

vegetable and animal life was most beautifully portrayed leading us to realize that the All-wise and loving Father notices all from the tiny plant to the stalwart man.

And as the dew, the rain, and sunshine are requisite to the growth of the flower, so is the warmth of His love, for the building up of the spiritual life of man. Who alone in some isolated portion of our earth be it never so fair—would be by his very nature a lonely and helpless creature, but how much less contented and happy is he who strives to find amid his wealth the satisfaction he longs for. It is not there. That only solid comfort which the Father alone can impart.

We have been led to know that true happiness is felt only in the "sense of duty willingly done"—then is it acceptable and well pleasing in the sight of Him whose kind and watchful eye doth ever behold with joy the obedience of his children whether they be young or old. In *this* work we feel that *all* may find a place where faithful and untiring labor will yield rewards whose value we cannot estimate. The young need the wise council and kind instruction of those who from experience can direct them in paths, free from many of the difficulties they have encountered and older ones need the company of the children whose pure and simple lives reflect the image of Him whose life was the Holy pattern designed for our guidance and imitation. "Unless ye become as one of these little ones ye cannot enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

Mingling with children tends to clothe the mind with the mantle of childlike simplicity.

"Heaven lies about us in our infancy." We catch from their reflecting hearts, as the light of Heaven smiles down into them, glimpses of the innocence and purity of the Christ nature.

We extend to other denominations that brotherly fellowship and charity which characterizes the true professing Christians still we cherish with increas-

ing fondness the principles of our beloved society—and we trust they have been imparted in some small degree to those who have weekly gathered in these rooms and may the influence extend to the strengthening of our meetings for worship until all may appreciate the hour of solemn waiting upon the Lord.

While we realize that we are far from attaining a satisfactory standing in our schools, we believe there is an earnest and prayerful effort on the part of our laborers to seek for light and wisdom. We may read those beautiful Bible truths and acknowledge them, but if we desire to impress them upon the minds of others we are apt to study them deeply, to ask that we may receive power to convey them clearly, and that the mysterious parts of them may be opened to us.

As we part, hoping to meet again in early spring in the capacity of a F. D. S., we do not feel weary, but freshened in spirit and renewed in faith by the results which the summer of practical work has given us. 'Tis said "One grows in strength as he moves forward with the consciousness of right endeavor." Let this be the faith which shall be ours as brothers and sisters in the same Father's vineyard and for the same righteous end.

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## FRIENDSHIP.

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Friendship is an attachment between persons of congenial dispositions, habits, and pursuits.

It has its origin in the nature and condition of man. He is a social creature, and naturally loves to frequent the society, and enjoy the affections, of those who are like himself. He is also, individually, a feeble creature; and a sense of this weakness renders friendship indispensable to him. Though he may have all other enjoyments within his reach, he still finds his happiness incomplete, unless participated by one whom he considers his friend.