

Sunday Reading.

SELF-CONQUEST.

A Few Words on a Celebrated Command of Christ. That remark of Christ, "Sell all that thou hast and give to the poor," is often misinterpreted. He was not here teaching the importance of benevolence, but the duty of self-conquest.

Fatmech was a middle-aged woman who had been thirty years, fifteen with her husband and fifteen after his death. One of the men had lately come, and one, Salab, had just left them for the leper hospital in Jerusalem.

NAGGING MEN AND WOMEN.

Dr. Edson's Warning to Them in the "North American Review." A nervous man or woman who is anxious, discontented, gloomy, dissatisfied, worried from any cause, cannot enjoy good health.

A nagging man or woman is generally thin. Their habit of mind has partially starved their bodies.

I have seen two cases of what Shakespeare calls "these cursed shrews" who died really as the result of the violence of their own tempers. It is more common, however, to find that this habit of dissatisfaction with all the acts of others produces in time some form of insanity.

As over two-thirds of their grievances are imaginary—that is, over two-thirds of the grievances for which they could have no existence except as inventions in their own disordered brains—the inability of insanity to distinguish between the real and the unreal has begun to show itself. We need not waste much pity on them.

When a man comes home from his office he must have rest. This is not a thing he may dispense with; he must have it. When he takes his food he must let it alone, so that the blood will find its way to the stomach and there enable him to properly digest that food, so that he may acquire a fresh store of force for use on the morrow.

The man comes home and the nagging wife begins. If the man be physically strong, fair-minded and just, his mind will revolt in time from the injustice of his wife's accusations. It is the peculiarity of the nagger to enormously exaggerate everything, even if she does not invent her grievances. Forgetfulness on the part of a husband is annoying, as it is in anyone, but it is not a crime.

Deal with your avarice in the same heroic style. Having heard the charitable cause presented, at the first right impulse thrust your hand in your pocket where the money is, and pull it out though it half kills you. Pull till it comes. Put it on the plate with an emphasis, and turn your face away before you are tempted to take it back again.

AMONG THE RAMLEH LEPEERS.

Their State is Worse Than That of Those of Tracadae.

One of the deaconesses of Midway Park, who is now in the Holy Land, writes that she recently held a service among the lepers of Ramleh. It is a pathetic description she gives of the poor creatures. She says: "Abou Ibrahim went to look for the lepers in their different haunts and collected them together under some trees outside the town."

I knew of a case once where the nagging of a wife drove her nervous husband to an asylum, where he died, the victim of melancholia, brought on by ceaseless nervous irritation, produced by his wife's tongue, yet, to the day of his death, he worshipped that woman.

It sometimes happens that a woman is the nagger owing to causes which she cannot control. There are diseases which affect women that have a most disastrous effect on the nerves, and therefore on the temper.

What shall be said of a nagger who distorts and twists and misshapes the mind of a child? What shall be said of the woman who cripples all the moral innocence and mental powers of the little ones committed to her care? Is not this damnable, devilish? Does not such a woman deserve the execration of all men and women?

It seems to me that the spectacle of one of these nervous children, timid, affectionate, with a strongly developed conscience, in the grasp of a nagging mother, is the most pitiable I know of, the little one is so helpless, the torture is so fiendish. Often a child is simply nagged to death, and one is bound to feel only joy over the deliverance, for, if it lives, it only reaches manhood or womanhood with shattered nerves and a ruined constitution.

Children have a far keener sense of justice than the majority of people believe,

but so far as the expression of this feeling is concerned they are dumb. Under the torture of nagging, more than often emphasized by slapping or whipping, they must suffer in silence.

Not only is the child's physical health ruined, its mind is injured more than I can easily explain. The constant exaggeration inseparable from nagging prevents the growth in the mind of the child of mental perspective. Its mind grows one-sided.

The effect of nagging on the child's moral qualities is extremely bad. The constant, unceasing injustice warps the better nature. The dumb anger induced through so many years stimulates the growth of passion in the mind of the child; in time it becomes absolutely unable to do justice to others, simply because its sense of justice, naturally strong in all children, is destroyed. In order to shield itself from the intolerable torture, the child naturally resorts to lies.

What remedy is there? I say regretfully there is none whatever, except public opinion. Those who suffer, if they be adults, shrink from facing their misery, and if they are children they know of no appeal. There is, however, a duty which should be regarded as sacred. If there are children, and if the wife or husband be a nagger, then the other should do something to protect the little ones. He or she who refuses is as guilty towards them as is their torturer.

Laughter as a Moral Tonic.

