

That boy, in his self-sacrifice for us
Has reached life's climax, and in reaching
it
Touched Heaven's very gates—unlocked
them—passed,
To watch o'er those he loves and plead
for them
With that great God Who leaves none
comfortless."

DORA FARNCOMB.

For the Sick and Needy.

This week a dollar was sent for the Quiet Hour Purse, by a reader (Mrs. H.) in New Brunswick. Our purse has been a great help in these days of sickness, when whole families are sometimes unable to work. Several parcels of papers for the "shut-in" have also arrived, and been passed on.

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6 West Ave., Toronto.**The Ingle Nook**

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DEAR Ingle Nook Friends.—You are very, very busy these days—knitting, getting in the pumpkins and garden stuff, making pickles, and sewing for winter, in addition to all the usual work that must be done. But I am sure some of you took the opportunity, of a Sunday afternoon, to go out and take a look at the trees before they lost every shred of their autumn glory.

It seems to me that they are prettiest when some of the leaves have fallen off—just enough to reveal the branches and twigs in all their wonder and grace of growing. The dark, silver-gray and brown of the bark, too, form a perfect foil to the shreds and cloudlets of gold and crimson still clinging to the boughs, while the fallen leaves below and the changing skies beyond make perfect the wonderful picture.

Perhaps your way lies along a river-bank. The late fall asters—"Michaelmas daisies, and the larger, deep purple variety—throng in millions wherever they find the foothold they like, the dainty Michaelmas daisies wherever the hardwood growth parts to give sufficient light and heat to the hillside, while their purple sisters choose rather to frequent the low levels near the river, for they like to think they are about to dabble their feet in the water. . . . There are barberries, scarlet with graceful, drooping berries, too, perhaps, along the fence, or, if the place is too far from the homes of men for that, the scarlet may still hold its place in bristling haw-trees and in the "hips" of sweet-briar and wild rose.

Less glowing, but picturesque and unique, like people who are not handsome but fairly radiant with personality and interest, are the tall spikes of teasel and the milkweed-pods,—those wonderful pods which break forth to let the silky down escape, shining and ethereal, on the autumn air, like an earthly body breaking in death to let a radiant soul-body free.

You have taken such a walk as this, reader, haven't you? And you have looked at the gray sky with a bank of golden-leaved poplars limned against it, as though the leaves were still holding the sunshine in their network; you have turned to look at the dark bank of pines and cedars on a nearer hill; you have beheld the flowers, about your feet, and the gleam of silver on the river;—and you have felt that the Maker of All Beauty has been at work, that some day war and all ugliness shall have passed and Creation achieve the perfection towards which it has been working from the Beginning. You have felt that, and you have known that some day you and all those whom you love or have loved shall find part in that Beauty.—For this is the worth of all present Beauty—that it makes one feel and know things that cannot be proven.

"Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,
But looks through Nature up to Nature's God."—(Joseph Pope.)

JUNIA.

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Talk No. 1

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