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## THE RICHNESS OF POVERTY

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So and isn't life a living things a vast drama in which it is meant 1 fas far as the futuran family is concerned) that each individual shall bet out to lachieve a certain thing that will, by becoming its possessor, allow him to impart to the balance of society an example worthy of emulation?

To be born of rise parentals conceded, by the thinkers of the world, a great handicap. The acquisition of material wealth is too often the goal of many men and women. To be born poor is, perhaps, one of life's greatest gifts, for the inheritance of poverty of material possessions is often over balanced by the inheritance of a rich mind; and the whole glittering, entrancing and entiralling drama of life beckons the poor boy or girl of today—while the eightern of the rich are stifled by a surfert of material possessions.

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Down deep in his heart of hearts every vich man yearns for the payerty-days of childhond and fain would leave them as an inheritance of real richness for his own son or daughter. For, knows the successfully rich man, it is far better for a soul to strive for a time on his own look than to substitute bags of gold and thus throat emittion and the desire to render a valuable service to society.

My share of the work of the world may be limited, but the fact that it is work makes it previous. Darwin could work only half an hour at a time; yet in many diligent half-hours he laid anew the foundations of philosophy. Green, historiant tells us that the world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.—Helen Keller.

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### REDFORD IS 3% AMERICAN

Most of the qualified electors of Redford Union School District ought to be deported to Ellis Island, or some other suitable place where they may be instructed in the rights of an American citizen, effeily relating to the exercise of the ballot. Last Saturd 4y a special eleition on school bonds amounting to \$425,000.00 was held in Redford; out of a total of 3,000 electors in the district, only 103 (about 3 per cent) went to the polls. And 79 of these favored the issue, while 31 opposed it. This cer-

of these favored the issue, while \$1 opposed it. This certainly is not a real representative vote of the people. Similar expressions are made when candidates are put into office throughout the land, and then the American citizen often laments the said dedlines of public efficiency. What would you think of a soldier who refused to pull the trigger of his gun when lengaged in the protection of his country? You'd call sim a traitor, wouldn't you? Then what shall be the name of a person who, given the blessed right of exercising his power at the polls when elections roll around, refuses to hast a vote either for or against the issue at stake? against the issue at stake?

All truth is safe and nothing else is safe; and he who keeps back the truth, or withholds it from men, from motives of expediency, is either a coward or a criminal, or both.—Max Muller.

### WE MUST PLAN IT OUT

The determination of the village commission to out-line a plan for the widening of Woodward avenue, as they directed manager Starr to do last week, is both proper and timely. Within a comparatively short time the state will have completed its widening on both sides of Birmingham, or at least from the south, and then what will happen to the present main street of our village? Birmingham should present some kind of a plan to the state for acceptance. There must be a starting point and it looks as though Birmingham must solve its own problems.

An enlightened mind is not hoodwinked; it is not shut up in a gloomy prison till it thinks the walls of its own dungeon the limits of the universe, and the reach of its own chain the outer verge of intelligence.-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

### A THISTLE-OR A ROSE?

Go out and spade of your backyard; smooth over the surface with a rake; then place beneath the surface, at varying intervals, tiny seeds of the kind you wish. Buy some garden hose, connect it with your tap and, with the aid of rain frym above, you will soon see LIFE pushing up through the soil. The seed may be beautiful, sweetsmelling flower, or a green onion, depending on what you planted. Do you realize that, aside from a few moments of physical exertion, that you, personally, did not have anything to do with the generation of life in your garden? God lives in every backyard—if he soil be tilled, the seed sown, and a little spading and hoeing follow. Ggd lives there anyway—for grass or weeds would grow were there ny vegetables or flowers planted. Backyards, are like our ninds, and it is our own individual selection of seeds that minds, and it is our own individual selection of seeds that brings forth from us a weed or a flower. The ability to fertilize a thought or a seed is in each mind or backyard— but the fruits depend on us, for "God helps those who help themselves." So, why plant a thistle when roses are more beautiful?

