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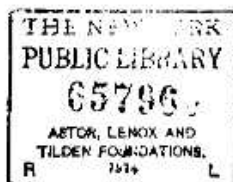


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To the memory of that loved companion, whose counsels and faith, during thirty-two years of happy companionship, were a constant inspiration; and whose memory, during the coming years, will remain a helpful and ever-present influence.

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THE CHRISTIAN EVENTIDE

In a sermon preached in Evanston, Wyoming.

Oh pilgrim, in this vale of tears
Treading life's path with weary feet,
Though rough and dark the way appears,
Though threatening storms around thee beat,
Let this blest thought attend thy way
And put all anxious fears to flight;
Though clouds and darkness shade thy day
"At evening time it shall be light."

At eventide! blest eventide!
When cares are o'er and labor done,
The shield and helmet laid aside—
The battle fought—the victory won;
Then mists of earth shall roll away
And there shall burst upon thy sight
The radiant dawn of endless day—
"At evening time it shall be light."

A PARABLE

Written in the autograph album of a young bride
on the eve of her wedding.

Adown the slopes of verdant hills in merry sportive
glee,

Two brooklets started on their way toward the dis-
tant sea;

Each from the other far apart—each in its separ-
ate way,

The streams flowed on in different paths yet
nearer came each day;

Nearer and nearer still they came meandering o'er
the lea,

An unseen hand was guiding them in paths of
destiny;

And thus they moved until they met and blended
into one,

Then onward in a grander stream flowed till
their course was run.

A parable in this we find to teach the mystic way,
In which the current of two lives are blended in a
day;

Adown the sunny slopes of life from childhood's
happy state,

Each life flows on in separate course until it finds
its mate;

Then never more in ways apart each life goes on
alone

But by the alchemy of love the two are joined in
one;

And in a sweeter, happier life than 'ere was
known before

Flow onward down the slopes of time until this
life is o'er.