

The Holy Land.

How dull is life, and what a pretty round Of selfish duties fill the passing days. I long for some fresh sight, or some sweet sound, My feet are weary with these common ways!

A Marked Experience.

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A few miles out of the city of Rochester, nearly thirty years ago, while the writer was pastor of a Congregational church, there occurred one of the most powerful and extensive revivals of religion he ever remembers to have witnessed in a rural congregation, during which over two hundred individuals arose in the public assembly to express their desire to become Christians, many of whom became the faithful followers of Christ.

The Gambler's Mania.

The gambler's progress is dramatically pictured in John B. Gough's description of the man who started in a chase after a bubble, attracted by its bright and gorgeous hues. At first his way was through vineyards heavy with purple grapes, past fountains sparkling in the sunshine, and amid the music of singing birds. As he runs the excitement grows into a passion and the passion into a disease. The pursuit gradually leads him away from things bright and beautiful up the steep sides of a fearful volcano.

server of the facts of life will bear testimony to its truth. Fastidious, self-oblivion to every interest, save the master passion, the feverish excitement of alternate loss and gain, final ruin and often suicide, are the stages in the gambler's downward career. Ask the pastors of city churches about the hold gambling has on those of their parishioners unfortunate enough to come under its spell, and they will tell you with unanimous voice that chains of adamant are not stronger than the chains of the gambling habit.

Gambling does not lack advocates even among those who ought to know better. Young men are taught that there is no sin in betting if they bet only for small amounts. A distinction between small and large bets is both false and pernicious. If the thing be wrong in principle, staking five cents is as criminal as staking \$500. It is high time to emphasize the truth that this is not a question of money quantity but of moral quality, and to strip away the veil of sophism which so long hid the deformities of this vice.

The impression made upon the pastor and members of that church, and the large number of candidates for admission, as he uttered these feeling words and took his seat, may be imagined, but could only be felt by those who heard them. Squire Eaton and all his family, if the writer remembers rightly, with many others, confessed their faith in Christ on the following Sabbath, took the vows of Christ upon them to be forever His, and sat down together at their Lord's table to commemorate His dying love for them. It was a scene never to be forgotten; and well did Squire Eaton, a trophy of grace at the eleventh hour, do what he could in after-life to redeem that promise to pay to his Lord and Master what he owed Him.

What is anti-Christian and anti-social can never be right under any circumstances. Let all those who profess to love God and man learn this lesson and protect themselves accordingly. We protect lunatics from the dangers to which their madness exposes them. Why should not we do something to save the victims of the gambling mania?—The Rev. D. Sutherland, in "New York Observer."

Religious Conversation.

We make a distinction between religious conversation and conversation about religion. We have listened to long interviews in which there was much talk about the Church and the ministry, and many pious remarks on Christian life and experience, interspersed with discussions of Bible doctrines, but from which the spirit of genuine and earnest piety was conspicuously absent. Again, we have heard extended conversations between Christians, both men and women, in which there were no strictly spiritual themes introduced, but which were permeated and controlled by truly Christian sentiments.

There is no doubt it is a duty binding upon all. Our speech forms an important part of life and its responsibility. It takes up a very large proportion of our time; it is, when intelligently applied, a very sure test of religious character and state, it is a powerful means of imparting and receiving good, and it is often an instrument of extensive mischief. We speak strongly of the power of the press, but that of the tongue is far mightier. For one that reads and writes, there are scores that talk and hear; and there is a vast amount of what may be called conversational ability. The Word of God wisely addressed itself to this talent and invokes its agency in promoting truth and piety, and warns men against perverting it to evil ends.

That word recognizes the excellence and yet rarity of good conversation, and dwells much on the sin of its opposite. "If a man offend not in word the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body." The wise man says, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Why is it that we hear so little genuine religious conversation even in Chris-

tian circles? Many reasons may be given. We mention a few. One is, that even professors of religion are, to a sad extent, more interested in worldly matters. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Their hearts abound in secular desires, and naturally they talk about secular things. Of how many church members is it true that you may spend hours and days in their company and never hear a word that indicates that their affections are set on things above, or that they are governed by the truths and precepts of God's Word. Their whole conversation, and it is generally carried on with zest, relates to money-making, temporal promotion, carnal indulgence, social life, with its pleasures and fashions, fashionable people, dress, equipage, furniture and the ten thousand other topics that make up the circle of a worldly life. Their talk reveals an earthly, if not a sordid, sensual, or trivial mind. To introduce a religious subject in such a circle, however justified by circumstances, or in whatever spirit, would be considered a grand impertinence. It would be adjudged wholly out of place, and it would soon be dismissed.—Southern Presbyterian.

Silence.

All the greatest agencies in the universe are silent. Heat, light, electricity, gravitation, sleep, death—all are silent. Thought is silent; volition is silent.

