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RE-CREATION.

"Lo! the winter has past!
The rain is over and gone,
The flowers appear on the earth,
The time of the singing of birds is come."
It is the time of re-creation
The corn of wheat which was
cast into the earth to die lives
again and is multiplied.
Out of the gloom has come bloom,
Out of the night has come light.
The whole earth has shaken
off the lethargy of winter and
stands robed in fresh garments,
alert as a swift runner ready for
the race.

What message does this season
of new life speak to the heart of
man? It is the time of the sing-
ing of birds. Have our hearts
no message of gratitude to the
All Father? It is the time of
re-creation. Does it not speak
to us the possibility of laying
aside the dark shell of sin and
mistakes and wilfulness of the
past, to live a new, a re-created
self? A self of truer love, nobler
ambition, greater service.

It is the time of the blossoming
of hope. The unfolding buds,
the lilting song of birds,
the very air is full of the mys-
tical foretelling of better things
to come. God withholds no
good thing from them that trust
Him. "Renew your strength
this Master Day. Suffer your
winter of weariness and timid
fear to recede. Cast cowardice
behind you. You are not a fail-
ure. God made you for a pur-
pose or rather is making you.
Trust Him. Fight on. The
winter is past."

SHOWING HIS FAITH.
A strong and useful Mason
sends us some subscriptions to
"THE ORPHANS' FRIEND AND
MASONIC JOURNAL," and he states
that he recently made a talk in
his Lodge for the good of Masonry
and that his theme was:
"Every Mason in North Caro-
lina Should Take the Paper of
the Order." He says: "I cited
them to the good and wholesome
reading in general and the ad-
vantages to be gained from the
Masonic Department under the
able editorship of P. G. M. John
Nichols."

We wish many more of our
brethren throughout the State
would bring "THE ORPHANS'
FRIEND AND MASONIC JOURNAL,"
strongly before their Lodges.
We earnestly ask the Masons of
the State to join most actively in
the effort to increase our sub-
scription list to ten thousand
names. The benefit of this wider
circulation of our paper would
be great, immeasurably great.
The Mason who reads regularly
the Masonic Department of the
paper will be a better Mason, we
believe. The readers of that part
of the paper devoted to matter for
the members of the family will
be interested and profited.

The Masonic Order and the
orphanage work of our State will
be strengthened by the increased
circulation of "THE ORPHANS'
FRIEND AND MASONIC JOURNAL."
R.

A GREAT SORROW.

Far harder to bear than would
be the death by disease or bodily
injury of the child, is the sorrow
which has come to our brother

S. M. Beasley, and his wife in the
sudden, mysterious disappear-
ance of their little son, Kenneth,
more than two years ago.
The conditions have been such
that the deep wound received
then has been kept open. Can
we conceive of the excruciating
pain of their experience? Our
hearts go out to them.

If a human being has, for the
sake of revenge, or of money gain
or for any other motive, selfish
and low, stolen that child from his
fond parents, he surely must have
given himself up to demon-pos-
session and, in such a person,
we have a concrete testimony to
the nature of the evil one.

Not personal resentment and
revenge, but the interests of so-
ciety, the protection of the fam-
ily, demand the punishment of
anyone guilty of the diabolical
crime of child-stealing.

If Kenneth Beasley is dead, we
would that the parents and
all others who have heard of the
case might know this fact. If the
lad still lives, may he yet be re-
stored to parents and home and
friends.
R.

THE TALENT OF ENJOYMENT.

It was Robert Louis Stevenson,
the intrepid optimist, who re-
minded us:
"The world is so full of a number
of things -
I'm sure we should all be as happy as
kings!"

Well, are we? That's the
question? Some of us love to
study human nature. We meet
it manifolded in many types -
there are "all sorts and conditions
of men," you know, and our lot
has fallen in a thickly populated
area of habitation. "I touch
and sip the wine of many lives!"
as Ruskin expressed it. But as we
study, we must be impressed with
the patent fact that there is not
as much happiness in life as there
ought to be, and as there is real-
ly definite provision for! Life is
meant for joy. There is a regu-
larity of breath, a pulsation of
blood, a routine of sunrise and
happy noon-time, a repetition of
food and rest, - a sense of the all-
pervading care of providence - all
of which should serve to remind
us of the delights of life. There
are the opportunities, too, for so-
cial and artistic pleasure, for merr-
y and merry-making, for fun

and for frolic, for helpfulness and
sympathy and comradeship. Oh
depend upon it, if you like tears
for your portion better than
laughter, you have some way
failed to find the talent of enjoy-
ment.
Years ago I heard a little girl
say with complacency, when
asked to form a sentence contain-
ing the word accept, "I accept
everything that is nice." Her's
was a good doctrine, try it and
see; for we are very apt, do you
know, to say "No, I thank you,"
when all the time we want to
say "Yes, if you please." Accept
the good times and the good
things that come; develop friend-
ships with the good people, and
be gracious and hearty and hap-
py over them, too. You will find
that a due expression of gratitude
wins many friends. Be ready to
take as well as to give in the great
Exchange of Life! - Pilgrim.

EVERY DAY A NEW ONE.

Here is a pretty bit of optimistic
philosophy, inspired by so ordinary an
occurrence as the daily sunrise.
"Did you know the sun rose every
morning? There are many persons
who do not know this important fact
if they do know they do not act accord-
ingly. Those persons carry yesterday's
burdens and successes around with
them to day. They would be better off
if they carried only to day's burdens
and successes and failures. The failures
of yesterday should be forgotten, because
they dishearten us for to-day. The suc-
cesses of yesterday should not be re-
membered, because they will weigh
against the larger possible successes of
to-day. The burdens of yesterday
should have been buried yesterday. That
is one meaning of the sunrise. It
shuts off yesterday. The sun rises as
fair and bright and new this morning
as though it had not risen anew every
morning of these six thousand years. It
brings a new day with new opportu-
nities, new duties and new possibilities.
Yesterday is shut off from to-day by
the curtain of the night, and the sun rises
in the morning to usher in the new day.
There are men in this town who are
gray with the burdens of yesterday,
when they might be buoyant with the
brightness of to-day's dawn. They have
forgotten that the sun has risen." - Ex.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

As there never was one person exact-
ly or even a little bit like another,
there must be something for everyone
to do which nobody else in the whole
world could do. Our circumstances are
a piece of building ground, given to
each of us by birth, and it depends en-
tirely on ourselves what sort of build-
ing we shall erect upon it.
Life, wherever it may be, is a great
opportunity. It is for every man the
one great chance. Whatever a man's
life may be, it is the only one he will
ever have the chance of living. - Sel.

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