

The New Orleans Crescent.

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A Valentine.

You ask me if I love you; do you really wish to know? ... Only ask the question, Love, man-like, your power to show? ... Will the thought that I adore you, be a happy one to you? ... If so, my heart is here, Love, laid open to your view.

As I sit before the fire to-night, tracing pictures bright, ... Of all your sunny future, Love, my heart grows in your light. ... There, drawn by Love's own master hand, in golden tints I see ... Portray'd, the long, the blissful hours that I shall have with thee;

But there are only pictures, Love, that I see in the fire, ... While waving o'er my love for you, born of my heart's desire. ... Bright as the flames from which they spring, yet true to their colors (fade). ... Not so my love; 'tis ever yours, in sunshine or in shade.

Then fold me in your arms, my Love, and press to your heart, ... And hear me vow my love for you is of my life a part. ... Press kisses warmly there, ... And when to my song of Love, 'twill lighten all your care!

For the New Orleans Sunday Crescent. ON RESPONSIBILITY. A LAY SERMON FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH. Text—'Am I My Brother's Keeper?'

Look where we will through the world we find mutual responsibility to be the keystone of society, without which the whole fabric would tumble to the ground. The existence of governments implies the accountability of the people to their rulers; the frequency with which they are bent overturned demonstrates that the possession of power carries with it the obligation to wield it well.

Has patience poured into your lap her thousand treasures, and has she not been waiting for you with a thousand and more of doing good, of the right use of each one of which you must give account at Heaven's Bar. Use your wealth to aggrandize yourself alone, and although men may have done you good, the more weight your opinion carries outside of that sphere. Hence, every addition which a man makes adds to the responsibilities of his entire life.

Has Heaven's richest, best gift, which, by the potent power of the spirit, can transform the commonest objects into 'diamonds of purest ray serene.' If genius be yours, heavy indeed are your responsibilities. By the lifting of your little finger you may lighten many a heavy burden, wounded and bleeding from life's conflict. Use your gift, and blessings will rest upon you and your work.

But we must not be too sure of our own talents, and we must not be too sure of our own wisdom. Anathema Maranatha will be upon you, ye Humes and Voltaires, who so perverted your lofty talents as not only to send your words of wisdom to the winds, but to consign your words of others to the same dark doom by placing before them sweet for bitter, and bitter for sweet. Every lost spirit ye have deceived will meet you at the inevitable day of account.

But you argue, I have not wealth, position or genius, how can I control others? Assuming that you lack such things, and you are not a preacher, you may be a good citizen, and you may be a good neighbor. You may be a good citizen, and you may be a good neighbor. You may be a good citizen, and you may be a good neighbor.

Housekeepers and others economically disposed must not forget that Messrs. C. E. Girard & Co. will sell to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., at public auction, by order of E. E. Norton, Esq., assignee, the contents of that well stocked grocery store, corner of Customhouse and Bourbon streets, comprising choice family groceries, liquors, preserved fruits, canned goods of every description, wines, etc., etc.

HEADQUARTERS FOR DRY GOODS AT WHOLESALE AT THE NEW YORK HOTEL, 121 N. WASHINGTON ST., NEW YORK. The New York Evening Post has just completed its 67th year. There are five thousand students of music in Boston.

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