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#### ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time there lived a man who started a business in a town that experienced a great period of building. New people appeared on the scene, expressing themselves as desirous of locating there. He was obliged to stock up with more goods, to build a larger store for the accommodator of his growing patronage. In order to do all this lie became a heavy borrower at the bank, but, when his notes became due, he was able to meet them because he was a careful and thrifty meschant. For many years the man remained in business, and when he died his establishment was carried on by his sons. But the merchant left, besides the material value of the property he had accumulated, a vast amount of good will; everybody liked him and traded at his store because he was honest in his dealings with the townspeople. And this made it a great deal easier for his sons to carry on the business. This merchant might never have builded a great establishment if there had not been a great influx of new residents into his territory.

Birmingham might be compared to this merchant. This village and the immediate envirous are experiencing

This village and the immediate environs are experiencing a period of great growth. Hundreds of homes are going up all about us, bringing in thousands of new residents. The demand for the comforts and conveniences of life will

The demand for the comforts and conveniences of life will be felt by local merchants and others who have a commodity to sell. But, perhaps, the greatest demand will fall upon our public school system, while the village government will be a close second.

Under a very wise provision of the Constitution of the United States, there exists a law compelling the dispensation of public education at the expense of the taxpayers. The enforcement of this law is the ONLY thing that has seed, whereas the leading nation of the cuire, world. made Agherica the leading nation of the entire world.
And the continued enforcement of this compulsory education is the ONLY thing that will warrant the betterment
of society. Schoolhouses are the beacon lights of the ages. Wherever they exist in abundance there lives an enlightened community.

Birmingham is growing, just like the merchant's

establishment. More children mean more schools. More schools mean better men and women. Bedrer men and women. Bedrer men and women mean a kindlier, peace-loving world. For the minds of little children are like the rough diamonds of minds of little entildren are like the rough diamonds of South Africa; they are valueless to themselves or society unless cut and polished, like the diamonds. Taxpayers of this school district will be valled upon from time to time to build more schools; they may question the amount of money to be spent on a school but they cannot dispute the need of the school.

diateness which no other help given to human creature in any other stage of human life can possibly give again.—Phillips Brooks.

### THE STUDENT LOAN FUND

The fact that eight of this year's Baldwin high school graduation class will be assisted financially in entering college in the fall ought to be a stimulating thought for all who have made possible the Student Loan Fund of Birmingham. The enriching of human minds is, without question, the finest act of civilization. It is to be hoped that this Student Loan Fund meets with the approval of every citizen in the community, and, with the help of all, is continued indefinitely into the future. Few places the size of Birmingham can boast of so splendid a civic enterprise as this Fund.

You cannot force the growth of human life and civilization, any more than you can force these slow-growing trees. That is the economy of Almighty God, that all good growth is slow growth.—Gaynor.

#### WOMAN'S PLACE

Most of the long-argued "inequality" of the sexes which confers upon man the title of supremacy, is based upon past legends and customs and has no basis in natural upon past tegends and customs and has no basis in natural fact. Because through centuries of mental and physical training and brutal domination over woman, man has at-tained a greater degree of proficiency in arts and sciences, this does not in any way prove that woman has inferior capabilities.

capabilities.

The question of "woman's place" will not be threshed out in this generation, nor in several generations to come. Her "place" will eventually be wherever she has a mind to put herself.

As men, we should like to say that "woman's place is in the home." As women, we assert that if we prefer to round a "woman's place is in the home."

in the home." As women, we assert that if we prefer to pound a typewriter rather than to wash dishes, we should have that privilege. As an unbiased judge, we admit that there are two sides to the question, and that it can only

be settled by evolution, not by any arbitrary ruling.

The proposition, as we understand it, is this: man and woman are placed here upon earth to live in harmony amongst themselves and other created things, to rear their amongst themselves and other created things, to rear their children, and (as we fondly hope and believe) to serve their apprenticeship to a greater existence. Male and female, throughout nature, are (in general) essentially equal and complimentary. Whatever their various duties, they are primarily "help-meets" to one another. Their burdens cainot often be the same, but should be equally approximately insofar as is possible.

We cannot but revere the "sanctity of the home" and we firmly believe that home life as conducted during the

we cannot our tevere the "sanctity of the home" and we firmly believe that home life, as conducted during the past few centuries, has had a more beneficial influence upon both mer and women than any purely business relationship or "common property" system could ever accomplish. At the same time, we admit woman's rights as a partner in the business of Humanity & Co. It is up to the women. Do they know what they really want?

# I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS

I am the God of your Fathers; the God of a Kingdom of

The sun and the stars are my candles—I know not the words "how" or "when."
The sky is my cloak, blue as azure; the clouds are my shadows through space,
And the wind is my breath, for I know not of death
And. the since is my collar of lace.

I am the Creator of all things, of men and of rocks and

the sea;
The earth is but clay as I shaped it—I coined the word
"Eternity."
The trees I have planted are brothers to the grass-that
grows green on the sod.
And each to my mind shall bow to the wind
That blows from the lungs of its God.

I live in the laugh of small children; I sleep in the bosom

I live in the laugh of small children: I steep in the bosom of Loye; I dwell in the heart of a mountain—in the blue that you see up above.

My home is in every good impulse, my steps lead me where song-birds trill.

O'er the wide world I tread, through the living and dead I make known my power of Will.

The laws of all Nature are whispers that echo the will of my voice.

The laws of all Nature are wangers under consideration my voice. I give you all power to head them—I leave you to take your own choice.

But remember, one day I shall call you, and how shall you answer me's when the care whother Eath and you prove your true worth To your home in the Kingdom of Men?

Will you come with a heart full of gladness for the life you used in the past—
Will you tell Me about all the sadness that stayed with you unto the last?
Or will you be silent and humble and thankful for takks that you've done:
For let it be known—this knowledge I've sown:
Through Me are all life's guerdons won!

L'Envoi
Think hard, O ye children of Heaven; and let your good
deeds fill the world,
Till the banner of Truth and of Christ-love is widespread—
its pattern unfurled;
Let your brethren drink deeply of Glory and Goodness as
onward they plad,
With a sense of great duty glimpse full of My beauty
And believe that you am part of God.

#### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago.

our street.

Statuck had the largest flock that he had been street as the humbered 450.

A jolly lot of Detroiters came out of Middrach Brothers for a pinet per fourth and were joined by nough of our folks to make 100. The Homes humber ammented to 135 miles. Pretty had been street with the street with

for Will Hanna Habay.

The Hungry Nine base ball club get to the front and set renegotating with the "Owesset enways, who paid some line Sox" for a game of base ball of time. The first one to round in Brunischam in a course first of ulay was Henry

Things were lively some summary of south by the way the burgites file with the Harbor Springs.

And the boys and girls too.

Miss Eman Chase had a party of little folks the Fourth. Guess they tig in the poles from Detruit to nad mortgage, or so much thereof as had a good time by the appearance of the Dr.'s front yard.

List of pupils who were neither absent or tardy during the appearance of the Dr.'s front yard.

List of pupils who were neither absent or tardy during the appearance of the Cooper, Ch. Bertie Brown, Annie the Cooper, Ch. Bertie Brown, Annie Cooper, Ch. Bertie Brown, Cooper, Ch. Bertie

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