

Dying Nations.

Why do nations die? Cultivated Greece, and all-conquering Rome; Vandal, and Hun, and Moor, and Pole, and Turk, all dead or dying. Why? Murdered by nations more powerful? Swallowed by earthquakes? Swept away by pestilence or plague, or starved by pitiless famine? Not by any of these. Not by the lightning and thunder; not by the tempest and the storm; not by poisoned air, or volcanic fires did they die! They perished by moral degradation, the legitimate result of gluttony, intemperance and effeminacy. When a nation becomes rich, then there is leisure and the means of indulgence in the appetites and passions of our nature, which wear the body and wreck the mind. As with nations, so with families. Wealth takes away wholesome stimulus of effort, idleness opens to the floodgates of passionate indulgence, and the heir of millions dies heirless and poor, and both name and memory ingloriously rot.

If then, there is any truth and force in argument, each man owes it to himself, to his country, and, more than all, to his Maker, to live a life of temperance, industry, and self-denial as to every animal gratification; and with these having eye to the glory of God, this nation of ours will live with increasing prosperity and renown until with one foot on land and another on the sea, the angel of eternity proclaims time no longer.—*Ex.*

This is the true missionary spirit: Rev. William Walker, aged seventy-two or three, of Milto, Wisconsin, has been telegraphed to go to Corisco and hold the Gaboon fort, under the equator, till a man can be found to take the place of the heroic Bushnell. It did not take him an hour to send the messenger of lightning back with the words, "I will go." Dr. Bushnell was in this country a year, seeking a prophet upon whose shoulders his mantle might be thrown. Not a man could be found. "I have married a wife," "I have planted a vineyard of luscious grapes—golden grapes." "I have bought a yoke of oxen—or horses." "I have a splendid congregation of coddlers," and so the hero Bushnell went back alone, and heavy hearted, and died. And now the Board of Foreign Missions, with the whole great Church before them, are forced to fall back upon this veteran of more than three-score and ten—and he not a Presbyterian, but a Congregationalist! How is this for consecration to Christ? Father Walker put in thirty years' hard work under the equator. He framed a grammar for the Mpongwe tongue, and made it a written language. His wife is dead. His children have gone out into the world for themselves. He was waiting for the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof—when lo! they came, in this call, to go and die in Africa. Just think of the cheers that will greet the old man from the battlements of heaven when he soars upward to them from the Gaboon.—*Interior.*

On the Way.

A Scotchman was dying in Scotland. It was a Sabbath evening. His daughter Nellie sat by his bedside. The church bells began to ring for the Sabbath evening service, and the old man, in his dying dream thought he was on his way to the church, through the cold, across the bridge, over the river, and he said: "Hark, the bells are ringing, we will be late to church, make the horse strike out swiftly." And then the old man shivered, and he said: "Bring the buffalo robes up closer, my lads. It is cold, but we shall soon be there, we will soon be at church—we will soon be over the river, my lads—we are there now," he said, with a smile. He could afford to smile, for he had reached the church, not the church on earth, but the church of God on high. Over the river there God hushed that old man to sleep. As one whom his mother comforteth so God comforted him.—*Ex.*

It was in 1814 that the first missionaries landed in New Zealand. Two Englishmen made bold to stay overnight in the midst of well-armed and ferocious cannibals. A half century has passed, and the transformation is recorded as follows: "Sir George Grey, ex-Governor of the Province, recently stated that he had visited nearly every station of the Church Missionary Society, and could speak with confidence of the great and good work accomplished by it in New Zealand; that he believed that out of the native population estimated by himself at 100,000, there were not more than 1,000 who did not make a profession of Christianity; that though he had heard doubts expressed about the Christian character of individuals, yet no one doubted the effect of Christianity upon the mass of the people which had been evidenced in their social improvement, their friendly intercourse with Europeans, and their attendance upon divine worship; that there was, in many places, a readiness on the part of the natives to contribute one-tenth of the produce of their labor to the support of their Christian teachers, and to make liberal grants of land for the endowment of schools; that some of the native teachers were, and many, by means of the schools, might be qualified for acting as native pastors, and might be trusted in such a position to carry on the good work among their countrymen, and even to go out as native missionaries to other islands of the Pacific." Sir George said, further, that "if the work should be consolidated and perfected, as he hoped, the conversion of New Zealand would become one of the most encouraging facts in the modern history of Christianity, and a pattern of the way in which it might be established in all other heathen countries."—*Ex.*

—Ingertoll is traversing the land defaming the churches, and denouncing the ministry. And what are the ministry doing to merit this abuse? The Hon. Geo. R. Wendling, an eloquent Illinois lawyer, who for several years has been lecturing in reply to Ingertoll's fallacies, said recently to a reporter of the New York Witness: "The clergy constitute the most humane and self-sacrificing class of men to be found on earth to-day. I have been in the last year in nearly every northern State from Maine to Nebraska, and everywhere the clergy are doing the most for humanity, not only in the way of religious ministrations, but in caring for the poor, the wretched, the homeless, the sick, the weak and the intemperate. They are the men who are at the front in every movement designed to alleviate human sufferings; working by sunlight and starlight, and four-fifths of them half paid; having poor fare, poor libraries, poor homes and a portion of every community prejudiced against them. The men, I say, who are doing this are the same preachers whom Ingertoll is denouncing. He may make pretty speeches about humanity, but here is a class of men whose hats neither he nor I are worthy to hold."—*Ex.*

An Insane Bohemian.

