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Be thou true!

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Be thou true! Be thou true!

"It is a mistake to judge of the
excellence of your work by the
trouble it has cost you"

Let thy love be sincere—
Be thou true!
Only God hast thou to fear;
Be thou true!

Since our joy must pass away
Like the dewdrop or the spray,
Wherefore should our sorrows spray,
Be thou true! Be thou true!

There is but one thing in all the
universe to which a man is always
faithful, and which he never forgets,
and that is himself.

Friendship's very hard to find,
Be thou true!
True love is not always blind;
Be thou true!

Time at last makes all things straight,
Let us not resent—just wait—
But not trust too much in fate.
Be thou true! Be thou true!

To pretend to the possession of
many good friends is the gentle illu-
sion of folks who fancy they merit
the affections of their fellows.

Like the summer's fragrant flowers,
Be thou true!
Like the April's coming showers,
Be thou true!

Like the mountain looking high,
And the river rolling by—
Like the blue and arching sky,
Be thou true! Be thou true!

Her Lost Father.

Youth's Companion.

A "burning mine" is always one
of the terrible contingencies in the
hard life of the men who dig our
coal for us. A Pennsylvania paper
relates this heart-rending incident of
the Midlothian Mine horror last win-
ter. After the mouth of the burning
mine had been kept open as long as
possible. Supt. Dodds mounted a
coal car, and addressing the wailing
throng of women and children a
round him, said:

"My poor friends, it grieves me to
have to state to you that for the pre-
sent our search for the bodies of
those you know and loved will have
to be abandoned. You know what
fire in a coal mine means, and it
may take months of watching to sub-
due it. We will close the pit now."

The speaker's voice quivered with
emotion. When he finished a beau-
tiful little girl of fourteen years,
Annie Crowder, the only daughter of
one of the victims, uttered a pierc-
ing scream and rushed to the mouth
of the pit, crying—

"Oh, do not leave my dear papa to
burn there. Let me go into the cage
and go down after him. Let me save
him.

The strong arms of the miners
held her back as the fragile thing
tried to make her way to the cage,
and more than one blackened face
was made blacker as the hand went
up to wipe away the tears. Men
sobbed aloud and turned away to con-
ceal their emotion. The little girl,
finding her progress barred, swooned
at the mouth of the pit.

Women's Influence on So- cial Life.

St. James Magazine

Men as a rule, are easily attracted
by a beautiful face, but it is an in-
ternal beauty of character by which
a woman can exert the greatest amount
of influence. A true-minded man,
though at first enamored by the glare
of personal beauty, will soon feel the
hollowness of its charms when he
discovers the lack of beauty in mind.
Inestimably great is the influence
of a sweet-minded woman may
wield over those around her. It is
to her that friends would come in
seasons of sorrow and sickness for
help and comfort. One soothing
touch of her kindly hand would work
wonders in the feverish child. A few
words let fall from her lips in the
ear of a sorrowing sister, would do
much to raise the load of grief that
is bowing its victim down to dust in

anguish. The husband comes home
worn out with the pressure of busi-
ness, and feeling irritable with the
world in general; but when he enters
the cozy sitting-room, and sees the
blaze of the bright fire, his slippers
placed by loving hands in readiness
and meets his wife's smiling face, he
succumbs at once to the soothing in-
fluences which act as the balm of
Gilead to his wounded spirits, that
are wearied with combating the
stern realities of life. The rough
school-boy flies in a rage from the
taunts of his companions to find so-
lance in his mother's smile. The lit-
tle one, full of grief with its own
large trouble, finds a haven of rest
on its mother's bosom. And so one
might go on with instance after in-
stance of the influence a sweet-mind-
ed woman has in the social life with
which she is connected.

Moral Courage.

Band of Hope.

In every school the difference is
clearly marked between the boy who
has the moral courage and the boy
who is mere pulp. The one knows how
to say "No." The other is so afraid
of being thought "verdant" that he
soon kills everything pure and fresh
and manly in his character. and dries
up into a premature hardness of
heart.

Five lads were gathered in a room
at a boarding school, and four of
them engaged in a game of cards,
which was expressly forbidden by the
rules. One of the players was called
out. The three said to the quiet
lad, who was busy at something else:

"Come and take a hand with us.
It is too bad to have the game brok-
en up."

"I do not know one card from an-
other."

"That makes no difference," ex-
claimed the players. "We'll show
you. Come along."

Now that was a turning point in
that boy's life.

He nobly said:
"My father does not wish me to
play cards, and I will not disobey
him."

That sentence settled the matter
and settled his position among his
associates. He was the boy who
could say "No," and henceforth his
victories were made sure and easy.
I well remember the pressure brought
to bear in a college upon every young
man to join in a wine drink or to
take a hand in some contraband
amusement. Some timber got well
seasoned. Some of the other sort
got well rotted through with sensu-
ality and vice. The Nehemiah of
college have been Nehemiahs ever
since. The boy was the father of the
man.

Must Drink or Die.

