

Cummings who came forward hurriedly to meet them. He took the minister's hand, shaking it warmly. Then he turned to the woman.

"I've a carriage right here," he said, anxious at the sight of her pale worn face—"let me help you."

She sank upon the cushions exhausted. The children sat quietly together, wide-eyed and wondering.

"We're in your hands," the minister said, smiling. "What will you do with us?"

"You'll see," was the genial answer.

In a few moments the carriage stopped. Deacon Cummings alighted. This is the parsonage, he said. "We thought it would be pleasanter for you to come straight home, so did what we could. Some time I'll tell you the story of how it was all brought about. Your wife's room is ready for her, and the ladies have spread a supper for you in the dining-room. Welcome to Gray Rock, dear friends, and may the new home bring you health and happiness."

"I am sure it will," said the minister's wife, taking the deacon's hand.

"I am sure, too," said the minister.

The tears were in his eyes as he half-led, half-carried his wife across the threshold into the pretty room awaiting her. Gently, very gently, he laid her upon the pillows of the soft bed, with all its snow-white draperies. She put both arms about his neck and murmured:

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters."—*Chris. Baptist.*

SALT CURE FOR CANCER.

That sodium, or common salt, may prove to be the long-sought for cure for cancer is claimed by Capt. Rost, of the British Medical Military Service, who for three years has been investigating malignant cancers bacteriologically in the Rangoon Hospital. He asserts that cancer germs can develop only when the natural chlorine in the tissues falls below the normal quality. The treatment he recommends consists of a special diet, enabling large quantities of salt, which contains chlorine to be absorbed, and it appears to have proved successful in several cases. This salt theory is not necessarily disproved by the recent statements of the Cornell scientists, for Dr. Buxton and Professor Witthaus claim that cancer develops from certain chemical changes in the blood, in which case a simple antiseptic like common salt might exercise a restraining and hence beneficial influence on this dread disease.—*Zion's Herald.*

HOW EMERY IS QUARRIED.

Emery comes from the islands of Naxos, in the eastern Mediterranean, whence it has been exported for the last two centuries or more.

The beds are in the northeast of the island. There are about thirty men engaged in the trade, all of whom have to be married before they are admitted to the fraternity. The material is much too hard to be dug out or even blasted. Great fires are lighted round the block till the natural cracks expand with the heat, and levels are then inserted to pry them apart. This system is resorted to until the blocks are reduced in size to masses of a cubic foot or less, and they are then shipped as if they were coal. There is said to be 20,000,000 tons yet available at Naxos. It is one of the hardest substances known.

OLD PEOPLE.

I want to say a word to the old people. I see you wherever I go. I see you on the street-cars. The conductor gives the car an extra rest when you get on or off, out of courtesy to your slow steps. I see you at church. You nod sometimes, but the sermon is not complete without your smile of approval. I see you in the warmest corner of the hearth, reading the paper.

You have one great temptation—it is to think that your days of usefulness are over. You are only in the way, so you feel, and you'd better be out of the world.

It is a great mistake. If the Lord thought that old people were useless, he would have devised some way suddenly to get rid of them.

What makes a person useful? Not ability to work. A baby cannot earn a penny, cannot do a stroke of work, yet it is often the most important factor in the household. Baby's coming often makes father "straighten up;" often unites the estranged hearts of husband and wife; often brings sobriety and industry into the home life.

An old man sitting in an arm-chair, feeble and helpless, may be the most useful member of the household. Let me say three things to you:

1. Old people are a blessing because of their accumulated wisdom. You have made the journey of life. You have a rich experience. That boy is a bright boy who forms the acquaintance of some aged person.

2. Old people supply a necessary conservative force. You make society more stable. You bring reverence to it. The age that is wise rises before the hoary head.

3. Old people link us to heaven. You remind us of the future life. "My old mother knows how to pray," said a merchant recently to me. You bind us to the throne of God.

The earth would be positively poor without you. I am not sure but that you are most useful members of society.—*Advance.*

PAY AS YOU GO.

The story is told of a shopkeeper of Newcastle, England, who was very much surprised by a customer coming in to pay an account within a few days of the supply of certain goods for personal use, for the customer's bill had never before been satisfied in less than six months. "Why, sir, what's wrong?" he asked, "you only got the things last week-end."

"I know," replied the man, "but I was at the Simultaneous Mission and heard Dr. Gibson, who told people that to keep a man waiting for payment and making him, perhaps, starve himself and family to meet his own obligations, was worse than robbery." The shopkeeper is now blessing the missionary, and wishes that more of his customers had heard him.

