

## Sunday Reading.

From the Due-West Telescope.

### Where Shall the Weary Rest?

Anxieties and cares depressed my spirits, labor-worn and weary, my frame sought release from its crushing weight of toil; softening thoughts raked the brain; and with the glorious monarch of day gently withdrew his face behind the western horizon, my aching head gently kissed the pillow, and my perturbed and saddened spirit sought to quit the scenes of realities that surround, and wander a while in the land of dreams.

Sleep threw its mystic wand around me, and in that soothing dream-land, of which no mortal mind can tell, the location or fix the boundaries my spirit wandered in search of rest. Multitudes thronged the avenues of that fairy world, and hoping to find one who might point it to the place where rest was to be found—where “the wicked shall cease from troubling” and rest shall be perfect—my soul thus addressed a fellow-wanderer, who seemed to be inquiring for the same land:

“Tell me, I pray thee, whither shall I seek for Rest? Life—its toils, its cares, its disappointments—has worn away the buoyancy, and freshness of childhood’s morn, and now I come to seek rest from all. Dost me thither, and thy head shall bow down with blessings invoked by my grateful heart!”

“Sir, you are mad! you know not what your lips are speaking! You already have reached the country of Rest—it is Manhood thou seekest, and lo! that hast already reached its very gates!”

The boy-soul, smiling face of the boy-wanderer (for it was a child whose spirit) was overcast with an expression of mingled contempt and pity, as he replied. But, striking a view of the intervening country at South, and looking forward with elastic tread, to pass and leave it to near the one of Manhood, he added:

“I have just commenced my journey to that land of Rest, and so long may the years that keep me away be swept from the scroll of the future. Then I shall be free; no parent or teacher shall bid me stay my wearisome studies, or stay me from the rest which awaits the free!”

Doubtful child! there is no rest there yet; I will not darken thy sky, by telling thee of the delusion that art in greatly hast. It may serve as an alarm, still, to the purpose of the young days, and experience will in good time show thee thy error, and Home pilot thee still onward!

Apparition the multitude of toiling mortals, who bore upon their bosoms the impress of manhood, I implored: “Tell, O! Fathers, have ye heard of the land of Rest?” and whether shall I go to find it?”

We have heard of no land; and for long years we have learned that we might at last gain an inheritance there, and lie down to a peaceful life in shadowy vines. Far back on life’s road we desired this region as our treasure, and like the child thou hast just seen, we thought the dead at home in our caves were buried, and the land of Rest is still beyond. We are ready to despair—lives are desolate—tears are vain—and life is but one continual day of toil and tears; there is no rest in this broad domain!

Blessed human infant, so gaily dressed, so tiny! There must be a place wherein nothing is not known, and where the weary spirit shall forest in the quietude of that blessed retreat, the informer known in this frail tenement of dust. I have been taught to seek after it, and it lies well at it should it meet. But you? I will enquire yet further concerning it?”

“Tell me then man of science and letter,” said I to one holding in his hand the sword’s hilt, “that I may be a master of this earth.” There moved but a plow-share whilom to my bosom, and where the weary spirit shall forest in the quietude of that blessed retreat, the informer known in this frail tenement of dust. I have been taught to seek after it, and it lies well at it should it meet. But you? I will enquire yet further concerning it?”

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