In the family silence is a great peace-maker, not a dogged, sullen silence, but a kindly, judicious silence. In certain moods of mind and body one may be wrought to frenzy by words and suggestions that in other moods would have no effect. When one is hungry or tired or sleepy or sick, he cannot take the same views that he does when full-fed, fresh, and vigorous in health. If he can make due allowance for this inevitable state of things in himself and those around him, and restrain his words, govern his tones, control his manner, he may avert a deal of trouble. An impulsive word is sometimes as spark to powder.

We are careful to keep flame from powder made from saltpeter and sulphur; and should we not be equally careful to prevent social and domestic explosions? Some people are so constituted that in certain moods they will say disagreeable things simply because they feel like it. If the combustible stuff about them is wet with the cool waters of silence, it will not take fire, and great damage may be prevented.

How many words are best left unsaid! Why should we drop caustic remarks that can only burn and rankle and corrode in the hearts they touch? Why should we return railing for railing? When a wrong is to be righted, when a fault must be corrected, when an unwelcome truth must be spoken, the spirit in which it is done may be such as not justly to provoke resentment or any hateful passion.

The facts in one's life cannot be changed by mere words, and hence the best answer to unjust accusations of many sorts is silence. When one knows that he is just and honorable and right in his dealings, wrong imputations can be borne with patience, and he can wait for his vindication, which time will surely bring. Silence is a great healer of many domestic maladies.

Pressures.

We are apt to think at times that we should be happier if we had less to do. Probably some of us would, but we learn by experience that life's cares are its pleasures; that its burdens are like the weights of a clock, necessary to keep our machinery in good order.

Stanley tells us in his Dark Continent that when crossing a rapid stream the natives put heavy rocks on their heads to keep them from being carried away by the force of the current, and thus they pass safely over. In crossing many a dangerous rapid in our lives we are steadied by the burdens resting on our shoulders, and without them we should fail to reach the desired shore. It is better to wear out than to rust out. A watch that is not kept running soon loses the power to run. Keep it wound up, and it will go till it wears itself out. Omit winding and let it lie still, and dust accumulates, or the oil dries up or gets sticky, and the wheels refuse to move.

We can do what we have to do, but we cannot work more than twenty-four hours in one day, nor more than twelve or sixteen, allowing time for food and sleep. When pressures are heavy, they crowd out a lot of superfluous work and compel us to do what most needs doing, often to our very great advantage. We accomplish a great deal because we neglect all the unimportant things and concentrate our forces on what cannot be neglected. Those under heavy pressures cannot judge at the time how much good they

are deriving, from the weights resting on them; but their friends can see well enough how they improve in steadiness, in patience, in gentleness, in power of sympathy with others, in forgetfulness of self, in efficiency. When the burden gets too heavy to be borne we learn what we should have learned in the beginning, that there is One who will bear the burden for us and with us, not permitting us to be tempted above what we are able to bear.

Miscellaneous Proverbs.

Love is life's poetry written upon the heart. Satire is nourished more by vanity than malice. Self-love is the compliment we pay our vanity. Hypocrisy is the worship of vice at the shrine of virtue. True merit is always modest, often painfully diffident. Friendship claims its pay in kindness and always with usury. He is only master of his faults who has courage to confess them. To esteem virtue for its true worth is only less than to practice it. True courage is doing right without the desire of praise or fear of censure. Affection for the dead is often the price paid for the admiration of the living.

Doing good is action immortal photographed for the gallery of heaven. Flowers are the pencilings of the Divine hand, which mortal can but poorly imitate. Pride is selfishness in bloom dispensing its fragrance and beauty to secure praise. Love has many counterfeits which pass current until tested in the crucible of sacrifice. Immortality is man's gift by creation, man's inheritance by affinity, man's destiny by purchase.

The world is man's theater of action, God's laws the standard by which he will be judged, rewarded, or punished.—Fletcher.

Random Readings.

If we measure distance by time, we are not far from home.—Spurgeon. The humblest occupation has in it materials of discipline for the highest heaven.—Robertson.

Let no man call himself a Christian who lives without giving a part of life to the duty of prayer.—Channing.

If you do not wish for His kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it.—Ruskin.

One of the finest sights in the world is a Christian at the end of a long course, with an unsullied reputation. His hair may be white, but his leaf is green.—Gay.

To take up the cross of Christ is no great action done once for all; it consists in the continual practice of small duties which are distasteful to us.—J. H. Newman.

The cords of love are silken; and he who begins with setting before himself the largeness of Christ's gifts to him will not fail in using these so as to increase them.—McLaren.

When the mind thinks nothing, when the soul covets nothing, and the body acteth nothing that is contrary to the will of God, this is perfect sanctification.—Anonymous in an old Bible, 1599.

Five minutes spent in the companionship of Christ every morning—ay, two minutes, if it is face to face and heart to heart, will change the whole day, and make every thought and feeling different.—Drummond.

There sometimes wants only a stroke of fortune to discover numberless latent good or bad qualities, which would otherwise have been eternally concealed; as words written with a certain liquor appear only when applied to the fire.—Greville.

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