Reading. Sunday

## TEACHERS IN OUR LIVES.

Some of Them Described and the Value of The Lessons They Impart.

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Life's first teacher is the external world, with its laws. Man begins at zero. The child thrusts his finger into the fire and is burned; thenceforth he learns to restrain himself in the presence of fire, and makes the flames smite the vapor for bearing his burdens. The child errs in handling the sharp tool, and cuts himself, thenceforth he lifts up the ax upon the tree. The child errs in weight of a stone, or height of a stair, and falling, hard knocks teach him the force and uses of gravity. Daily the thorns that pierce his feet drive him back into the smooth pathway of nature's laws. The sharp pains that follow each excess teach him the pleasures of sound and right living. Nor is there one infraction of law that is not followed by pain. As sharp guards are placed at the side of the bridge over the chasm to hold men back from ihe abyss, so nature's laws are planted on either side cf the way of life to prick and scourge erring feet back into the divine way. At length through much smiting of the body nature forces the youth into a knowledge of the world in which he lives.

Man learns to carry himself safely through forests, over rivers, through fires, midst winds and storms. Soon every force in nature becomes his willing servant; becoming like unto the steeds of the plains, that once were wild, but now are trained, and lend all their strength and force to man's loins and limbs. Having mastered the realm of physical law, the youth is thrust into the realm of laws domestic and social. He runs up against his mates and friends, often overstepping his own rights and infringing the rights of others. Then some stronger arm falls, on his, and drives him back upon his own territory. Occasional floggings and instructions through the tongue of parent or teacher, or friend or enemy, reveal to him the nature of selfishness, and compels the recognition of others. Thus, through long apprenticeship, he finds out these laws that fence him round. that press upon him at every pore, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in shop with joy, truth joys as the artist pupil or in store. These laws mature manhood. When ideas are thrust into raw iron the iron becomes a loom or an engine. Thus when God's laws are incarnated in a babe the babe is changed into the likeness of a citizen or sage or seer. Nature, with her laws, is not only the earliest but also the most powerful of life's teachers. Temptation is another wise teacher. Protection gives innocence, but practice gives virtue. For ship timber we pass by the sheltered hothouse, seeking the oak on the storm-swept hills. In that beautiful story of the lost paradise God pulls down the hedge built around Adam and Eve. The government through a fence outside was succeeded by self-government inside. The hermit and the closstered saint end their career with innocence. But Christ struggling unto blood against sin, ends his career with character. God educates man by giving him complete charge over himself and settling him on the barebacked horse of his own will, leaving him to break it by his own strength. Travelers in the arctics tell us that the wild strawberry attains a sweetness of which cur temperate clime knows nothing. Scientists say the glow worm keeps its enemies at bay by the brightness of its own light. Man, by his love of truth and right, in his own castle and fortress. The time has gone by for jewelers to protect their gold and gems with iron shutters. They best guard their treasure by removing the iron bars and Wearying of the yellow sea, his thought substituting the brilliant lights burning all journeyed along the heavenly highway and through the night. As the famous victorious Old Guard were honored in proportion to the number and danger of the war through which they had passed, so the temptations that seek man's destruction, when conquered, cover him with glory. Ruskin notes that the art epochs have also been epochs of war. upheaval, and tyranny. He accounts for this by saying that when tyranny was harshest, crime blackest, sin ugliest, then in the recoil and corflict, beauty and heroism attain their highest developement. Studying the rise of the Dutch republic,

sonal experiences. Then by observation he repeats his life in the career of his children. A third time he journeys around

the circle re-experiencing life in the career of his grandchildren. Then, because the newness has passed away and events no longer stimulate his mind, death withdraws him from the scene and enters him in a new school. Vast is the educational value therefore attaching to the newness of life. God is so rich that no day or scene need repeat a former one. The proverb, "We never look upon the same river," tells us that all things are ever changing, and clothes life with fresh fascination. "Whilst I read the poets," said Emerson, "I think that nothing new can be said about morning and evening; but when I see the day break I am not reminded of the Homeric and Chaucerian pictures. I am cheered by the moist, warm, glittering, budding, melodious hour that breaks down the narrow walls of my soul, and extends its life and pulsations to the very horizon."

