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SOBER THOUGHTS FOR SOLEMN PEOPLE.

RIGHT AND WRONG METHODS.

In attempting the negative work of keeping men from evil, it is customary to sit down in systematic order, minute regulations and directions respecting things which are to be avoided. Christ did not adopt this plan. Rather by allusion than by detailed statement he indicated certain forbidden territory, and then betook himself to the affirmative side of his plan. He did not hope to keep men from evil by lecturing about it, by elaborating a penal system, or by any appeal to the lower instincts of human nature. His simple plan was to counteract death by life. Thus, instead of telling a man not to despair, he inspired him with a new hope; instead of telling a man not to murmur, he gave him much, not less, of the sanctity of human life as took away the very tendency to anger. This was his fundamental plan. "Thou shalt not" was adapted to a ruder age of the world; "Thou shalt" was now to take its place. The ineffectiveness of merely negative instruction is shown every day. Take the case of the gambler: Tell him that gambling will bring him to ruin or inflict ruin on others, and not improbably the gambler will assent to the doctrine; but will he abandon the habit? Go further: Imprison the gambler, take from him all gambling instruments, and condemn him to live in penitential poverty all the rest of his days—does he cease to be a gambler? Only in the lowest sense; he is still a gambler in spirit; the evil is untouched. What does Christ propose in such a case? He not only casts out the devil, but He puts in the Holy Spirit. He gives the gambler something better to do, and proves His entire success by leaving the man in the world, yet keeping him from evil. This method is reasonable, it is philosophical, it is Christ-like.

HOLINESS.

God requires time for His last crowning, all-glorifying miracle, simply because man is indisposed to the highest good. The miracle is that any man should ever have felt any desire towards holiness. Consider the view of human nature which is given in holy scriptures, and then hear that same human nature pray, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and there is the miracle which outshines all other wonders. We need not wait for absolute holiness, for holiness is a growth; the miracle is at the beginning, not at the end—in the prayer for mercy, not in the completed character. The Christian aspirant says he sees holiness afar, in the figure of a shining angel, and that he longs with ardent desire to seize the prize. Then why not seize it instantly? Because between himself and the angel there is a wide battlefield on which a deadly fight is proceeding without break or pause, and the combatants are his own passions and his own better nature. The miracle is that he still wishes to penetrate the opposition and find his way to the other side; the temptation is to surrender, but he is saved from that humiliation by the assurance that "he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Holiness is a word not easily written on the rugged surface of human life, but it shall in the long run be graven upon it indelibly. It is to be written upon the hearts of the honest and true, but it is saved from that humiliation by the assurance that "he that endures to the end shall be saved."

GREAT MEMORIES.

The history of mankind has produced a succession of prodigies in point of memory. As far back as the remote periods of antiquity, we are told, there were men who were famous for their wonderful powers of recollection. Mozart, when only 13 years old, played from one hearing, a new opera that had been composed expressly to test his skill. It is said of Themistocles that he could call by name the people of Athens, which city then numbered 20,000 inhabitants. George III, though deficient in education, never forgot a voice once heard or a face once seen. Not long since a Jewish rabbi in the city of New York had a divinity student that could repeat the whole of the Old Testament. Indeed he could begin with any verse given him and repeat forward or backward with equal facility. Porson, the Greek scholar, could repeat the whole of "Paradise Lost," backwards. A monk who resided in Moscow in the fifteenth century could repeat the whole of the New Testament. Instances are on record of many others equally gifted in this respect. No doubt some people have been blessed with a more liberal endowment of this faculty of mind than others; it is also true that the memory susceptible of improvement which seems all but infrequent. It was a habit of self-imposed task of Lord McCauley to commit a portion of some poem every night before retiring. As a result of this discipline he could repeat a poem after one reading. There have been several aids to memory proposed and not a few systems of mnemonics invented, all of which doubtless possess more or less merit, but the simple plan adopted by McCauley is open to all, and speaking from experience, we can endorse it most heartily.

IMPATIENT WITH DIVINE PROCESSES.

We are tempted to become impatient with Christ as he devotes so much attention to details. It seems almost a waste of time for a man who came to save a world to be lingering over a special case of disease. Could the blind man not have had his soul saved without first having his eyes opened? If not, what becomes of the blind man to-day? We think that we could answer the question by moving by the Holy Ghost, and when the end comes there will be no such miracle in the universe.

HUMILITY.

If you would bring people up from the lowly to the high, you must be like the Master and go down after them. It will not do to be afraid of getting muddy if you want to help poor stumblers out of the gutter; and it will do no good to scold them for being there. Neither will it do to be too afraid of losing a high position, if you want to help people out of doubt and form an unbelief. You may not feel quite so light and buoyant, you may suffer a little with them; but what of that if you really desire to do good? Where would you be now if Christ had not left his high estate and come down to seek and save the lost and perishing? What good would it do for him to say, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden," if he had not first lowered himself into the sinner's place, and gone down, crushed and broken, into the earth under the awful weight of their sins? "He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor; that we, through His poverty, might be made rich." There was an act of humiliation.

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STURBORNESS.

