

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 despise, he inspired him with a new hope; instead of telling a man not to murmur, he gave him much, not only 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 ruler 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 this 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 endures 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 be inscribed upon the lintels and doorposts of human dwellings. It aims at no partial empire,—at nothing less than universal dominion. It is now the one condition of seeing the Father Everlasting; "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." "Forward, holiness, human life is being moved by the Holy Ghost, and when the end comes there will be no such miracle in the universe.

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 men of to-day? We think that we could answer the question in the affirmative, especially in the physical department of his service. Why not speak one healing word for all, that throughout the land every sick-bed might have been vacated at the same hour? What a magnificent introduction to spiritual labor this would have been! How quickly he could thus have come to his main point—the revelation of God! Yet He lingers over individual cases with a calmness that baffles us, considering how much work lies before Him. But is it not the same with Him whom we know as Creator? Does He not daily move restlessly in physical processes? How long a time He takes to mould an ear of corn. And what a waste of power it appears, that the earth should be brought forth but one harvest in the year. In His physical service Christ was strikingly like what we know of the Creator. The meaning of His slowness may come to us in the higher spheres. In the meantime, impatience is an infallible sign of weakness.

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 doubts and fears and 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.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHOSE AMBITION TAKES A LITERARY TURN, AND WHO THINKS IT AN EASY MATTER TO WRITE SEVERAL COLUMNS OF NEWS WEEKLY, DIRECT HIM TO THIS OFFICE AND WE WILL GO BACK TO HIM.

FOR A JOB WORK AND A READABLE PAPER CALL ON THE EXPRESS.

BROWNSVILLE BRERERS.

Harry Arehbold finds crutches necessary to locomotion.

Some of Doc Garrott'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. Vennon 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."

Joe 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 Calapooia & Blue River Mining Co. People are not so chary 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 Calapooia 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, Brownsville, 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 miteh ock 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 Calapooia 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.

No man, youth, boy or child can be considered well dressed if their cranium is surmounted by a "shocking bad hat." In order to set our numerous customers right in this regard, Montague has laid in for the fall and winter trade an immense stock of Hats and Caps. These goods were bought direct from the manufacturers and at very low figures. Take a look through them, and when you do want to buy, as a matter of course you will buy your head-gear only of Montague.

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In the County Court of Linn County, Oregon.

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Commencing at the southeast corner of block 29 of the northwestern corner of lot 4 in block 3 in the city of Lebanon, in Linn County, Oregon, and running thence east 100 feet, thence north 20 feet, thence west 100 feet, thence south 55 feet to the place of beginning.

Also the north half of Asa H. Peterson and Susanna Peterson's donation land claim, No. 98, Notation No. 2329, situated in township No. 12, south of range No. 2 west of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, comprising that portion of the said north half of said land claim described as follows, to-wit: One hundred acres located to F. M. Coryell, dead to which it is found recorded on page 29 of Book B of Records of Deeds also 34 acres to David H. Peterson, dead of which is found recorded on page 12 of Book H of Records of Deeds also 40 acres to L. J. Peterson, dead of which is found recorded on page 10 of Book I of Records of Deeds for Linn County, Oregon. This includes a strip of land 100 feet wide, being a strip of land about 22 feet wide across the west end of the land claim described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of block 29 of the northwestern corner of lot 4 in block 3 in the city of Lebanon, thence north 20 feet, thence west 100 feet, thence south 55 feet to the place of beginning, to have and to hold the said premises as a roadway. All being situated in Linn County, Oregon, and containing 100 acres, more or less. Also the east half of the northwestern quarter and lots 1 and 2 of section 16 in township 11 south of range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, containing 120.71 acres.

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