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From Sunshine Headquarters.

If the world seems cold to you,
 Kindle fires to warm it!
 Let their comfort hide from view
 Winters that deform it.
 Hearts as frozen as your own
 To gather radiance gather;
 You will soon forget to moan,
 "Ah, the cheerless weather!"

If the world's a wilderness,
 Go build houses in it!
 Will it help your loneliness
 On the winds to din it?
 Raise a hut however slight;
 Weeds and brambles smother;
 And to roof and meal invite
 Some forlorn brother.

If the world's a vale of tears,
 Smile till rainbows span it!
 Breathe the love that life endears,
 Clear of clouds to fan it!
 Of your gladness lend a gleam
 Unto souls that shiver;
 Show them how dark Sorrow's stream
 Blends with Hope's bright river!
 —Lucy Larcom.

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Whether this life shall be bright
 with hope and a cheerful temper,
 grand with high aims, beautiful with
 loving deeds, radiant with good will
 to all, is the possibility toward which
 every soul can climb spite of the
 hindrances of circumstances of inheritance.

The radiation of kind thoughts will
 bring a return of kind thoughts toward us.

That all the world is a stage, and
 all men are actors, is true. But it
 is equally true that every individual
 soul has a life in itself into which
 no other can enter, and which cannot
 be acted upon the world's stage.

The great purpose of each is to
 learn what is in us. Life is an immeasurable
 opportunity to grow the individual.

Once having learned the mightiness
 of life, it is puerile and childish
 to be whimseyed about by trifling annoyances.

Though it may seem at first glance
 cruel, it is not so, but a truly friendly
 thought, when one sees people
 making themselves wretched over
 trifles not worth being vexed about,
 that it would be well for them to
 experience some real trial, hardship
 or trouble. Till one's powers of soul
 are called upon to meet a genuine
 tribulation the mind fails usually to
 estimate reasonably the various perplexities,
 annoyances and difficulties of life.

We are so busy with our own affairs
 of life that we fail often to grasp
 the thought that "dark sorrow's
 stream blends with hope's bright river,"
 and much less take time or trouble
 to impress this very helpful thought
 upon our neighbors.

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Dear Shiners, it has been good of
 you to write, and I am glad to know
 that you are doing so much for
 Sunshine in this very busy season,
 (at least I suppose it is as busy for
 you as it is for me, and that is so
 busy that I cannot give you a report

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