When the use of alcoholic liquors
reaches a point where a man must
"drink or die," it is a sure sign that
he will soon drink and die. The
terrible power which the appetite for
intoxicants has over its slaves is vi-
vidly illustrated in the following in-
cident:

One wintry afternoon a trembling
man entered a tavern in New Hamp-
shire carrying a small package of
clothing. Going to the bar he said:
"Landlord, I am burning. Give
me a good glass of gin."

The landlord pointed to a line of
chalk marks and said:
"John, you see the old score—not
another drop till that is paid."

The poor wretch glared fiercely at
the man behind the bar.

"Landlord, you don't mean that.
You have got my farm, you have got
my horses, you have got my tools.
All that I have got in this world is
in this little bundle of clothes. Please,
landlord, give me for them
one glass of gin."

"I don't want your old clothes,"
calmly answered the man. "Pay the
old score first."

The drunkard staggered back. A
gentleman then said:

"What will you give me for en-
ough to buy two glasses of gin. I
see you have a good pair of boots on
your feet. Will you give me your
boots for the ten cents?"

The miserable wretch hesitated
for a moment, then said:
"Stranger, if I give you the boots,
I must go out in the snow barefoot-
ed. If I give you the boots I must
freeze to death; if I don't give them
to you I shall burn to death. Stran-
ger, it is harder to burn than to
freeze to death; give me the gin you
may have the boots."

He sat down and began to draw
them off. The gentleman did not,
however, intend to take them, but he
was testing the strength of the ter-
rible appetite. Others were looking
on and they said the man should have
his gin. They supplied him liber-
ally, and he drank all he could and
took all the rest way. When night
came he drank the last drop, and he
went to sleep in a barn. The frost
king came and took the poor man in
his arms. The next morning he was
found in the barn frozen to death.

Doing the South Justice.

THE PLAIN SPOKEN MICHIGAN POLI-
TICIAN WHO IS AFRAID TO LOSE
HIS GRIP.

Detroit Free Press.

In Charleston I met a Michigander
who has served two terms in the
Michigan Legislature, held a Federal
office of some prominence in the
State, and been famous as a politician
in the Republican party. After
we had walked around for an hour I
asked:

"Now, then, what do you think of
these people? You have seen them
with their coats off, and can judge
them as they are."

"I tell you I'm ashamed of my-
self!" was the reply. "When I think
of how we have lied about them
and their institutions I am ashamed
to look them in the face."

"Have they treated you well?"

"Splendidly."

"And they knew you were from
the North?"

"Yes."

"And that you were a strong Re-
publican?"

"Yes."

"And what do you think of the
darks?"

"D—n him, d—n him!" was his
hearty exclamation. "We wouldn't
stand the half from him that the
South does. He is lazy, shiftless,
thievish, and a general nuisance.
I've talked with a score of 'em, and
they are as ignorant as our horses.
They vote my ticket, but they can't
tell me why. They have no reason,
no argument, no principle, and so
little sense that I wonder how they
get through the week."

"When you return home you'll do
the South justice?"

"How?"

"Why, you'll talk to your party
members just as you have talked to
me!"

"N—o, I can't do that," he an-
swered. "If I should go back and
tell 'em exactly how things are I'd—
I'd—"

"You'd lose your grip?"

"Exactly."

"And to keep your grip you must
continue to lie about, abuse, and mal-
ign the people who have taken you
to their dinner tables and shown you
every possible kindness and courtes-
y! You must continue to claim that
they don't give the black man a fair
show when you know better! You
must continue to call 'em rebels,
when you see every Federal law
obeyed, and everybody contented and
happy! Colonel, politics is nasty
business."

"Cuss politics!" he growled, as he
left me at the corner.

A Little Child's Prayer.

From the Lockport Journal.

Mother—Come, dearie, put dolly
away now, for it's time to say your
prayers and go to bed.

Little Girl—Make dolly say she
pays, too; me has to pay all time.
Mother—only twice a day, dearie,
and you ought not to be too lazy to
do that when God watches over you
every minute of the day.
With a resigned expression, the
little one began:
"Now me is doin' fast 'sleep,
Pay Dod soul to teep;
Me should die—"

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Suddenly pausing, the little one
looked up with a yawn, and asked:
"Fau't rest of it do till mornin',
mamma?"

Mother—Oh, no, my child; you
must say it all or God won't hear any
of it.

With a despairing sigh the child
dropped her head again and contin-
ued:
Dod 'bless papa, mamma, dramas
and d'ampas, sisters and budders,
and big kitty and little kitty—and—my
—dolly—and"

The little voice suddenly became
inaudible, and the mother, after wait-
ing a moment, said, gently: "Well,
finish dearie"

The half-sleeping child continued:
"M use run in his hole to spin,
Miss pussy pass' by and her
peep'd in"

"De window—"
"But, my child," interrupted her
mother; "you mustn't say that in
your prayers."

Little Girl—Oh, Dod, p'leas don't
listen no more; me so 'sleppy.
Amen!

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