

We have yet to see the man that is perfectly satisfied with his surroundings. There seems to be no station in life which can furnish us with contentment. We often wonder what kind of creatures we would be if we had just what we wanted and all we wanted. Would we be happy or miserable? We confess we are unable to answer the question. The condition of affairs would be so different from anything we have experienced that it is impossible to say what the result would be. Even when we think of heaven we can not understand why there should be no longing, and even anxieties, provided there is progress. A soul that has nothing more to attain which feels it has reached the end of its developments is to us inconceivable. We like to think of the other life as a continuance of this life, and of ourselves stepping from narrow to large opportunities when we die, and if this be so, we must be brave and strong in heaven in order to make use of the gifts of God which the angels shall lay at our feet. We lay down this principle therefore that so far as in us lies we must influence our surroundings instead of allowing them to influence us. Just as a bed of roses throws its perfume in the air. We have known men crushed because their homes were not as they should have been, and many women broken hearted because of the inharmoniousness in the household. The truth of the matter is, if we worry over what we cannot prevent we simply waste our time, and in the end make ourselves miserable. The question to solve is not how to make way with the disagreeable but how to become independent of it and to live your own life in spite of it. All this means that you are to depend on yourself and not on your surroundings for happiness. If you can get comfort from the outside enjoy it in the consciousness that you are doing your duty as you understand it, and are helping others whenever the chance is offered. You must manufacture your heaven in the workshop of your own heart. Take what comes in the spirit of one who feels that the dear Lord with is with you, and gives you not only a full measure of sympathy but also strength to endure calamity patiently and bravely. It is easy for a man to tell you to rise above the jarring inharmonies in your surroundings, and to live in your own thoughts and purposes, but the task is an extremely difficult one we know. He was in the world and He did His duty to the world, and without He found some pleasure in the world, but He was serene amid adverse surroundings and though conscious of discord, lack of sympathy, and even suspicion and hatred, He was in a degree independent, living His own life in the companionship of angels. We may not do all that He did, but we may smoothe many a rough corner, and pass unhurt through many a thorny experience if we will take ourselves in hand and look at life from His standpoint. The secret of living well is to live in peace, and to live in peace we must have

peace in our own hearts. It is what we give to others which makes us happy rather than what we demand from them. In a word, life is not worth living unless we ourselves make it so.

THE PENSION ROLL.

The bill increasing the pension appropriations \$4,000,000 passed the House Thursday, and was made the subject of a congratulatory speech by Congressman Allen, who assured the country that the pension roll had reached its maximum. If this is true it will be an interesting statement to the country but we candidly admit we do not take any stock in it. Experience has taught us of all men the pensioner has a disposition to multiply and increase is slow to die, is the best insurance risk in the country, and his widow hangs on until the "cows come home in the morning." There are now on the pension roll eight widows of Revolutionary soldiers, and some of them may be drawing pensions in 1916, and upon the same basis of calculation the year of 2002 will find some of the widows of the civil war drawing pensions. The fact is, there is nothing to confirm the statement that the climax has been reached. On the contrary the pension office shows a steady increasing roll as the years come and go which contradicts it. Last year alone 50,101 new pensioners were added to the roll, although it is thirty four years since the war. From our standpoint the secret of longevity is hid away in the U. S. Pension roll, and the only thing we have to do to be on hand at the blowing of Gabriel's horn is to get on the rolls and live for ever. No we have not seen the end of this pension business, and it will be many a day before we do.

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