

## Family and Fireside.

### The Silent March.

When the march begins in the morning  
And the heart and foot are light,  
When the flags are all a-flutter  
And the world is gay and bright,  
When the bugles lead the column  
And the drums are proud in the van,  
It's shoulder to shoulder, forward, march!  
Ah! let him lag who can!

For it's easier to march to music  
With your comrades all in line,  
And you don't get tired, you feel inspired,  
And life is a draught divine.

When the march drags on at evening  
And the color-bearer's gone,  
When the merry strains are silent  
That piped so brave in the dawn,  
When you miss the dear old fellows  
Who started out with you,  
When it's stubborn and sturdy, forward march!  
Though the ragged lines are few,

Then it's hard to march in silence,  
And the road has lonesome grown,  
And life is a bitter cup to drink;  
But the soldier must not moan.

And this is the task before us,  
A task we may never shirk,  
In the gay time and the sorrowful time  
We must march and do our work.  
We must march when the music cheers us,  
March when the strains are dumb,  
Plucky and valiant, forward, march!  
And smile, whatever may come.

For, whether life's hard or easy,  
The strong man keeps the pace,  
For the desolate march and the silent  
The strong soul finds the grace.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

### The Upward Look.

"It is of no use to tell me to look forward, said one in great trouble, the other day to a friend. "The worst of my trouble, I know, lies ahead. To look back upon the past, before the shadow came, simply adds to my agony. I can only sit in darkness, and shut my eyes to everything, and bear as best I may."

"There is always one way left," said the friend, gently. "When we cannot look forward nor backward, we can look upward. I have been in every whit as hard a place as you, and I sat a long while in the darkness before finding the way out. Try the upward look—it is meant for just such sorrows as this, that seem to shut in the soul inexorably. If we look up, we never look in vain."

It was the advice of a true friend. Yet how many friends fail to give it. When we sympathize with those we love in their trials and worries, how often we suggest that there is hope ahead, that they are not so shut in as they seem, that past and future should be dwelt upon rather than the present, and, saying all this, forget that we can give them a far truer comfort in teaching them to lift their eyes from themselves and their problems, up to the eternal Father, who can give joy and peace to his children through all things.

"Time alone can help such sorrows as

yours," said a woman who called herself a Christian, to a bereaved friend lately. There was no upward look suggested there. A heathen could have said as much. Time only can dull the edge of pain; the upward look robs suffering of its sting surely and lastingly. It is always possible to lift our eyes to the sky; and though at first, perhaps, we see only the clouds, we shall find it true before long that "over all our tears God's rainbow bends."—Exchange.

### Having to Do Things.

The educative effect of "having to do things" was well shown in the early life of Abram S. Hewitt. Born in a log cabin and left poor by his father's business reverses, he worked on a farm in summer to earn money for the winter's schooling. Yet he stood at the head of his class, both in grammar school and in college, where he paid his way by tutoring. In this "doubling up" of engrossing duties, and in later combining the study of law with teaching, he impaired his health and his sight for his entire life. This was no "virtue of disadvantage," but the rugged will developed by his long battle with adverse circumstances served him so well that when the chance came to engage in a small iron business he quickly made it a large one.

For the boy who had struggled through years of early hardships was waiting the highest kind of success—that of serving his country in many emergencies, of helping thousands of other poor boys to gain an education, of setting in his private business a notable example of fair dealing and consideration for his employes. It is doubtful whether Mr. Hewitt would have become the man he was had inherited wealth made his entrance into life too easy to develop grit, determination, and the habit of hard work.—New York World.

Take five minutes before you sleep that you may shut out everything save the great fact that you stand alone with your God. Some are terribly afraid to spend as much time as that even with their own thoughts. But get alone, if you will, if you dare, and say as you stand in the light of that first commandment, "What is my God? To what is my life devoted?" If your answer indicates anything that puts God into the back-ground, then in the name of heaven and of your own safety,

Break down every idol, cast out every foe, and let the God who will be, who is, who was, be your God.—Rev. G. C. Morgan.

Mr. Ware, the Commissioner of Pensions, received a letter from a man in Illinois a few days ago, which read:

"I am now getting a pension of \$30 a month. Recently the Lord has prospered me, and I do not think I should get so

much money. I gave my services to the country, and I think I should have some pension, of course, but I think \$30 a month is too much. Is there any way I can have my pension reduced or suspended while I enjoy the prosperity that is mine at present?"

This is the only request for a reduction of pension ever received by the bureau. It was referred to the pension examiner in the district in which the man lived, who reported as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that the person who applied for a reduction in his pension is now in the insane asylum at this place, and has been for some time."—Selected.

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