

HOUSEHOLD.

Three Things.

Remember, three things come not back:
The arrow sent upon its track—
It will not swerve, it will not stay
Its speed; it flies to wound or slay.

The spoken word, so soon forgot
By thee; but it has perished not;
In other hearts 'tis living still,
And doing work for good or ill.

And the lost opportunity,
That cometh back no more to thee.
In vain thou weepest, in vain dost yearn.
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My Neighbor's Boy.

(Frank Walcott Hutt, in the 'S. S. Visitor'.)

I used to pity a boy next door,
He looked so tiny, and pinched, and poor;
He rose so early, and worked so late,
And toiled all day at a steady rate
At weeding gardens, or sowing seed,
Or wheresoever there seemed a need.

But when I heard, on a cloudy day,
That same boy singing, across the way,
And how he laughed as with might and main
He raced to finish before the rain,
I changed the pity that once I had
To honest praise for my neighbor's lad.

A Receipt for Simple Living.

The following excellent morsels of advice, whose author calls them 'four rules of sincerity,' are well worth committing to memory. We can all mark, read, and inwardly digest them with profit. The rules in brief are these:

- We should never buy things that we do not want.
- We should never willingly, or through mere indifference buy things that are not genuine.
- We should never try to do things that we know we cannot do, or have not time to do.
- And we should never do things that we do

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not want to do, just because other people do them and ask us to do them.

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Our Daily Tasks.

Duty forbids you and me to spend all our time in meditations, however profitable, or in psalm-singing, however sweet. There is too much work to be done, there are too many battles to be fought, too many crosses to be borne, too many trials to be endured. Spiritual frames should not unfit us for practical duties, but the hours on the mountain tops should fit us all the more for the humbler valleys of everyday life. We can have our Master with us all the time—in our common rounds and daily tasks. And the lowly valleys in which we do our work and meet our friends and business associates, ought to be just as verdant and well-watered as those mountain tops where we 'see no man save Jesus only.'—Dr. Cuyler.

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