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THREE DAUGHTERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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CHAPTER VII.—CONTINUED

The very morning after the above conversation had taken place, when Beatrice came down to breakfast, a letter bearing the Dublin postmark lay upon her plate.

"From Marie!" cried the delighted girl, pressing the neat little superscription impulsively to her lips as all the love for her old playmate and companion rushed to her heart. "Oh, what a feast I shall have presently reading it!" She slipped it carefully into her pocket, reserving it as one of a letter from you, until at last, tired of waiting I sat down to have a little chat with you instead.

"Bracken Park, July 28, 19—

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flowers, and bracken grew in rich profusion. Marie's eyes roamed dreamily over the grassy hill which rose in front of her; she listened unmoved to the coo of the old rooks as they sat upon the tall elm-trees and eyed each other with grave countenances; she watched the swallows as they followed the hand of the river, and saw them dip their light bodies into the water as they skimmed along its bright surface.

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it was not long ere the little lady was able to sit up. We called her old as the lay white and still upon the couch; but now that the colour was returning to her face, she looked years younger, and to guess her exact age would have been a difficult problem.

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OLD TUNES

Looking up from her letter, Mrs. Allerdycie said to her daughter, "Margaret, you remember Caroline May—the girl who looked after Aunt Hattie's little Bobby last summer."

"Margaret nodded. "What about her?" "Aunt Hattie writes that Caroline's coming to the conservatory here. It seems she's been saving up all those little odd sums she made baby tending and in other ways. Aunt Hattie says she sure to look her up."

"Margaret said fretfully. "Why, I scarcely knew her! She'll find her own friends—of course I'll do what I can; but I do hope she won't—"

"Won't what?" asked Mrs. Allerdycie. "Well, I expect me to rush her among the girls, and all that. "I fancy she won't have much time for rushing, and all that," said Margaret's mother. "My impression is, she means work; but that needn't interfere with her making a few pleasant acquaintances."

"When does she come?" Margaret asked resignedly. "That's just what I'm looking for—yes, here it is, along one edge: "Caroline leaves for the conservatory on Tuesday. I'm glad there's a change of things for her just at that."

"Tuesday—then she's here now." "Yes, as usual Aunt Hattie's posted her letter late. Why don't you go this afternoon, Margaret?" "And I think it would be nice if you brought her home to dinner."

"This afternoon Milly and I were going to practice our duet." "All the better—take Milly along. Two friends are better than one." Margaret sighed. "Well, I will," she declared. "I'll go and get it over."

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Too many of the young people of today will begin a task, no matter what it may be, from the preparation of a Latin lesson to the wedding of an onion bud, do perhaps half of it, then stop and begin something else, and probably never think of it again...

Men are composite beings. They have a body and a soul. That body is fashioned out of dust. It comes and goes. The soul is God's immediate creation. It is destined for immortality. It is the most beautiful thing under the angelic creation...

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE ANGELUS BELL

Softly the sound of the angelus bell Falls from the tower, o'er village and dell, Gently it touches a something within, And offers a refuge from sorrow and sin...

ALL SAINTS

In our childish days we resented being sent to school, and being made to work when we got there. We were willing enough to forego the advantages of a liberal education, but our parents and teachers knew our true interest better, and insisted on making men of us even in spite of ourselves...

A GENTLE REMINDER

A young lady came hurriedly into the church, seemed to bless herself, genuflected, knelt a moment at the last pew, then glancing around from side to side, figured out that no one was confessing. So taking up her handbag once more, she hurried into the confessional...

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statesmen, our inventors, and many of our presidents have achieved their greatness and built up their characters and reputations by persistent keeping of whatever they undertook. A person can never become a great writer or an orator without much perseverance in pursuing his vocation, and by setting high, and working for his aim in life.

HELPING OTHERS

There is no occasion to speak contemptuously of "one talent" people, for in the long run the one talent persons have done what the more gifted ones have failed to do. There is no need to be discouraged because a shower of gifts had not been bestowed, for God means each one to stand in his own place and do the work He has designed for him with the means in his power.

A RIGHT CONSCIENCE

A good conscience is a pearl of great price to be desired above rubies, and makes its possessor rich in peace and happiness of mind. Conscience is an office of the intellect judging a human act to be right or wrong according to the moral law of God. When a man has no conscience morality goes by the board...

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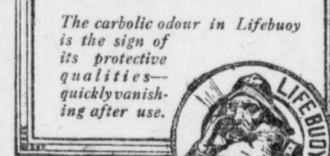


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