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By MRS. MINNIE ALLEN

HOME LIGHTS

So often have I gone through these rooms,
Lighting the seen and unseen candles
That make a house
A home.
You, who have visited me,
Have seen the cheer
Of many colored candles,
But I, who have watched here frequently alone,
Have lighted many more
That you may never know;
Tall red candles of my pride,
White candles that were prayers,
Strange little blue ones for loneliness,
Some of strong yellow
When I needed courage,
But mostly
A rose-colored candle
That men call joy,
Whose soft flame
Has accompanied me for countless hours
While I worked;
That has haloed each chubby baby's face.
And cast a flattering finish
An all the treasured handicrafts
I made,
It has meant so much to me,
I should like to leave
This light
 Burning in the little house
When I go away.
—From the W. Va. Agriculturist, December, 1924.

They are all made of cheerfulness and fair play and brighten our living room in the form of RECREATION. Sparkling and gay is their flame and each bears the insignia of its owner. Inventiveness and self control, the magic substance for the very intense light that characterizes resourcefulness, have contributed also to this delightful group of recreation candles. Quietly burn their flames when music fills the room, or the sound of a beloved voice rebuilds the poet's world. They seem to leap high, however, when joyful excitement announces the approach to the goal. Let us not forget to put the candle of HOSPITALITY into one of our front windows, and to make its flame radiate with openmindedness and willingness to share. Its welcoming light will invite everyone whose heart responds to the beautiful call: Home, dear, wonderful home! And under its rays the brotherhood among men will become reality and a vital force for the development of mankind. Fellowship and willingness to serve give the material for our other window light, called COMMUNITY SPIRIT, which must be strong and pure so as to illuminate the paths that lead to our neighbors, to our community, our nation and out into the world. Our community, our nation will reflect the lights that burn in our homes. The more powerful and numerous the candles are which we have lit, the more efficient and progressive our community will be.

In order to insure its growth and development we must continue to make our home a source of new and better life. Responsibility and vision must contribute to the light of the last candle, the candle of SELF-EDUCATION. The progress of mankind depends on the lights in our home. Let us watch and guard them, that their flames will be powerful and pure so that their light may unite with the eternal light of God.

THE HEARTSTONE

“When the logs are burning free,
Then the fire is full of glee;
When each heart gives out its best,
Then the talk is full of zest;
Light your fire and never fear;
Life was made for love and cheer.”

—Henry Van Dyke.

THE HOUSE

“The cornerstone in Truth is laid,
The guardian walls of Honour made,
The roof of Faith is built above,
The fire upon the hearth is Love;
Though rains descend and loud winds call,
This happy house shall never fail.”

—Henry Van Dyke.

“The lintol low enough to keep out pomp and pride;
The threshold high enough to turn decent aside;
The doorband strong enough from robbers to defend;
This door will open at a touch to welcome every friend.”

—Henry Van Dyke.

Farm women from 42 counties attended the special meeting of County Project Leaders held in Ames during Farm and Home Week, February 1 to 6.

Appreciation of the work in home economics being done at Iowa State College and thru organized home project work over the state was expressed in the discussions.

If you are doing Home Furnishing club work, why not have a Picture Memory contest? Ask your county agent for a copy of the rules and regulations.