

Poetry.

SPEAK KINDLY TO THE POOR.

Speak kindly to the poor!
One little word, if timely said,
May tend to soothe a thousand cares—
May dry the tear by sorrow shed.
Let no reproaches from thy lips [endure;
Be breathed, which thou might'st not
Oh, give of that which nothing costs!
Speak kindly to the poor.

Look gently on the poor!
And not be hasty to depart;
Beneath those homely garments throb
Full many an honest heart.
Thy smile may shed a heaven of joy;
A sunlight world of hope ensure;
Oh, turn not then in scorn away!
Look gently on the poor.

Be friendly to the poor!
To such the promise has been given;
Despised and scoffed at here on earth,
They shall inherit peace in heaven:
But, ah! how sad will be thy fate!
Thou com'st to enter at the door,
And find'st no banquet there prepared
For any save the poor!

The Family.

CHILDREN.

BY MRS. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

'A little child shall lead them.'

One cold market morning, I looked into a milliner's shop, and there I saw a hale, hearty, well-browned young fellow from the country, with his long cart whip, and lion shag coat, holding up some little matter, and turning it about on his great fist. And what do you suppose it was? A baby's bonnet! A little soft, blue, satin hood, with a swan's-down border, white as the new-fallen snow, with a fringe of rich blonde around the edge.

By his side stood a very pretty woman, holding with no small pride the baby—for evidently it was the baby. Any one could read that fact in every glance, as they looked at each other, and then at the large blue unconscious eyes, and fat dimpled cheeks of the little one.

It was evident that neither of them had ever seen a baby like that before!

'But really, Mary,' said the young man, 'isn't three dollars very high?'

Mary very prudently said nothing, but taking the little bonnet, tied it on to the little head, and held up the baby. The man looked, and grinned, and without another word went the three dollars—all that the last week's butter came to; and as they walked out of the shop, it is hard to say which looked most delighted with the bargain.

'Ah,' thought I, 'a little child shall lead them.'

Another day as I was passing a carriage factory along one of our back streets, I saw a young mechanic at work on a wheel. The rough body of a carriage stood beside him—and there, wrapped up snugly, all hooded and cloaked, sat a little dark-eyed girl, about a year old, playing with a great shaggy dog. As I stopped, the man looked up from his work and turned admiringly toward his little companion, as much as to say, 'See what I have got here!'

'Yes!' thought I, 'and if the little lady ever get a glance from admiring swains as sincere as that, she will be lucky.'

Ah, these children! little witches! pretty, even in all their faults and absurdities! winning! even in their sin and iniquities! See, for example, yonder little fellow in a naughty fit—he has shaken his long curls over his deep blue eyes—the fair brow is bent in a frown—the rose-leaf lip is pursed up in infinite defiance—and the white shoulder thrust naughtily forward. Can any but a child look so pretty, even in their naughtiness?

Then comes the instant change—flashing smiles and tears, as the good comes back all in a rush, and you are overwhelmed with protestation, promises and kisses! They are irresistible, too, these little ones. They pull away the scholar's pen—tumble about his papers—make somersets over his books, and what can he do? They tear up newspapers—litter the carpets—break, pull and upset, and then jabber unimaginable English in self-defence, and what can you do for yourself?

'If I had a child,' says the precise man, 'you should see.'

He does have a child, and his child tears up his papers, tumbles over his things, and pulls his nose, like all other children, and

what has the precise man to say for himself? Nothing—he is like everybody else—a little child shall lead him.

Poor little children! they bring and teach us human beings, more good than they get in return! How often does the infant with its soft cheek and helpless hand, awaken a mother from worldliness and egotism, to a whole world of new and higher feeling! How often does the mother repay this, by doing her best to wipe off, even before the time, the dew and fresh simplicity of childhood, and make her daughter too soon a woman of the world, as she has been.

The hardened heart of the worldly man is unlocked by the guileless tones and simple caresses of his son—but he repays it in time, by imparting to his boy all the crooked tricks, and hard ways, and callous maxims which have undone himself.

Go to the jail—to the penitentiary, and find there the wretch most sullen, brutal and hardened. Then look at your infant son. Such as he is to you, such to some mother was this man. That hard hand was soft and delicate—that rough voice was tender and lisping—fond eyes followed him as he played—and he was rocked and cradled as something holy. There was a time when his heart, soft and unworn, might have opened to questionings of God, and Jesus, and been sealed with the seal of Heaven. But harsh hands seized it—fierce, goblin lineaments were impressed upon it—and all is over with him forever!

So, of the tender, weeping child is made the callous, heartless man—of the all-believing child, the sneering skeptic—of the beautiful and modest, the shameless and abandoned—and this is what the world does for the little one.

There was a time when the Divine One stood on earth, and little children sought to draw near to him. But harsh human beings stood between him and them, forbidding their approach. Ah! has it not been always so? Do not even we, with our hard and unsubdued feeling—our worldly and unscriptural habits and maxims—stand like a dark screen between our little child and its Saviour, and keep, even from the choice bud of our hearts, the sweet radiance which might unfold it for paradise? 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not,' is still the voice of the Son of God, but the cold world still closes around and forbids. When of old, the disciples would question their Lord of the higher mysteries of his kingdom, he took a little child and set him in the midst, as a sign of him who would be greatest in heaven. That gentle teacher still remains to us. By every hearth and fireside, Jesus still sets the little child in the midst of us.

Wouldst thou know, O parent, what is that faith which unlocks heaven? Go not to wrangling polemics, or creeds and forms of theology, but draw to thy bosom thy little one, and read in that clear, trusting eye, the lesson of eternal life. Be only to thy God, as thy child is to thee, and all is done! Blessed shalt thou be, indeed, when 'a little child shall lead thee!'

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