound to roam
From its subject: and she pondered,
For she'd seen the girl at home.

-Somerville Journal.

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