Department Of Woman's Work

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Just A Pink Rose.

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The preacher's wife was ready for Sunday school. The clouds were black and scurrying, promising rain and snow. Chilly January winds were whistling around the corners and whipping the bare limbs of the leafless trees. Perhaps the gloom of the day had affected her spirits: but as she was dressing for the day and its duties, a longing came over her heart for the missing music of an absent voice and the sunshine of a sweet smile from a dear one far away at school.

They were strangers in the town, but she had been in the homes of their Church members and had found them lovable and kind. She longed this morning for some token that would encourage her to hope that the year would be rich with spiritual results, and she longed for the companionship of loving hearts. She wondered if she could win their love. This was the greatest treasure that ever came to a busy life of twenty-eight years' itineracy. Not much treasure of any other kind had been her portion except the riches of service and the love from hearts that understood and cared and appreciated. She had been thinking how often sweet friendship would begin and promise much joy when the ruthless itinerant wheel would catch up and tear asunder the cords that had begun to entwine congenial hearts, and off again they would go to new places and attempt to cultivate the delicate flowers of friendship. And she was wondering if it were worth while to try again.

They had reached the time of life when the mind grows tired, and the muscles ache, and the step is not quite so elastic, and nerves weary under the endless strain and stress of the woe and sorrow and needs of dying souls. The frosts of time had begun to hint of eventide, and aching head and heart were making their spirits turn with longing toward the homeland, where there would come no more severing of friendship's ties and no more sadness of good-bys and parting tears. She had a homesick longing for heaven this morning, and invisible hands were tugging at her heartstrings as she opened the door to go to the house of prayer.

She saw a small, slender package lying on the doorsill. Surprised, she stooped and picked it up and unwrapped to view an exquisitely beautiful, satin-leaved pink rose with a delicate spray of fern for a background. Enraptured, she inhaled its fragrance. There was nothing in all nature that she loved quite so well as a flower. Then she discovered a slip of paper bearing these words: "A Sabbath greeting from my mother, Mrs. D. V. J."

A flood of glad memories filled her heart and eyes. What a tender, timely message sent her from one of her Father's shut-ins! What a beautiful soul to think of such a kindly act! And the giver? A crippled Cherokee lady, confined to her rolling chair, a woman up in the eighties, waiting for the coming boatman and the dipping of the oars as she entered for the Pilot's call, but one whose spirit was of perpetual youth, buoyant, hopeful, bright. She was verily a handmaid of the Lord, lingering among us with the glory of heavenly dawn shining in her sweet old face to reveal to our hungry eyes the beauty of yonder world. The Father used her this morning to send a message to one almost ready to faint by the wayside.

Instantly a vision swept across the pages of memory. In the fragrance of this lovely flower came wafted to the preacher's wife the precious form of her dear old father: and the years fell away from her, and she was a child once more at his side as he worked in his rose garden and taught her the lessons which nature brings to tired nerves. He would gladly lay aside the cares of public life as a judge of a city court and hasten home summer evenings to forget the sin and crimes of frail humanity in the sweet comfort of nature's beauty and blossom. What lessons were learned thus by the man, who had grown gray in public service, and the daughter whose life was to be spent in the uplift of needy humanity! On this January morning she had been faltering, wondering if it were really worth while, missing old friendships and longing for love, and here came this beautiful pink rose from a beautiful white soul, one of the Father's own messengers. That dear Cherokee mother preached to that hungry heart such a sermon as no tongue could express, and the fragrance of pink loveliness whispered a heavenly message of appreciation from a congenial spirit and a promise of friendship's flowers yet to bloom. And it brought more than this. It renewed courage for further effort, strength for future duties, trust for victories yet to come, and faith to wait and see the will of God. O yes, life was yet worth while as long as God's children care and remember "the stranger within the gate."

O friends, why wait till death to send the pink rose? Is it needed or heeded then? Not only when life's fitful fever is over and its battles are fought and the fighters lie down to rest and cannot see nor smell nor enjoy the flowers of appreciation and love: but while the conflict is on and encouragement is needed and the word of cheer turns the tide, send your flowers of love and speak the kind word. Then those who toil and strive will get renewed strength, and weary hearts will get new life, and success will come where defeat threatened. And to those who sit and wait and pray and send pink roses will belong a share of the laurels of victory. "Send the roses while you may."

Mr. W. J. Johnson, of Mizpah, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Agnes, visited Danbury yesterday.

Twelve Things To Do This Month

1. Put the finishing touches on the seed bed before the seed are planted, seeing, too, that all clods are finely pulverized.

2. Try so arrange that the crops will be planted on a seed bed that has been firmed by a good rain: loose, cloddy land is a poor place to put seed.

3. April rains are hard and beating: as soon as possible after them run the harrow to prevent hard crusts forming.

4. April is the month in which grass and weeds begin to appear: get them before they get you by keeping the harrows and cultivators busy.

5. Keep the garden booming by frequent cultivation.

6. Danger of killing frost will in most sections be over this month, and the tenderer vegetables should be planted.

7. Plan now what crops shall take the place of the garden vegetables that will come off in May and June, and arrange to have an all-the-year-round garden.

8. Don't forget a life melon patch, well prepared and heavily fertilized.

9. The clover seed will soon be ripe: prepare now to see that every seed possible is saved for fall planting.

10. Watch the orchard and garden for insect pests and don't let them get a start.

11. Tick eradication work should begin in all infested counties this month: get in touch with the officers in charge of this work and put your county on the tick-free map.

12. April's the month we cross the bridge: don't let anything on earth shake you in your determination to make "Food First in 1915" your main business.

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Supt. of Schools J. T. Smith, of King, attended a meeting of the Board of Education here Monday, returning home Tuesday.

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County and Township Tax Assessors This Year

Mr. R. A. Doughton, member of the recent Legislature in this State, furnishes his county paper, the Alleghany Star, with this explanation of the change in the tax listing machinery which will soon be upon us:

"To meet the demands existing, called for by natural changes in methods, the machinery act was so modernized as to provide for the appointment of one county tax assessor by the State Tax Commission, and one township assessor and lister for each township, to be appointed by the county commissioners. It will be the duties of the county assessors will be to equalize value between individuals and the townships where occasion arises for such, and in the event of their failure to agree, the entire matter is referred to the county commissioners for their action in the premises. The county assessor is appointed for a term of one year. The same as for 1914. The county commissioners have authority to limit the county assessor as to time in completing his work."

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