Foreigners traveling in this country have more than once commented upon the singular gravity of Americans as a race, observes Golden Days. The Puritans were inclined to frown upon laughter as frivolous, and therefore wicked. Life was a very grave affair to them, and an almost constant struggle for existence, and they had no time to make merry. The first two centuries of our national life were busy years. It is no wonder our forefathers rarely enjoyed a hearty laugh.

There can be no enjoyment of vocation to one whose whole life is vocation. People who do not work do not know what rest is. Those who have no regular employment find their leisure a burden, and their life is full of ennui and restlessness.

On receiving the testament recently presented to her on her birthday the dowager Empress of China began to weep. The Empress wished to see the book, and, growing impatient, sent a servant named Li to buy at the American Bible repository one Old Testament and one New Testament, writing the titles down with his own hand. The servant soon returned with the copy of the New Testament, complaining that a number of pages the corners of which had turned down were misprinted. A more correct copy was substituted, and since then, according to the Pekin correspondent of the London Times, the Chinese royal family has been busy reading the Scriptures.

The risk of a pilgrimage to Mecca may well make the most earnest Mussulman hesitate to undertake that pious duty. Of the 66,000 pilgrims who have sailed from various Oriental ports for this sacred spot during the last six years, 22,000 have never returned. A few, it is thought, may possibly find their way back by other routes. Many, it is feared, have been murdered by gangs of scoundrels, who are believed to travel regularly by the Jeddah steamers, marking down pilgrims who are possessed of valuables, and attacking them when a favorable opportunity occurs. It is said, however, that by far the greater number fall by the wayside on the long tramp from Jeddah to Mecca or Medina.

Their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.—2nd Chronicles 30:27. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path."—Prov. 3:5, 6. "In these days came John the Baptist, preaching . . . and saying, repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."—Matt. 3:1, 2. "Then cometh Jesus . . . and, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Matt. 3:17. "His disciples came unto him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: We perish. And he saith unto them, only ye are so fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm."—Matt. 8:26. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."—Matt. 26:41. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—John 12:32.

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PROBATE COURT.

City and County of Saint John, Province of New Brunswick.

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any Constable of the said City and County. Greeting:— Whereas, William R. Russell, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John aforesaid, Clothier, of the age of fifty-six years, the executor named in the last Will and Testament of John Logan, late of the said City of Saint John, Carpenter, deceased, and as assigns under said last Will and Testament, hath by his petitions dated the eighteenth of June, A. D. 1894, and the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1894, and presented to this Court, and now filed with the Registrar of this Court, prayed that the said last Will and Testament may be proved in solemn form; and an order of this Court having been made that such prayer be complied with, YOU ARE THEREFORE REQUIRED to cite the following next of kin of the said John Logan, deceased, to-wit:—