Thus, each new day is a new continent to be explored. Each youth is a new creature, full of delightful and mysterious possibilities. Each brain comes clothed with its own secret, having its own orbit, attaining its own unique experience. Ours is a world

in which each individual, each country, each age, each day has a history peculiarly its own., This newness is a perpetual stimulant to curiosity and study. Gladstone's recipe for never growing old is, ' Search out some topic in nature or life in which you have never hitherto be inter ested, and experience its fascinations." For some, once a picture or book has been seen. the pleasure ceases. Delight dies with familiarity. Such persons look back to the days of childhood as the days of wonder and happiness. But the man of real vision ever beholds each rock. each herb and flower with the big eyes of children, and with a mind of perpetual wonder. For him each seed is a fountain gushing with new delights. Each youth should repeat the experience of John Ruskin. Such was the enthusiasm that this author felt for God's world, that when he approached some distant mountain or saw the crags hanging over the waters, or the clouds marching through the sky, a shiver when arrayed in scarlet: moderation is the night was past, and the world's fair of fear, mingled with awe, set him quivering never so impressive as when it sits at han. feels in the presence of his noble master, felt a kindling of mind and heart as Dante felt approaching his Beatrice. Phillips Brooks grew happier as he grew older, and at 57 he said "Life seems a teast in which God keeps the best wine until the last." Up to the very end the great preacher grew by leaps and bounds, because he never lost that enthusiasm for life that makes zest and newness one of life's best teachers. By a strange paradox men are taught by monotony as well as by newness. Ours is a world where the words, "Blessed be gave them. Some are adorned by pros drudgery," are full of meaning. Culture and character are not won through consuming excitements or the whirl of pleasures. The granary is filled, not by the thunderous forces that appeal to the eye and ear, but by the secret, invisblie agents; the silent energies, the mighty monarchs hidden in roots and in seeds. What roiting storms cannot do is done by the silent sap and sunshine. All the fundamental qualities called patience, perseverance, courage, fidelity, are the gains of drudgery. Character comes with commonplaces. Greatness is by tasks that have become insipid and duties that are monotonous. The treadmill is a divine teacher. He who shovels sand year in and year out needs. not our pity, for, say what we will, each one has his own sand heap. The greatest mind, fulfilling its career, once the freshness has worn off, pursues a hackneyed task and finds the duties monotonous. It is better so. The voices of earth are dulled that we may hear the whisper of God. The earth's colors are toned down that we may see things invisible. All the great have achieved their worth through monotony. Ptolemy was one of the tounders of astronomy because he dwelt in a plain of saud, where the horizon held not one vine-clad hill or alluring vista. threaded the gauzy maze, until the man became immortal. Moses became the greatest of jurists because during the forty years when his mind was creative and at i best he dwelt amid the solitude of the sand hills around Sinii, and was free tor intellectual and moral life. Ledlev says: "The virtue of the stoic which arose triumphant over adversity always withered under degradation." That is, man is stimulated by the crisis; conflict provokes horoism, persecution lends strength. But, denied the exigency of a great trial, men that scemed grand fall all to pieces. Triumphant in adversity, men are vanquished by drudgery. The

PROGRESS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1896. posing forces he compacted within him-Since that time he has never complained

self the strength and forsight, the trugality and wisdom, of a score of ordinary men. The school of hard knocks made him a man of might. But his son, living in a soft nest, sheltered from every harsh wind, loving ease more than industry, is in danger of coming up without insight into the secrets of his profession or industry.

Responsibility alone drives man to toi and brings out his best gifts. For this reason the pensions given in England are said to have ruined their men of genius. Johnson wrote his immortal Rasselas to raise money to buy his mother's coffin. Hanger and pain drove Lee to the invention of his loom. Left a widow with a family to support, in mid-life Mrs. Trollope took to authorship and wrote a score of volumes. The most piteous tragedy in English literature is that of Coleridge. Wordsworth called him the most myriad minded man since Shakespeare, and Lamb thought him "an archangel slightly damaged." The generosity of his friends gave Coleridge a home and him famous and enriched all English literature. It is responsibility that teaches caution, foresight, prudence, courage, and turns feeblings into giants.

The contrasts and extremes of life do much to shape character. Ours is a world that moves from light to dark, from heat to cold, from summer to winter. On the crest today. man is in the trough tomorrow. David but yesterday a shepherd boy with his flute, and today dwelling in the King's palaces; Byron, yesterday unknown, waking this morning to find himself famous; men yesterday possessed of plenty, today passing into penury-these illustrate the extremes of life. These contrasts are as striking as those we find on the sunny slopes of the Alps. There the foot-hills are covered with vineyards, while the summits have everlasting snow, while in Iceland the hot springs gush close beside the glaciers. Man flits on between the light and the dark. During his few years and brief, he experiences many reverses. It is hard for the leader to drop back into the ranks It is not easy for him who hath led a movement to its success to see his laurels fall leat by leaf. After a long and dangerous service men grown old and gray are succeeded by the youth to whom society owes no debts. Thus man flits from strength to invalidism, from prosperity to adversity, from joy to sorrow, or goes from misery to happiness, from defeat to victory.

