

NATURE.

Hark how the birds do sing
And the woods do ring ;
All creatures have their joy, and man has his.

G. Herbert.

FLOWERS.

If thou hast two loaves, sell one and buy
some flowers of the narcissus.

Mahomet.

FRIENDS.

By friendship I mean the greatest love and the
greatest usefulness, and the most open communi-
cation and the noblest suffering and the most
exemplary faithfulness and the severest truth
and the heartiest counsel and the greatest union
of mind of which brave men and women are
capable.

J. Taylor.

CHILDREN.

Happy hearts and happy faces,
Happy play in grassy places ;
That was how, in ancient ages,
Children grew to kings and sages.

LOVE.

Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger,
nothing higher, nothing broader, better in heaven
or in earth ; for love is born of God, and can rest
only in God above all things created.

Thomas à Kempis.

CONTENTMENT.

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from
flying over your head, but you can prevent them
from building nests in your hair.

Chinese Proverb.

PAIN AND JOY.

Such men are the living proof that pain and
suffering are something more than sheer cruelty ;
rather the conditions which turn human animals
into men, and men into Saints and heroes fit for
the Kingdom of God.

A Student in Arms.

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Take joy home,
And make a place in thy great heart for her,
And give her time to grow, and cherish her ;
Then she will come and often sing to thee
When thou art working in the furrows.

J. Ingelow.

LIFE AND DEATH.

Trust in God, but keep your powder dry.

Oliver Cromwell.

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Our life is but a little holding, lent
To do a mighty labour. We are one
With heaven and earth and stars when it is spent
To serve God's aim. Else die we with the sun.

MYSTICISM.

No coward soul is mine,
No trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere
I see Heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal, arming me from fear.

Emily Brontë.

THE NATIONAL PARTY.

A BROTHERHOOD OF PATRIOTS.

Speaking at Manchester, Brigadier-General Page
Croft stated that it had not been the intention to
launch the National Party until after Parliament
had met, but certain circumstances convinced
them that it was their duty to rally the whole
country. He had burnt his boats. The men of
our Army and Navy were at last determined to get
rid of all the rotten party things that had weakened
our country. If peace came to-morrow there
would be no machinery for reconstruction, but
there would be a fatal hiatus. He continued :
" The old parties are dead and damned. They
failed to prevent war ; they have largely muddled
the war. I look to the nation now to pull us
through—the nation united behind the King's
Government. You who know of the wonderful
brotherhood of the British on the field, who are
fighting there that our country may live, will you
be behind in forming a brotherhood of patriots at
home ? You who know how the dead of England,
Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, with those of
Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand,
India, lie together, for all time united—will you
hesitate to unite here at home and unite the
Empire beyond ? I cannot believe it. Away
with the old cries, away with the petty bickerings ;
come with a rush and rally to the flag. You can
light a torch which will set our country ablaze
and which no man shall ever extinguish. Here
now in this great leading city of Manchester,
let us pledge ourselves to the cause of the nation,
and with tireless striving let us purify our political
life and reach out for all that is great and fine,
all that is worthy of the spirit and traditions of
our race."

Here is a policy to which the women of our race
will surely subscribe. We have stood outside
the charmed circle and watched the mean and
unworthy tactics of party politics until we are
heartsick of them. We want truth, honour,
generosity, and justice inscribed upon the
political banners of our leaders, before we care to
cast our votes for them.

RUSSIA A REPUBLIC.

Russia has been proclaimed a Republic by the
Government. The country is to be governed by a
Council of Five. The sooner the peoples of the
Central Empires follow suit, the better for the
peace of the world.

A HANDY SIGNAL.

Visitor : " So this is the deaf and dumb ward !
How do you call people to dinner ? I suppose
you don't ring a bell."

Superintendent : " No. We have a man who
walks through the ward wringing his hands."—
Boston Evening Transcript.

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