

Death Bed Testimony.

We do not object to it. It is pleasant to catch from the lips of our friend as he departs for the mysterious land whither we are all tending, words of confidence and assurance. But we do not regard death-bed demonstrations as of very great value in themselves. There are so many conditions which enter into that last great event that it is often impossible to determine the source of experience. We remember of hearing a physician say on one occasion: "When a man dies in a very happy mood, I always ask three questions—who was his physician? How much morphine had he taken? and what was the character of his life? Three very important questions. According to the answer to each, our opinion of the dying testimony of some ought to be considerably modified. It is asserted by nearly all physicians that in their experience they have found but few persons positively afraid of death when it came. Thus, because of this providential accommodation of the nature of all men to the great experience—the character of the disease, and the medicine under whose influence the dying are, to a greater or less extent—no undue stress should be laid on dying words.

Peculiarly true is this because of the fact often the most assuring words are spoken by those whose lives had not commanded the greatest respect. It is not uncharitable to suppose that in such instances the precious experience is the result of some circumstance in connection with the disease or the method of its treatment. It is not reasonable to suppose that a man can live a life careless of his religious duties, or of open sin, and at the close, even if accepted of God, have an experience which angels might envy, and which is frequently denied to those who have been most consistent in the affairs of this world.

It is not to depreciate death-bed experience and testimony that we write but simply to assert that they are of value only as they are testified by the life. How did he live? is the great question to ask about any departed man. If he lived nobly and purely, if he left a record that is a perpetual benediction, it matters not what he said, or whether he said anything when he came to die. A better assurance friends cannot have that one has entered into heavenly inheritance than a life that was always sweet and noble, though a wave of open demonstration never swept over it. Better such a testimony than the singing of hallelujahs and the vision of golden streets when one comes to die, for these may be the products of an excited imagination, while the life proved that it was founded on God as its rock. If at the close of a noble life, when death draws near, God sees fit to set his seal by inspiring such testimony then such testimony is a power, for it is the fruitage of the tree of his own planting. Why it is He sometimes seems to hide his face from his most faithful children in the dying hour is beyond our explanation. Christ's agony on the cross is centered in this, that his Father's face was hid from him. The servant is not greater than his Lord. What each man has to do, is live in obedience to Christ's law, and, thus living, it matters little what his death-bed testimony may be. With God and man the only testimony that endures is the life that is hid with Christ in God.—Presbyterian Weekly.

FOR ALL.

The Bible, says Rev. A. N. Somerville, is suitable for all periods of life. Look at two photographs. The one shows us a cottage. Within is an educated family. A mother has on her knee a little boy at present too young to read; but she is giving him Bible lessons from some parchments, unfolding to him some of their simple stories. Behind stands the grandmother of the

little boy. Eunice, the mother, is telling him of Cain and Abel, Samson, Daniel in the lion's den, &c. Thus before he could read little Timothy "Knew the Scriptures from his youth." The second photograph shows us an old man in chains amidst the gloom of his prison; beside him sits a valued friend—his amanuensis—writing at the old man's dictation to a most eminent evangelist far away in whom Paul places greatest confidence. And what is the word Paul is dictating to Luke, the beloved physician, at the moment this photograph is taken? It is this: Timothy, I charge you with my dying breath that you keep the word you have known from a child, for "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Of what other book under the sun can you say that it will do for the instruction of the little boy who is not old enough to read, and for the most experienced evangelist?—E.

The Bible.

Burke, in his abridgement of English history, speaking of the Bible, says: "It treats of no one subject, but of all, and it refers to the customs and manners of so many sorts of people, that it compels a great deal of exterior inquiry." And not only so, but he says that the man who would become well-acquainted with the word of God is compelled to acquire a good deal of learning, and for this reason he says that the progress of Christianity has always been marked by progress of literature; and now if a man would become a thorough student of the Bible, he must become a learned man. If a man will endeavor to become a reader of the Bible so as to understand it as a common reader, he must become an intelligent man.

There is no book which contains so great a variety of matter as the Bible. Men have here all the illustrations that are necessary for public speeches. The great lay evangelist of this time is an illustration of this fact. When Abraham Lincoln was preparing his address on "First Things," he got most of his illustrations from the Bible. Our political speakers take a great deal of what they say from the Bible. More than half their wit comes from the Bible, and sometimes, too, a good deal of whatever sense there is in what they say. If we would labor for common education we must labor for the Bible.—Selected.

Supposed Discovery of the Tomb of David.

Prof. H. S. Osborn has received a letter from Consul DeHaas, dated Jerusalem, June 15th, giving a detailed account of a visit to the tomb of David. The important discovery, connected with this visit, is that of a walled-up door leading from the crypt containing the so-called tomb, down to the subterranean excavations under the building containing the tomb. The building is a few yards south of the Zion gate at Jerusalem, and has been known for many centuries as the Cenaculum, and as David's Tomb. It is of massive structure in its foundation, and in some of its upper parts. It is more strictly guarded than is the Dome of the Rock, but it has been visited by a lady in disguise, some years ago, and the tomb described. It was then thought that this cenotaph was the tomb, but Prof. Osborn thinks, from certain traditions concerning this door, that the doorway leads to the actual tombs of the kings beneath. Some time ago a plan of the tombs of the Patriarchs at Hebron was obtained as drawn by a Turkish architect, and published by Prof. Osborn, in his Geographic notices of the city. From that plan it now appears that the so-called tombs are merely cenotaphs, but the true tombs, and with good reason the embalmed bodies of kings and patriarchs, may yet be found beneath, in caverns not visited in modern times by any one living.—Advance.

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Love for the Bible.

A blind girl who had received a copy of the Bible in raised letters, read it so eagerly and constantly with her fingers that they were soon worn that every line she read was marked with blood, and ere long her fingers became so sore that she could no longer read them. Thinking that for weeks she could not use her Bible again, she raised it to her lips for a loving good-by kiss. As the raised letters of the page touched her lips, a thrill of glad surprise flushed her face, for she found she could read the page by her lips; and so, while her fingers recovered, she moved the pages across her lips, and with greater relish than for physical food, "God's words were found, and she did eat them, and they were unto her the joy and rejoicing of her heart," "sweeter also than honey and the honey comb." But there are many Christians who have not this "relish" for God's word; who read it as a duty, not as a delight; who come to it, not because they hunger for it as a delicious food, but because they think they must take it as a necessary medicine. How can such Christians secure this "relish for Bible reading?"—Presbyterian.

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JUSTICE'S SUMMONS.

Justice's Court for the Precinct of Monmouth, State of Oregon, vs. EZRA POPPLETON, Plaintiff, Civil action to recover money. vs. C. J. MERRILL, Defendant. To C. J. Merrill, the above named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the precinct aforesaid, on the 13th day of October, 1877, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the office of said Justice, in said precinct, to answer the above named Plaintiff in a civil action. The Defendant will take notice, that if he fail to answer the complaint herein, the Plaintiff will take judgment against him for Seventy Six Dollars Twenty nine Cents (\$76.29).

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