Not one single person but sooner or later is tested by these alterations. Prosperpetual peace. The gathering of the perity comes to bring character to its very highest levels. It is an error to suppose

about what he had to bear. Observe, he was cured of the unhappy habit habit of borrowing trouble by striking a balance between the realities of his own case and those of other, and he had learned that he was carrying the burden he was best fitted to bear. There are many occasions where it is a

good thing to strike a balance and see how things actually stand. It gave this man a new idea of the worth of the life God had given him. He would

go about his business ever after in a different spirit. I think his faith in the goodness of God would be more firmly established. Faith rests, in the long run, on our judgements concerning the nature of life.

This man had a wrong and twisted view of it. Ho went about murmuring and complaining that it was a burden and a misery and not worth having. He became a pessimist, a cynic, a scorner of all things; and he was this not because his life was really all its comforts without the necessity of toil. | an evil gift, not because God had really ill But ease and lack of responsibility wrecked | used him, but simply because he borrowed him. Hunger and want would have made troubles and then forgot they were not his own.

We know of people who borrow things and then forget they do not own them. The effect of that is bad; but the worst effect of all comes when we borrow trouble.

RUMORS OF WARS.

They Are Many, but We Should Pray that the Clouds May Pass Away,

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass; but the end is not yet."-Matt. XXIV., 6.

If wars and rumors of wars are to be regarded as indications of the end of this dispensation one might be justified in wondering if the end of all things is not really at hand. The whole sky is dark with threatening clouds. Rumors of coming conflict fill the air. Tens of thousands of men are busy preparing for the possible oncoming of deadly strife. The war spirit that we had hoped was sleeping a long, unending sleep is suddenly aroused. In many places the sword has leaped from its scabbard, and in others it seems as if the terrible engines of war wait only the litting of a banner or the firing of a gun to begin their deadly, awful work ! How strange the issues of a few brief days! It seems but yesterday that the poets were singing anthems of

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said that "humility is never so lovely as when arrayed in scarlet: moderation is the night was past, and the world's fair quet; simplicity is never so delightful as be fired ! when it dwells amidst magnificence; purity is never so divine as when its unsullied robes are worn in a king's palace; gentleness is never so touching as when it exists in the powerful. When men combine gold and goodness, greatness and our time, O Lord !" And in conformity godliness, genius and graces, human nature is at its very b(st." On the other power we have and all our influence to the hand, adversity is a supplement, making up what prosperity lacks. The very abundance of Christmas gifts ofttimes causes children to forget the parents who perity as mountains with rich forests. Others stand forth with the bareness, but also with the grandeur and enduring strength of Alpine mountains. Character is like every other structure-nothing tests it like extremes .- Rev. N. D. Hills.

BORROWED TROUBLES.

Imaginings That Do Much to Increase th **Burdens** of Our Lives.

Rev. Herbert Mott, of Providence, R ., gives a short sermon as followe : Murmurers and complainers.-Jude 16. There are troubles which come to us, and some which we must meet and endure at the call of duty; there are others which

we go out of our way to seek. A great evil which results from this habit is that it gives us a wholly wrong idea of the nature of life, and, therefore, of the nature of him whose gift life is.

It makes us think existence is a poor kind of thing. I have noticed that those who hold the gloomiest views are not those who really have grief burdens, but those who fancy they have them.

There is a little Russian story that bears upon this point. Human nature appears to be very much the same there as here. "Once upon a time there lived a farmer, who went about complaining of the burdens of misfortune he had to carry.

"One day he happened to stumble upon a cave in which lived a wise old man, who, when he heard she farmer grumbling about his fate, upbraided him.

ness, love .- Dr. Joseph Stolz. "I should very much like to have a look at these troubles that we all have to carry,' said the farmer.

