

should not be fortunate, social, beloved and happy as her sisters. Let the charmed circle, which poets talk of, be drawn on the warm hearth-stone, where the blessings of age and the laugh of childhood may ring over it. Let genius sometimes forget its dignity and sun itself in the green fields with a group of romping children hard at play among the buttercups and red strawberries that are ripening around their feet.

Let the woman of genius cease to demand more sympathy than is commonly given to the sex, and while she is careful not to mistake the exactions of vanity for the pleadings of affection in her own heart, render to society that sympathy which she so much covets, and there is little fear that her "charmed circle" will not be haunted with kindred spirits, and rendered fragrant by the sweetest blossoms that spring up and blush along the path of every day life. Let genius be content with the gold and splintered gems that sparkle amid the sands of her existence; nor pine in morbid vanity though a crowd of worshippers does not gather at her shrine to see them "glitter as they pass."

While mind can forget itself and study that philosophy of happiness which gives more than it requires, there is little cause for fear that esteem or affection will not be rendered to it. That which enlightens and improves must always command respect, and if there is any thing on earth calculated to exist and perpetuate affection, it is that embodiment of intellect and feeling expressed by the word genius. Circumstances may discourage and crush mere talent, but genius commands circumstance; her capital is invested in the intelligence of a reading public. Her strength lies in the mass of intellect which she has interested in the feelings she has touched.

To its unperturbed exercise it sweeps a circle broad as the waves of society; remains pure as wind from the mountain top, and beautiful as the ice jewelry entangled over the white pebbled brook in mid-winter. Genius is an independent possession, a gem which no time nor circumstance can wrest from the soul.—It exists and grows brighter in its own unquenchable fires, and flings a brilliancy on surrounding objects spite of all the obstacles which can be heaped upon it. Never is that gem so pure and holy as when it burns in the female heart. The gentle lustre which it sheds there has power to illuminate her own beautiful home kingdom, and yet fall far and wide in the world, touching the blossoms of social life

wherever they are found with a new beauty and kindling up the waste places of human thought with a gentle and refining influence.



AUTUMN.

Ripe autumn hath the yellow field
Upon its landscape thrown:
A garb of golden hue surrounds,
And covers to its utmost bounds
The realm it claims to own.

It hath the fruit-tree's goodly form
Bending beneath the store
Of nature's bounty unto man,—
Continued since the world began;
What could he wish for more?

It hath the joy of finished hope,
The gratitude of prayer;
For it the farmers' trust repays
A hundred fold for toilsome days,
Of labour and of care.

It hath the beauteous harvest moon
When silver light is shed,
To bless the gathering in—when time
Shall strew with storms our milder clime,
And snows of *winter* spread.

It hath the sere and faded leaf,
Rustled by winds that sweep,
Breathing sad music o'er the soul,
And whisp'ring of that final goal,
Where mortals all must sleep.

But though it hath the faded leaf
Descending from its throne,
A few more days with wonders rife,
Will clothe the forest thrones with life,
And beauty all its own!

It is the time when earth gives forth
The stores her bosom cloy;
When recompense for anxious toil,
Upon the various fruitful soil,
Is made with smiling joy.

Oh! grant kind heaven to fill my heart,
With gratitude to thee,
When on the breast of Autumn lies,
The harvest's rich and golden dyes,
Gifts of thy mercy free!

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ABTMCZ.



TOMBS.—Houses built for skeletons; dwellings of sculptured marble, provided for dust and corruption; monuments set up to perpetuate the memory of—the forgotten.