### REAL, CLEAN SPORT

Two hundred and thirty-five Oakland county boys

physical contests. Among this group were more than a physical contests. Among this group were more than a dozen from Birmingham. The affair was the Third Annual. Athletic Meet, held under the auspices of the M. C. A. The events were clean, healthful and filled with sportsmanship of the best kind. It is a splendid thing to have such athletic means and was a place and a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and was a place of the second specific means and the second specific means are second specific means and the second specific means are specific means and the second specific means and the second specific means and the second specific means are specific mansaip of the pest kann. It is a specified uning to have such athletic meets each year, and a pleasant thing for local parents to know that their boys may partake of a sport that is not tainted with any of the damning professional tricks that twist and dwarf a lad's mentality. 4 1

### MY MOTHER'S ROCKING CHAIR

I remember how my Mother worked when we were all home

nome,
And the babies were dependent on her care.
Very seldom did she have a moment she could call her own,
'Tho she often rested in her rocking chair.

In a corner of the kitchen it stood by her little stand,
And the manding basket always waited there
Filled with little socks and garments to be righted by her

hand , While she rested in her little rocking chair,

With its gingham ruffled cushion and a tidy on the back It seemed to call her from the work and care.
Oh, how oft she told us stories which a moral ne'er did

lack. While she rested in her little rocking chair.

In the evening when we older ones were out at night till

late,
Her thoughts were always with us and her prayer,
With her knitting she would sit and listen till she heard the gate.

While she rested in her little rocking chair.

Now all of us are married and have babies of our own

And Mother has some silver in her hair, But the place we like to find her best whenever we go home Is resting in her little rocking chair.

B. McDonald, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 76, Birmingham, Mich

### DOWN THE ROAD TO MEET DAD

we sit here tonight in the gloaming, dear old companion and me s we sit here tonign in the glossing,
y dear old companion and me,
s we think of the years back in the distance
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her at night from my work I'd be returning
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see them coming down the road to meet dad.

I'd go to the shop in the morning,
I didn't get very big pay,
I didn't get very big pay,
I that to provide for my dear, little fellows,
I had to keep bur go gay,
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I work was ended
Sometimes feeling tired and bad,
Until I looked out in the distance
And saw them coming down the road to meet dad.

ow they have all gone and left us, pirds from the nest they have flown Like birds from the nest they have flown, They have gone to different places And left mother and me all alone. But I am thankful to my heavenly father For the joys that once I have had When the whistle would blow in the evening "Eagn they would come down the road to meet dad.

There is one thing that I am regretting
As I sit here-squight all alone.
As I sit here-squight all alone.
As I sit here-squight all alone and the same alone and the same alone and the same alone.
Then when from this life-we had departed,
Onse more our hearts would be made glad.
For then I could look out in the distance
And see them coming down the road to meet dad. -FID. Wilkinson, Southfield Avenue

### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof 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

Henry Randall wants to buy a savy yoke of working oxen. Addess Birmingham Adv.

Myron T. North and wife celebrat

John Nixon is a peel-head su nough. We cannot tell a lie, Fran oung did it with his little scissors

We will donate our mite most cheerfully towards putting the fence around our soldier's monument, in good repair. It is a reproach to all good and patriotic citizens, the condition it is now in.

Frank Randall overslept himself on the train Saturday night last and was carried to Pontiace. Eli Sawtella re-turned him Sunday in first class order and Frank vows he had had no opiates or "anything."

no opiates or "anything."

The Birmingham Minstrel Company, consisting of Meesrs. C. Bigelow, M. Bigelow, W. Beers, S. Goodman, W. Allen, are attempting to out-do Haverly's Mastodon Troupe, the woodshood of A. Bodine. The troupe presented & demoralized appearance Tuesday evening as if there had been a heavy rainstorm.

Terrife, but the company of th

Terrific hail stom in Southfield last week. Mr. Blakeslee, the worthy P. M., had 37 lights of glass destroyed. Still Mr. B. moves around with the accustomed urbanity just the asme as he did while an old backelor and living on crackers and cheese.

There will be a bee to draw gravel on the road near the Poppleton woods on the town line road between Troy and Bleomfield roads on Monday next. Tom Adams will be commander-in-theft, which will be sufficient to guarantee that the work will be well done.

be well done.

Frank Young has a smart man to work for him this summer. Frank says that he plowed three and one-half acres in one day. Now we will wager our old boots that no one can beat that unless they tell their story last.

The reason Cassia Crawford wears a control stay at his house. Every-body doing fine.

Myron T. North and wife celebrat-i their Crystal wedding last week, any Birmingham couples were in tendance and had a most enjoyable

Hudrah, another barn dance at Gil-bert Lake at the barn of E. R. Adams on Friday night next. Everybody is invited.

Strawberry festival at reform hall o-night. Every citizen in Piety Hill

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Measles are a riot in our little vil-lage during the pas few days.

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