"'Very well,' answered the other. 'Come to my cave at midnight of the first day of the month, and I will show you all the troubles and burdens of the world.' "So away went the farmer, and he

What are they ? he asked.

guine souls with the beautiful hope that the treme poverty. It has been beautifully reign of the Prince of Peace was near at things are ready' is a proclamation which hand. Prophets were told to declare that the Lord has often in spirit made to those whom he chooses to bless .-- C. H. Spurgeon. ing of a day in which no hostile shot should

> EAny cardinal Christian truth may be And now! Who can tell whether this clouded sky shall brighten or become darker taken in illustration; the truth of atone and still more dark? At least we do well ment, for example. We should turn first to pray the ancient prayer, "Give peace in to the study of the life and character of with that prayer it becomes us to use every Jesus, out of whose heart of more than human tenderness the atonement was born, last particle in the interests of peace. Not and all whose work among and for men is peace at any price. Righteousness first, then peace! No peace can last that is at once the revelation and realization of not founded on righteousness! May the what the atonement is. No statemen's can clouds all pass away, and peace smile teach us so much about sacrifice as the life sweetly in every land. of him who was incarnate sacrifice and love

The Need of Churches.

of day and can reveal services of sacrifice

When all Things are Ready.

were those of an arch-angel, can teach us Men are too insensible of the existence so well what vicarious atonement is as of God; too skeptical, too busy, too in-Christ's atoning life and work themselves different, too pleasure-loving to seek the can interpret it to the heart. Christ himhouse of prayer. And yet what grander self, the personal, living, loving Christ, is profession than the one which reveals to the the life of all the statements which the deaf the harmonies of the universe, that scriptures make about bim. The study and opens the eyes of the blind to the beauties explanation of the atonement ought to beof life, that softens the heart to the fellowgin with the study of Christ, and, it they begin with that, they will probably be conship of love? If ever a man was committed tent not to go beyond it. All that is written to an ennobling work he is so committed in the scriptures for our learning on that who is sent forth to help on the day when subject will come and take its place around men shall no longer lie or steal, or commit | the personal Christ, and find in the actual adultery, or murder; he is so commissioned life he lived, and in the death he died, its explanation and justification .- Sundaywho is sent to speed the hour when the School Times. homes of our country can bear the full light

## Taking Stock of Ourselves.

and services of love so beautiful that It is in religious life that we especially angels may envy them. If ever a man want to stop and ask ourselves where we was entrusted with a sacred task he is so are. For we must not rest thinking that entrusted who can state the needs of the our ideas and methods of work and prohour in terms of eternal justice and love. gress are the best. No, developement is Some think the church is a luxury and the the rule in our spiritual life. We should minister a convenience to marry and bury people. But I tell you if the churches advance. The old revivals were blessings. Finney and Edwards were men of power. shculd fall in decay and the ministers' But our modern revivals cannot be molded voices be hushed our sky-scrapers would tumble to ruin, our railroads would be exactly as the older ones. Not only are overgrown with weeds, the wings of our souls here and there to be saved, but the international commerce would be clipped, world, and humanity as such. We must enthe journal and the ledger would be uselarge our scope and adopt truer methods. less, and hushed with the silence of death So comes the lesson to our experience. would be the halls of legislation, for none The one remaining unprogressive becomes of these can exist without honesty, faithfulstagnant. He is a natural man simply, and while getting all there is out of the natural ness, equity, justice, fidelity, conscientouslife, his higher nature is dead. When God says, Adam, where art thou? he calls to our lower nature to rise and attain unto the higher, the noble, spiritual, immortal half fullness .- Rev. W. H. Mauss.

