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THROUGH THE CROSS ATTAIN THE CROWN.

"Take up thy cross and follow Me, And conquer self, and sin and ...pride," I heard the Voice, "Yea, Lord with Thee To Calvary!" with joy I cried. The heavy cross I gladly bore, And spurned temptations, mean and smile; And prayed, "O, Father, I adore, And offer Thee my life, my all!"

Alas! in fear my coward heart Shrank from the dark, long road of pain; I lost my Guide, and far apart I followed my own way again. I missed the Love I longed for so, "And cried, "Return, O Presence sweet, Show me the path that I must go" And Jesus came with bleeding feet.

"My child, the path I walk is long And steep. On thee the world will frown; By faith alone canst thou be strong. And through the cross attain the crown." "Lord, I believe! Be Thou my stay; Thy cross, once heavy, now is light; I follow Thee—lead Thou the way, E'en though it be Golgotha's height!" —Henry Coyle.

THE TRULY NOBLE WIFE AND MOTHER.

The love of a faithful husband, the sweet, safe seclusion of a comfortable home, and all the priceless privileges of motherhood, are the prizes of life within the reach of every truly good and noble wife and mother. Happy indeed is she who fully realizes and appreciates them! We must all remember that our chances of happiness are, in fact, less dependent on the conditions of which we are subject than on the point of view from which we regard them. George H. Hepworth truly says: "You may not change your surroundings, but you can change your attitude towards them." The moment we perceive that we are drifting into a state of discontent with our surroundings, it is time to take ourselves seriously to task, to search our hearts for the true motives that urge us in a contrary direction to the one marked out for us by duty. In the case of the young and the single, it is often permissible to escape from irksome conditions imposed by others without justification. But it is otherwise after marriage, when the engagements entered into at the altar must be honorably met and fulfilled to the latter. The demands made on a woman's time and strength by her domestic duties are not more arduous than those which the professional woman has to meet outside the home, yet we do not find women in the professional constantly bemoaning their inability to take part in the pleasures of the idle and wealthy. They resolutely put away all the past-times and occupations which might interfere with the faithful discharge of the new duties they have voluntarily assumed, and thereafter make it a point of honor and pride to keep their professional engagements no matter at what sacrifice of personal convenience or advantage. Is there any reason why the woman in the home—especially she who has made her own choice—should do less? Let her make up her mind to give loving and willing service when it is due, to prove her own efficiency for the task she has voluntarily assumed, to put generally away all hopes and wishes that can no longer be fulfilled without injury to those whom it is her first duty to please and to protect, and, looking at her life from the new and higher point of view, she will discover in it much beauty, dignity and consolation which was not manifest while her gaze was fixed on things outside its true orbit. The writer knows a woman who was materially helped in an endeavor to make the best of adverse circumstances by trying to realize what our darling Model in heaven—the Mother who performed the daily tasks in the humble abode at Nazareth—would probably do were she placed in such circumstances.

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Then where sickness, with its attendant trials, visited her home, she would say to herself "Suppose the Blessed Virgin were sent to my house to take charge of affairs, how would she proceed to make the best of things?" and the new

thought was an inspiration—with a little good will and perseverance we can all do as much. There is no life which looked at from the most favorable point of view, is not rich in opportunities for well (Continued on page 5.)

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