The story enforces the appeal of the Scriptures (Proverbs iii, 2, 28), where it is said, "Withhold not good from the owners thereof, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." "Say not unto thine neighbor, Go and come again, and to-morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee." If all debtors acted on this quick payment plan, the wheels of the world would run with far less friction.

It looks queer when the deacon votes with the devil.

STONES IN THE ROAD.

The two boys were drawing their small wagon, full of packages from the grocery, slowly up the road toward home. The older one pushed forward steadily, but the younger was constantly hopping first on one foot and then on the other, and complaining that the pebbles in the bare road hurt his feet. At last his brother turned upon him with a mingling of reproof and contempt—

"'Course there's stones in the road!" he said. "There's always stones in the road, and every feller that comes along has to get over 'em the best way he can. You don't have to howl and tell everybody when you strike one; that doesn't help any."

But many an older one than Bobby has failed to learn that lesson, and we all have acquaintances whom we cannot meet without fearing a full account of the last pebble they have struck. The maid has gone, or the furnace doesn't work, or they couldn't sleep last night with the toothache. Discomforts, all of them, but the road is full of such things, and telling everybody only fills the air with complaints and helps not at all. Get over the small troubles silently.

THE SECRET OF HEALTH.

Don't worry. Don't hurry. "Too swift arrived as tardy was too slow." "Simplify! simplify simplify" your diet! Don't overeat. Don't starve. "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Court the fresh air day and night. "Oh, if you knew what was in the air!" Sleep and rest abundantly. Spend less nervous energy each day than you make. Be cheerful. "A light heart lives long." Think only healthful thoughts. "As he thinketh in his heart—so is he." "Seek peace and pursue it." "Work like a man, but don't be worked to death. Avoid passion and excitement. A moment's anger may be fatal." Associate with healthy people. Health is contagious as well as disease. "Don't carry the whole world on your shoulders, far less the universe. Trust the Eternal." Never despair. "Lost hope is a fatal disease." "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."—*Journal and Messenger.*

A SCANDAL TO CIVILIZATION.

All vessels bound for West and South Africa, coming from ports in Europe and America, stop at Madeira. There is a list of liquors which passed through in one week, as given in the daily returns posted in Liverpool:

960,000 cases of gin	£240,000
24,000 butts of rum	240,000
30,000 cases of brandy	90,000
28,000 cases of Irish whiskey	56,000
800,000 demijohns of rum	240,000
36,000 barrels of rum	72,000
30,000 cases of Old Tom	60,000
15,000 barrels of absinthe	45,000
40,000 cases of vermouth	3,000

£1,046,000

AN ARAB SAYING.

"Man is four:
 "The man who knows not and knows not at all, he is a fool—shun him.
 "The man who knows not and knows he does not, he is simple—teach him.
 "The man who knows and knows not he knows, he is asleep—waken him.
 "The man who knows and knows, that he knows, he is wise—follow him."
Translated by Susan Hayes Wrad.



NO MAN FOR A FUSS.

A Fifeshire farmer gave his herd lad, Jamie (a half-wit), a ticket to admit him to a sacred recital in a neighboring town, to be given by local talent, and told the lad to be sure and enjoy himself.

The farmer was greatly surprised to find his servant in the kitchen long before the conclusion of the performance, and upon asking him why he had returned from the recital, Jamie replied: "Weel, maister, ae man yonder began to sing, 'I'm the King of Glory,' then aniter said he 'was the King of Glory,' and when I saw three others standin' up an' sayin' they were 'the Kings of Glory,' I kent there was to be a fecht, so I cam awa' an' left them to finish it amon' themselves."—*Dundee Advertiser.*

A pastor is put in charge of jewels, that have been bought at infinite cost—purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ. It behooves the minister to extend to them the care which their great value demands. They are Christ's jewels and it should be remembered that after all, the service is to Him. He has given them life, but that life has to be nourished with carefully prepared food. The flock must be fed. Not entertained and amused, but fed.

A STRONG MAN.

- Does not drink intoxicants.
- Does not use tobacco.
- Does not dissipate.
- Does not loaf.
- Does not swear.
- Is a Christian gentleman.
- Loves and supports the church.
- Has moral backbone on election day.
- If elected to office will enforce the law.

Unpleasant!

- Boils.
- Humors,
- Eczema,
- Salt Rheum

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