A Paragraph is going the rounds saying "January Searle," "supposed to have been dead many years, both by his family and friends, was lately discovered in a Lunatic Asylum at Morris Plains, N. J.," and speaking of him as if the *nomme de plume* given were his real name. *The Rural Home* can aver that "January Searle" was known in real life as George S. Phillips. We knew him well ten years ago in New York. He was then a Bohemian, doing snatch work on the press, as opportunity offered, selling his brains for daily food. An Englishman by birth and education, he had nevertheless edited the first illustrated paper published in America, and loved American ways as he loved Americans. He had a large, warm heart, and it spoke out at every turn. His writings were like himself, breezy, hearty, warm with active life. He wrote much of outdoor sports, and was capital at descriptive chapters telling of days afield and afloat. Like so many other cultured, brilliant Bohemians, he saw hard lines, and appears to have found their bitterest ending. Poor "January Searle!"—*Rural Home.*

Home Hints.

Remedy for Burns.—Dry saleratus applied to a burn will afford speedy relief.

A Simple Remedy.—Raw potatoes, scraped, and applied directly over the eye, which has become inflamed from having something blown into it, will afford great relief.

To Wash Velvet.—Wash in cold water and do not wring; but shake thoroughly, spread on the line as much as possible; when partially dry take down and shake again.

To Prevent Mites.—Scrub your floors with hot brine before tacking the carpets down, and once a week scrub your carpets with coarse salt.

Grating Nutmegs.—Grating a nutmeg on the stem end may cause it to break, and appear coarse and bad, while if you turn the same nutmeg about and begin grating on the opposite end, it will be all right.

To Prove Yeast.—If you are uncertain about your yeast being good, put it into a teacup of batter—flour and water mixed—and let it stand in a warm place, fifteen or twenty minutes; if it is good the mixture will be forming, otherwise it will remain an unchanged batter.

Brevity of Human Life.

It is an arithmetical certainty that we are sojourners, and that on earth there is no abiding. I know that very few men begin to labor for themselves until they are twenty-five years of age. There are few who continue such labors after the seventieth year. Now between the twenty-fifth and seventieth year of my life I shall have forty-five years. Suppose I throw away in each year fifty-two days for Sabbaths, thirteen for vacation, illness and other interruption, I have three hundred days left in each of the forty-five years,—that is, 13,500 days before I, in all human probability, shall be gathered to the fathers. If I have strength to labor ten hours of each day, I have, in the whole mature part of my life only 135,000 working-hours. Onward storms my strong-limbed race.

Pause for me is nigh;
Long on earth will men have place,
Not much longer I;
Thousand summers kiss the lea,
Only one the sheaf;
Thousand springs may deck the tree,
Only one the leaf;
One, but one, and that one brief.

—Joseph Cook.

Profane and Filthy Words.

A converted Hindoo, on being assailed with a torrent of profane and obscene words, from his idolatrous neighbors went up to them and asked—

"Which is worse, the abusive words that you are just using, or the mud and dirt you see lying on your dung-hill?"

"The abusive words," was the reply.

"And would you ever take into your mouths that mud and dirt?"

"Never."

"Then why do you fill your mouths with the abusive words, which you confess to be the worse of the two?"

Confounded with this rebuke, they retired, saying, that "that argument was but fair."—*Ex.*

The Lord's Prayer in Chinook.

Nesika Papa, elaxta copa sahale—elihe, Delate mika neme. Mika Tice chaco. Mika alka cupit copa elihe, caqua sahula—elihe. Potlatch nesika ocook sun nesika sapalif. Mamook nesika tuntum close, copa cluska elaxta tuntum cultis copa nesika. Close wake mamook nesika tuntum cultus. Mamook nesika close: copa mica sahula—Tice pe secum pe close pe alka pe alka. Close Caqua.

The above is given "verbatim ad litteram" with the manuscript our correspondent furnished us.—*Crucible.*

—How would it do to have a series of "Yale Lectures" on Hearing? Those on "Preaching" have been equally successful, so far as the character of the lectures and the lecturing is concerned, and it is to be hoped, in their effect upon preachers. Some ir-Reverend person may suggest that the "hearing" will always be determined by the "preaching"; that where the one is good, the other is sure to be. But that does not follow. Some people do not know good preaching when they hear it. And so it might be a good idea to institute a series of lectures in which the few shall be somewhat enlightened as to what it ought to expect of the Pulpit, and as to what the Pulpit has a right to expect of the Pew. We have no suggestion to make as to the place where these lectures shall be given, nor as to the lecturers; only, inasmuch as preachers have been talking to preachers, it would seem fair that hearers should talk to hearers. A good sub-topic, for a course of such lectures might be, "Put Yourself in His Place."—*Interior.*

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