

The Deserted Room.

The fire flames leaped about the logs,
As in the days of old;
About the silent room they played,
In chequer work of gleam and shade,
The Persian carpet on the floor,
Showed its dimmed beauty as of yore;
The portraits from the walls looked down,
And eye and lip in smile or frown,
The tale she thought them told.

The fire flames leaped about the hearth,
The cricket sang his song,
The ivory notes she loved so much,
Lay waiting for her opening touch,
Her own, or sister flowers drooped,
Where the great crimson curtains looped;
And by her chair her favorite book
Its place, mute pleading for her, took
To rest, unopened long.

The fire flames leaped about the hearth,
A sense of something gone,
Hung heavy on the listening ear,
That used her joyous voice to hear;
The echoes of the silent house
Waiting her flying foot to rouse;
It seemed as ghosts her brightness laid,
In the dull stillness woke and strayed,
And long-lost empire won.

The fire flames leaped, and paled and died;
And in the eerie gloom
Sad memories gathered round the hearth
Where she brought joy, and youth and mirth
Sad fancies mingling with them said
Old tales or half forgotten dead;
And baffled prayers and visions met,
With loss and longing, and regret,
In the deserted room.

Lawful Pursuits and Pleasures.

In regard to the lawfulness of certain pursuits, pleasures and amusements, it is impossible to lay down any fixed and general rule, but we may confidentially say that whatever is found to unfit you for religious duties or to interfere with the performance of them, whatever dissipates your mind or cools the fervor of your devotions, whatever indisposes you to read your Bible or to engage in prayer, wherever the thought of a bleeding Saviour or of a holy God, of the hour of death, or of the day of judgment, falls like a cold shadow on your enjoyment, the pleasures which you cannot thank God for, on which you cannot ask His blessing, whose recollections will haunt a dying bed, and plant sharp thorns in its uneasy pillow—these are not for you. These eschew; in these be not conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of your minds—"Touch not, taste not, handle not." Never go where you can not ask God to go with you, never be found where you would not like death to find you, never indulge in any pleasure which will not bear the morning's reflection. Keep yourselves unspotted from the world; not from its spots only, but even from its suspicions. —*Dr. Guthrie.*

Courtesy and Christian Courtesy.

There is a thing which we call high-breeding or courtesy; its name proclaims that it is the manners of the court, and it is supposed to belong exclusively to persons highly born. There is another thing which we call Christian courtesy; the difference between the two is that high-breeding gracefully insists upon its own rights; Christian courtesy gracefully remembers the rights of others. In the narrow limited sense of the word "gentleman" can only be applicable to persons born in a certain class, and "gentle," is only the old English word "genteel," but in the larger, higher meaning it belongs to those who are gentle in character rather than in blood; and just as "gentle" has been corrupted into "genteel," so the words "gentleman," "courtesy," "politeness," have come to be considered the exclusive property of one class.

The Spirit of Christ does really what high-breeding only does outwardly. A high-bred man never forgets himself, always controls his temper, does nothing in excess, is urbane, dignified, and that even persons whom he is inwardly cursing in his heart, or wishing far away. But a Christian is what the world seems to be. Love gives him a delicate tact which never offends, because it is full of sympathy. It discerns far off what would hurt fastidious feelings, feels with others, and is ever on the watch to anticipate their thoughts. And hence the only true refinement—that which lies not on the surface, but goes deep down into the character—comes from Christian love. —*F. W. Robertson.*

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