# It is in Bracing.

They were made to wait for the fitting When we go abroad on a crisp winter si erable effect on the weather." Arabs may say of the palm tree, "It must time, for the Lord said : "The iniquity of morning we say the air is bracing. That thought the time went very slowly until the "Then you are as great a tool as Jones have its feet in water and its head in fire." is also what the weak, nervous or debili-Motley notes how the shocks and fiery Thus many men achieve reputations when the Amorites is not yet full." Not till the first day of the month, and then he was on is," was the uncompromising reply. tated person says of Hawker's nerve and hand at twelve o'clock sharp. inhabitants of the land had passed the baptisms of war changed these peasants all eyes are tocused upon them, who fall -Argonaut. stomach tonic after giving it a trial. It is "Sure enough the wise old man was there into petty worthlessness amid obscurity bounds of mercy, and were condemned to bracing. But it is more than that. It is into patriots. and he made the sign of the cross upon him HEART DISEASE STRIKES DOWN and monotony. Life's crowning victory die, were the Israelites brought upon the a health restorer in the fullest sense. It and blessed him, and then took him into belongs to those who have won no brilliant ALL CLASSES. scene, to be at once their executioners and enriches the blood, ensures a healthy diits hero, all scarred and gray. We admire the cave. battle, suffered no crushing wrong; who gestion, and promotes restful sleep. It re-The Essential Ma ter is to be Prepared for successors; and when the tribes came to "There he saw a number of sacks. the child's innocence, but it lacks ripeness have figured in no great drama, whose builds the wasted tissue of the nervous and any Emergency. the River Jordan, God had prepared every sphere was abscure, but who have loved makes them strong again. It restores and "'These are the troubles and burdens, It is painful to pick up the daily papers great principals midst small duties; nourthing for them, for he had sent the hornet invigorates the whole system and is just the But every heart kindles and glows when the as the answer ished sublime hopes and vulgar cares. and before them, to drive out the people, and remedy needed by the sufferer from ner- and observe how people of all classes ar true hero stands forth, having passed "So the farmer began to try them all. a pestilence, also, for the spies said : "It vous dyspepsia, nervous debility, general being stricken down with heart disease and illustrated eternal principals in trifles. Some were little and some were large. is a land that eateth up the inhabitants prostration of the "run down" condition apoplexy. One day it is the farmer in the through fire, though flood, though all the Responsibility is another teacher of "In many cases the smaller ones were thereot." The Lord God had gone before following an attack of grippe or other dis- field, again the laborer carrying his hod or. righteousness. God educates men by castthunder cf life's battle, ever ripening, heavier than the largest. them to fight their battles before they ease. Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic as this week, a prominent architect in ing them on their own resources. Man sweetening, and enlarging, his fineness and "They were all heavy, however, and uncame and to prepare a place for them, so grows in favor year by year as a great Ottawa. Perhaps it is not too strong a learns to swim by being tossed into life's that when they entered they dwelt in houses blood and flesh builder and nerve and statement, that 80 per cent of the people brain invigorator, the friend of the over- of Canada are afflicted with heart disease gentleness being the result of great strength comtortable. Finally he happened to pick maelstrom and left to make his way ashore. up one large bag, which was very soft, and when he flung it on his back he was de-lighted to feel how nicely it adapted itself and great wisdom, accumulated through No youth can learn to sail his life craft in the fruit of olives which they had not plant- taxed human system. It is sold by all to some degree. What a blessing it is ong life, until he stands at the end of a lake sequestered and sheltered from all ed. They came to a land that flowed with druggists and dealers at 50 cts. per bottle then, that there exists a medicine like Dr, his career, as the sun stands on a summer storms, where other vessels never come. milk and honey, a land in a finely culti- or six bottles for \$2.50 and is manefactur- Agnew's Cure for the Heart, which is so to his shape, and is seemed quite light in Skil comes through sailing one's craft afternoon, just before it goes down. All vated condition and not a wilderness which with hard labor must be reclaimed. Is- (Ltd) St. John, N. B., and New York Patient obtains that ease that is so longed comparison with the others. amidst rocks and bars and apposing fleets, statues and pictures become tawdry in com-"Now,' exclaimed he, 'if I could only amidst storms and whirls and counter curfor when the heart is a filicted. There is have a burden like this to carry, instean of parison with such a rich, ripe, glowing, and rents. English literature has a proberb rael came to a country which was as the City. absolutely no case of heart disease that it glorious heart, clothed with Christlike about the incapacity of rich men's sons. The rich man himself became mighty bethe sort I have, life might be worth living corn of the land almost as soon as they passed the Jordan. So, you see, "all habitant on this planet, habitant on this planet, and S. McDiarmid. "'Oh, toolish one,' said the wise old character. haracter. Life's teachers also include newness and help him forward, and many hands to hold Sure enough, when the farmer looked, zest. First, man lives his life in fresh per- | him back. After long wrestling with op- | there was his name on the bag.

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## Mauled 'Em Both.

Jones was high sheriff of Worcestershire when Maule and Coleridge (the elder) came to Tewkesbury for the assizes. Everybody was afraid of Maule, and Jones' knees knocked together at the thought of entertaining that very free-spoken Judge. As the three drove home together after the day's work there was a great silence, for Maule was not in a humor for talk, and he generally got his way, Jones, however, thought he ought to make himself agreeable, and presently observed that he hoped there would be now less rain, as there was a new moon that night.

"And are you such a fool as to believe," said Maule, contemptuously, "that the moon has any influence upon the weather?" Jones was so staggered at the notion of his being called a fool by his honored guest that he said nothing ; but Coleridge, the soft spoken, hastily interfered in his be-

"Really, Brother Maule, you are rather hard upon our friend Jones. I for my part, think that the moon has a very con-

So was it when the tribes migrated into Canaan itself. God took them not to the promised land till all things were ready.