To have to deal with unreasonable obstinate people is a trial to the patience of a severe kind. It is like talking of colors to the color-blind, whose infirmity is not known, and who argues from his defect, not from your perception. Granting freely that the old axiom about one man's meat being another man's poison, extends over more ground than itself, still, there are some things which are absolutely wrong, and those who do them sin against the light of reason when they persist in their course and do not take counsel of the standers-by, who see more clearly than they. The rash youths who, without knowledge or previous training, ascend dangerous mountain heights alone; the foolish girls who, to follow the fashion, violate every law of health, and laugh to scorn all the facts of anatomy and physiology; the credulous speculators who buy all the rubbish recommended to them by certain interested holders—all these are to be condemned, when they refuse to be guided by wiser heads, and will go on as they have begun. "I will do it," or "I will not do it," is the motto by which the days are ordered, and the amount of reason in the decision counts no more than the salt in a Christmas pudding. Obstinate people indeed have seldom any reason to go by. Their determination stands instead of valid argument, and is as a wall of adamant which nothing short of an universal earthquake could overthrow. With people of this kind there is always the sense of finality, of restriction, of mental rigidity, of intellectual death, of general moral mummydom. They are crystallized and petrified. You are not able to make them go a step beyond the line they have ruled for themselves. You cannot deflect those backbones of theirs by so much as an inch from their perpendicularity. They are emphatically inflexible, and if their course leads them on to ruin, danger, disease or death, they continue in, when once they have said they will. They are trials to one's patience truly, but at the most you know what you have to expect. Expostulations fall dead, reasonings are mental exercises, thrown away, prayers are lost like so many weights in the wide expanse. You have to give way, and to accept their suicidal decision if they have power over you. Or you have to let them rule themselves to their hurt if they so will it. You know it all, and there it ends, and bad as it is, it is at least the sorry merit of the known and the certain.

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BROWNSVILLE BRERERS.

Harry Arebald finds crutches necessary to locomotion.

Some of Don Garrouette's relatives were visiting him this week. Little pupils sigh when they think of the restraints of the public school. H. W. Goddard, of the O. Ry., passed down the road Tuesday morning. Applicants for vacant houses are numerous, but their wants cannot be met. Mr. Vernon recently joined the company of bridge carpenters on the O. Ry. Dr. Starr intends to add a complete line of stationery and also the latest edition of school books to his drug store.

A stranger came into town Monday, heard of the mines, rolled his blankets and modestly bowed to the "Three Sisters." Jos. Riggs is hauling his tan bark out of the mountain this week. Capt. Hagen took his place at the tannery as chief engineer. R. M. G. Bradley left for Portland Wednesday with about 500 pounds of ore from the Trinity Mines, which will be milled in Portland. Stock is being taken in the Calapoia & Blue River Mining Co. People are not so ehary about taking stock since the late encouraging reports. Last week's county papers did not arrive until Wednesday of this week. The narrow gauge is entirely too feminine to be posing as a mail train.

Frank Jack finished picking hops Monday noon. The quality of the hops is good, the yield fair, and Frank will pocket considerable money this year. A. C. Hausman, in order to be beforehand with the hop house, picked his hops rather burrily. Gus, has the best cultivated yard in this section of country. Some of our people are availing themselves of the low stage of water in the Calapoia and are getting their winter's wood from the drifts of last spring's freshet. De. Carl talked quite glibly of going to Gold Hill last week, but thoughts of calloused heels and dropsical patches on the great toes of his feet, sufficed to change his notion. A plan to unite both Brownsville and North Brownsville into one corporate body is certainly a desirable one and ought to be effected without controversy or concession. W. D. Washburn is attending the State fair this week. William is an extensive stock grower and it is natural that he should take a deep interest in the annual stock exhibit. Ed Shea is visiting at his former home, Brown, this week, and of course the State fair, which is now being held at that place, will have some minor attractions for the young man.

T. S. Pillsbury has bought a mitch cow which with a little pampering is expected to give cream biscuits and skin-milk cheese. He has built a shed for the comfort of his last purchase. C. D. Drake tells us that his scheme for supplying the town with water is likely to take tangible shape. As an honest and industrious schemer, Mr. Drake has no superior in Brownsville. W. R. Kirk went to Salem Tuesday. He took with him a fine calf to the State fair, but it had been butchered before starting. He says there is no market for veal in Brownsville, and consequently he ships his meat to the Capital. Mr. Suider, late of Alaska, visited the Calapoia mines last week. He has probably had a more extensive experience—covering as it does nearly all the mines of the Pacific coast—than anyone who has ever visited these mines; and without hesitation he declares that he never saw a mining district to compare with ours, with the single exception of Tombstone, Arizona.

Just how to maintain a proper degree of animal heat with the least possible amount of fuel, has been solved in a thoroughly scientific manner by some of our citizens. Instead of placing warm bottles in contact with the feet according to the antiquated theory, the bottles are placed at the head of the bed and securely held in place by a very ingenious contrivance resembling two rows of teeth. Enough heat has been generated in this way to cause ebullition in fifteen minutes. SMILE LAX.

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George H. Liggett, deceased, THE undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, do hereby give notice of the sale of the real estate and personal property of said deceased, as follows: Commencing at 10 o'clock P. M. on the 28th day of October, 1890, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property, to-wit:

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