

Buds AND Blossoms

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"Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee."

The man who planted a tree at the age of ninety was a man of vision. We should plant creative ideas, words and dreams in the minds of others that our lives may go in them, bigger and finer than we dared to be. This is the advice of a wise philosopher, Wilfred A. Peterson.

This time of year is ideal to look ahead, and plan the attractiveness of your property. European mountain ash, ginkgo, fan tree, tropical buckeye, and silver Russian olive are good accent trees.

Pink dogwood, hawthorne, plum, red bud, golden chain tree, golden rain tree, weeping cherry, and crab apple are good blooming trees. They will be a lovely sight for you to enjoy, and inspiring to those who pass your place.

Blue spruce, taxus hicks, arbor vitae, wide spreading pfitzer junipers, creeding janiper, and globe arbor vitae are evergreens that don't drop all their needles.

Keep trees and shrubs well watered all during the fall. They can stand the cold better. It's true, as Joyce Kilmer wrote, that only God can make a tree, but we can lend a helping hand.

Share with us this week's Buds and Blossoms poem. Edwin Carlile Litsey tells us of The Dreams Ahead.

What would we do in this world of ours
Were it not for the dreams ahead?

For thorns are mixed with the blooming flowers
No matter which path we tread.

And each of us has his golden goal,
Stretching far into the years;
And ever he climbs with a hopeful soul,

With alternate smiles and tears.
That dream ahead is what holds him up
Through the storms of a ceaseless fight;

When his lips are pressed to the wormwood's cup
And clouds keep out the light.
To some it's a dream of high estate;

To some it's a dream of wealth;
To some it's a dream of a truce with Fate

In a constant search for health.

To some it's a dream of home and wife;

To some it's a crown above;
The dreams ahead are what make each life,
The dreams, and faith, and love.

Mistrust the man who finds everything good; the man who finds everything evil; and still more the man who is indifferent to everything.—Lavater.

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