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MEN.
AN ASPIRATION AND A SORROW.

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spells of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinion and a will;
Men who have honor—men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And damn his treacherous batteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty, and in private thinking;
For while the rabbles, with their thumb-worm creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, the Freedom weeps.
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleep!

TO MY HUSBAND,
WHO RETURNED HOME DURING MY ABSENCE.

As perfume lingers round the rose,
When faded, crushed, and broken,
So unto thee would I disclose
A lifelong love's true token.

When weary and worn thou dost return,
To a heartstone lone and cold,
Forget not that love's fire will burn
For thee a thousand fold,
And ministering spirits round thee still
Shall all thy wants supply,
And thy interior feelings fill
With joy, which will the world defy.

F. E. B.

TO A BUTTERFLY.

Child of the Sun! pensive thryrapterous flight,
Mingling with her thou lov'st, in fields of light;
And when the flowers of Paradise unfold,
Quaff fragrant nectar from their cups of gold.
Then shall thy wings, rich as an evening sky,
Expand and shut with silent ecstasy!
Yet thou wert once a worm, a thing that crept,
On the bare earth, then wrought a tomb and slept;
And such is man; soon from his cell of clay
To burst a seraph in the blaze of day.—Rogers.

"People of small intellect are very dangerous enemies, because they are likely to have few extreme thoughts to divert them from their immediate object of malice; because they are shrewd noticers of personalities and personal weaknesses; because there is nothing which a fool and a mean man enjoy so much as to catch a wise and honest one at a disadvantage."

"Truth and love are two of the most powerful things in the world; and when they both go together they cannot be easily withstood. The golden beams of truth and the silken chords of love twisted together will draw men on with a sweet violence whether they will or no."

REBELLION.

Now let it work; mischief thou art a fool,
Take what course thou wilt.—Shakespeare.

In the ever-changing current of events,
all Governments are being overwhelmed,
all power possessed by individuals or
nations inspected, criticized, submitted
to, or resisted. If a nation, a party, or
an individual considers themselves op-
pressed, rebellion, like the wind that
sweps over the desert, revolutionizing
every grain of sand that comes within
its sweep, is sure, sooner of later, to
follow, and it remains to be decided
whether wisdom and justice have reled
the uprising—whether a mad determina-
tion to maintain law as it exists
(whether that law be for the benefit or
the reverse of nation or individual), or
whether a sense of wrong creates for
itself a new law which shall meet the
needs of the nation, party or individual.
All who acknowledge a higher than
human law, acknowledge the right to
rebel under circumstances of oppression;
the right, the right, the right, the propriety, the necessity
of the revolution of seventy-six;
and hence the rebellious spirit which
actuated our forefathers constitutes
them heroes whose memory will ever be
cherished in the hearts of the people with
gratitude that they could, and did, de-
feat the great idea that all men are
born free and equal. But when, in
the course of human events, laws
framed in an undeveloped state of soci-
y, when the wisdom of the wisest was
insufficient to guard against contingencies
arising in a more advanced condition in
the future, shall permit and uphold
wrong; when oppression of the few over
the many, first considered a necessity,
should afterwards attempt to assume
the specious garb of virtue; when in order
to maintain a system of slavery and the
arbitrary power assumed by the few
is exerted to oppress and degrade any portion
of the human family; when the few
rebel against and endeavor to cast off that
wise and benignant Government based

upon one of God's eternal laws, then
rebellion becomes infamous. Hence, the
names of the leaders of the rebellion of
sixty-one will be handed down to post-
reveries covered with the averon of
the good and true of all nations; and Am-
rica will blush, for a long period of
coming time, that she has nurtured into
existence traitors and rebels who, at the
expense of the safety of the nation,
would sustain the narrow round of their
limited home institutions. That

There is a Divinity which shapes our ends,
Rough hew them as we may,
was never more apparent than in the
issues pending at the present time; while
the Southern slaveholder supposed he
was rivetting the chains more strongly
around his slaves by rebellion against
the Government of the United States,
which, by courtesy, had heretofore
winked at his supremacy of power, was
in fact pursuing the only course which
must eventually bring about a result
diametrically opposite to that which he
intended. There are many wrongs en-
acted in this world of ours which are
never heeded until written in fair round
characters, so plain "that he who runs
may read," and presented to the world's
inspection. Then the nations stand
aghast and exclain, "these things ought
not so to be." The bland courtesy of
the Southern planter has long deceived
the world into the belief that so pleasing
an exterior could never cover a putty-
fingering, fostering sore in the body politic;
but his rebellion has violently torn
away the disguise showing the deformity and
abominations of the system of slavery
as practised at the South in all its
horror; and the Government of the United
States, aroused by the conviction of the
wrong which its defenders have written
and published, has arisen in the majesty
of its strength and declared, "It shall
not so be."

F. E. B.

We have all heard of asking for bread and re-
ceiving a stone, but a young man may be con-
sidered still worse treated when he asks a young
lady's hand and gets her father's foot.