William Duggan, aged 68 years, Car Inspector, resident in the City of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick. Mary Ann Duggan, aged 61 years, Spinster, and resident in the said City of Saint John. Charles H. Duggan, aged 35 years, Clerk, resident in the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America. Hunter Drinnen, aged 33 years, Medical Doctor, resident in the said City of New York. William Duggan, aged 28 years, Clerk, man, resident in said City of New York. Susan Duggan, aged 30 years, Spinster, resident in the said City of New York. Robert Hunter, aged 34 years, Laborer, resident in the said City of Saint John. Sophia McManus, aged 42 years, wife of Charles McManus, resident in the said City of Saint John. Mary Hunter, aged 45 years, Spinster, resident in the Parish of Simonds, in the City and County of Saint John, in said Province of New Brunswick. Lillie Maud Arnett, infant, aged 14 years, daughter of Arnett, in the Parish of Simonds, aforesaid. Laura Louise Arnett, infant, aged 11 years, daughter of Arnett, in the Parish of Simonds, aforesaid. Frederick John Arnett, infant, aged 2 years, resident in said Parish of Simonds, aforesaid. William Moore, aged 27 years, Moulder, resident in the said City of Saint John. John D. Moore, aged 23 years, Laborer, resident in the said City of Saint John. Elizabeth McConnell, aged 56 years, Spinster, resident at Charlottetown, in the State of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America. Jane Lahey, aged 50 years, wife of Frank Grant, resident in the Parish of Lancaster, in the said City and County of Saint John. Dora Boyd Grant, widow, aged 48 years, wife of Frank Grant, resident at Machias, in the State of Maine, one of the United States of America. George Henry Hunter, aged 31 years, Hostler, resident at Canis, in the said State of Maine. Eva Maud Eaton, aged 17 years, Housekeeper, resident at Canis, aforesaid. Ann Osborn, aged 73 years, widow of Samuel Osborn, resident in said City of St. John. Sarah Howarth, aged 70 years, widow, resident in the City of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, one of the United States of America. Margaret Roxborough, aged 68 years, widow of Jasper Roxborough, resident in the City of Boston, in the said State of Massachusetts. Elizabeth Lynch, aged 69 years, widow of James Lynch, resident in the said City of Boston. William Burke, aged 38 years, Farmer, resident at sources, in the State of Prince Edward Island. Mailda McKenzie, aged 36 years, wife of Archibald McKenzie, Farmer, resident at San Diego, in the State of California, one of the United States of America. James Burke, aged 34 years, a Member of the Mounted Police, in the North West Territories, in the Dominion of Canada. Mary Burke, aged 32 years, Spinster, resident at Bay Fortune, in said Province of New Brunswick. Edward Island. Martha Davidson, aged 30 years, wife of John Davidson, Farmer, of Bay Fortune aforesaid. Frederick John Arnett, aged 27 years, Life Insurance Agent, resident in said City of New York. Elizabeth Burke, aged 25 years, Spinster, resident at Canis, aforesaid. Alfred Burke, aged 23 years, Farmer, resident at Bay Fortune, aforesaid. Mary Jane Giggly, aged 55 years, wife of William Giggly, resident at Long Beach, in the Province of New Brunswick. Ship Carpenter, resident at Cambridgeport, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Margaret Spearin, aged 52 years, wife of George Spearin, in said Province of New Brunswick. Sarah Ann Slinger, aged 50 years, wife of George Slinger, Car Builder, resident in the City of Boston, aforesaid. Isabelle Halse, aged 47 years, wife of John L. Halse, Groggerman, in the City of St. John, aforesaid. Alexander Rodgers, aged 45 years, farmer, resident at Erbs' Landing, in the said Province of New Brunswick. David Rodgers, aged 45 years, farmer, resident at Cranial's Landing, Belleisle, aforesaid. Clara Halse, aged 38 years, wife of Alexander Halse, brass moulder, resident at Reading, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Hannah LeCain, aged 40 years, wife of Geo. LeCain, baker, resident at East Lexington, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. George Howard, aged 40 years, painter, resident at Stoneham, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Edwin G. Hunter, aged 36 years, fireman, aged 60 years, one of the United States of America. Augusta R. Wheaton, aged 34 years, wife of E. B. Wheaton, in the County of Kings, in said Province of New Brunswick. John T. Hunter, aged 32 years, barber, resident at St. Martins, in the city and county of Saint John, aforesaid. George A. Wheaton, aged 29 years, wife of Gordon Wheaton, of Kingston, aforesaid. James H. Hunter, aged 28 years, mariner of said province of New Brunswick. Amanda Hunter, aged 20 years, Spinster, resident of Kingston, aforesaid. John W. Hunter, aged 35 years, carpenter, resident at Somerville, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Herman G. Hunter, aged 29 years, Master Mariner, resident at the City of Saint John, aforesaid. Ernest Hunter, aged 25 years, carpenter, resident at Somerville, aforesaid. Maggie M. Hunter, aged 38 years, spinster, seamstress, resident at Somerville, aforesaid. Louisa Hunter, aged 27 years, Spinster, Dressmaker, resident at Somerville, aforesaid. Annie F. Worden, aged 31 years, wife of George A. Worden, Farmer, resident at Kingston, Kings County, in said Province of New Brunswick, and the following devisees and legatees of the said John Logan, deceased:— Mary Jane Dalzell, aged 31 years, Spinster, resident at the City of St. John, aforesaid, devisee and legatee and the said William R. Russell, aged 56 years, Clothier, resident at the City of Saint John, aforesaid, legatee, and all other next of kin of the said John Logan, deceased, if any and all persons interested and all others whom it may concern, to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in the Equity and Probate Court Room in Pugsley's Buildings in the City of Saint John, within and for the said City and County of Saint John, on Monday, the Thirteenth day of May next at the hour of two o'clock, in the afternoon, to attend and take such other part with regard to the proving of said last Will and Testament in solemn form as they may see fit with full power to oppose said last Will and Testament being so proved or otherwise as they and every of them may deem right. The said petitioner having made it appear to this Court that he has given the names, ages, occupations and places of residence of all of the said next of kin, heirs, devisees and legatees, so far as the same is in his power so to do. Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this third day of January, A. D. 1895. ARTHUR I. TRUENANT, Judge of Probates.

L. S. JOHN McMILLAN, Registrar of Probates for said City and County. A. F. BARNHILL, Proctor.

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