

HEART TO HEART TALKS

With My Friends and Patrons.

Editor's Room, George St.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Tearing off another page from the calendar we come to April, whose weeping skies give promise of summer sunshine. It is a month that suits a heart that has been over-flown by the flood-tide of affliction until it has nearly lost its old landmarks. The house, the street are not the same to me, and she children, with whom I was wont to romp, to kiss and hug to my bosom, have lost their attraction for me. I wanted them around my heart for company for him while he was inside but now that it is locked and there is crepe on its door they must not run over it with careless feet, leaving the nail prints behind. Many of them, particularly, the older ones, respect my grief and do not hallo out nonsense, but greet me decently and politely on meeting me, even going so far as to address me as Mr. Butler, but the younger and more thoughtless continue it, often wounding my feelings intensely although I pass them by without speaking, but in time it is to be hoped they will get sufficient sense to treat me as they would any other man. In the meantime I must wait.

Messages of condolence continue to come in, I having received one the other day from Matanzas, Cuba, from my dear good friend, Prof. C. G. D. Roberts and one from F. W. Wallace of Sussex enclosing his own and the subscriptions of two new friends.

I had a serious idea of buying a house this spring and opened negotiations with C. I. Atherton for one he had at West End. I could have gotten it very cheaply, but of course should have had to have borrowed the greater part of the money, giving in return a mortgage, which would have kept me down for some years, quite as much as the rent evil does, and what with needed repairs, which would have cost considerable, it was a question whether I should ever have owned it. I think I should have completed the deal had not my wife strenuously objected, and as I always have been accustomed to do, for the sake of peace, I gave in. So my friends will still find me at the old stand in the big double tenement, George St., four houses below Northumberland.

The remittances handed and sent in for the month so far are: Squire John McBean, Taymouth, \$1 00; A. R. Miles, Upper Maugerville, \$1 00; Fred Corbett, city, \$1 00; Arthur Thompson, city, \$1 00; Martin Horncastle, city, 50 cts.; George Estey, Durham Bridge, 50 cts.; Rowley Manzer, Marysville, 35 cts.; Mrs. Thomas Doohan, New market, 35 cts.; F. W. Wallace, Sussex, 25 cts.; George Myers, Sussex, 25 cts.; M. McIntyre, Sussex, 25 cts.; Angus K. McBean, Covered Bridge, \$1 00; W. H. Scully, city, \$1 00; Alex. McBean, Taymouth, \$1 00; Gerald O'Brien, Chatham, 50 cts.; P. H. McGrath, Lower St. Marvs, \$1 00; W. J. Noble, Nasonworth, \$1 00; E. H. Estey, Millville, \$1.05; Mrs. Thomas Murray, Springhill, \$1 00; J. Y. Mersereau, Chatham, 35 cts.

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