

# THE STIRRED NEST

Deut 32-11

The eagle has an instinct against the perils of ease - we think of perils being yonder in danger zones but they are not all out there - this thing of ease has its perils -

The eagle goes high up to build her nest and then when her young are old enough to fly she exercises a cruelty that proves a kindness - Did you ever get a whipping? Did you think it cruel? Afterward you realized it as a kindness for it helped you to be a better child - and that was what it was intended for -

The eagle tears up the nest and scatters it. The eaglets have to try to fly and failing and falling - The mother swoops beneath them and carries them to a crag of safety - This is repeated till their wings are strong -

So the destruction of the nest is justified by a flock of king birds soaring to the sun - It is the story of developing the human life -

Everywhere the nest which has been laboriously built must be broken - It is the nature of things

2 Just as it is hard for an eagle to grow without a torn nest even so the possibilities of the human life cannot be fulfilled without some such treatment -

After months and years of planning a home is built -

Children come to bless it

Time step by step travels on

Babyhood rolls away - then first day school  
young manhood & womanhood - arrive <sup>at school</sup>  
Home is interrupted - The good bye comes  
(not seen much more) -

But would you have it otherwise?  
Would you have your child remain a  
ten pounder at 20 years? NO -

In the matter of College - every Commencement College life is disturbed -  
boys and girls go from their walls  
of protection out into a cold world  
which demands its price for all  
it gives -

If we have taught them right - and  
if they have heeded - they will face  
tasks, temptations, storms, and  
obstacles and come off conquerors -  
and win their degree in life's strict  
school of adversity -

"Blessed is the man's soul which  
the blows of hardship refine and  
mold into lasting strength and  
beauty -

It seems a law of life that the nest must be stirred - Look at mankind's ungolding life -

1. The Exodus
2. Babylonian Captivity
3. Persecutions of infant church
4. Conflicts of the Reformers
5. Enterprize of the Pilgrims

What then is the meaning of the stirred nest?

I. The goal of life cannot be defined in terms of physical ease -

The man who says "I will first build my house and make my future secure before I can take on the obligations of religion" is making mistake the Jews made in day of Haggai -

Haggai said "ye look for much, and lo it came to little - and when ye brought it home I blew upon it - why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that is waste and ye run every man to his own house -

Selfishness ever stands condemned before God - when it establishes its ear God blows upon it and says "son begin again!"

Abraham was not great when he in-  
joyed the comforts of Mesopotamia but  
when he built the altar in rugged Canaan-  
more not in Egyptian Court but in  
wilderness-

I. The turning of west means broadness of  
vision - "without vision the people  
perish" Our horizon must be  
pushed back -

may the Lord forgive us for being content  
with the cramped and darkened life  
of the valley when He has equipped  
us for flight to the mt. top - If we  
can not fly we can climb - Ascent  
results in vision and vision leads  
to more abundant life -

II. Develops youthful powers - at proper  
time mother kisses the boy goodbye  
and sends him forth - Joy to know  
a man is being made - Let him go

IX. Latent powers develop (I knew a girl  
who was treated  
like a baby and  
grown active  
like a baby)

V. Preparation for service - Best thing  
to do with a life is to give it  
all of it -

Rev. J. C. F. says on our glor



"Don't move them"