UNBELIEF.

There is no unbelief: Whoever plants the seed beneath the sod, Trusts he in God.

Whoever says, when clouds are in the sky, "De patient, heart! Light breaketh wand-by,"

Trusts the Most High.

snow.

Tht silent harvest of the futur grow. God's power must know.

Whoever lies down in his couch to sleep. Content to look each sense in slumber

Knows God will keep.

Whoever says, "To-morrow," "The Un-

"The Futute," trusts that Power alone He dared disown.

The heart that looks on when the eyelids | plaud them, and to ruin them. close.

And dares to live when life has only woes,

God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief:

And day by day, and night unconsciously, The heart lives by that faith the lips deny, God knoweth why.

Visitor Lulpit.

ON A PICTURE BY MATTHEW.

BY REV. D. A. STEELE, A. M.

Matthew 14: 1-12.

Here we have the usual accompaniments, dancing and drinking. constitute the very atmosphere of revelry. The man who is so little into excesses of all kinds.

ture, we note the varying hues of this bloody request, O marvellous criminality; the mingling of dark and dexterity of evil! If Christian women yet darker shades. We will consider were as ready to seize opportunities the story in order as we read. It is to do good, if they had half the resoplain and suggestive.

THE ALARMED MONARCH.

veals an unusual sight, a king ill at There was that strange combination ease. Wonderful reports reach him of characteristics sometimes observof a new prophet, what is there in able. Feminine sweetness and grace, man whose life is ebbing away these to disquiet him? He surely the lithe frame, and springing motion, through inaction. He is in his prime, should be pleased to hear that his fel- every movement the poetry of low creatures were being taught, fed, action, the luxuriant tresses falling to healed, raised to life again.

as a Sadducee.

The evangelist proceeds to give

THE EXPLANATION,

"For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him and put him in prison for Exodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife,

The whole transaction is narrated in graphic detail. John Baptist is a preacher of righteousness to all men, to peasant, to soldier, to Pharisee and to Publican, to multitudes and to individuals. And now the brave man is the censor of royal morals. He beards the king on his throne.

Levelness is to be rebuked by the preacher. It is worse, if anything in a king, than in a common man, because of his superior education. His position is one of exceeding gravity. He is the example for his people. It has always held true: "Like court, like people." So the faithful Baptist, in a voice of thunder, declares, " It is not lawful for thee to have her." A few vivid touches bring out,

THE BIRTH DAY FEAST AND ITS TRAGEDY.

The ruler of the land gave a great feast. There were gathered there, as

occasion of the terrible tragedy which he is about to present. The intro-duction of a lady to perform such an office was against all the proprieties of Oriental life. It was common enough at Rome and in the East to introduce the dancing-girl at a ban-

who made it their calling, clothed in garments of gauze that but half concealed the form. Then, as now, it was an outrage upon virgin modesty And waits to see it push away the clod, to thrust a young lady into a room full of strange men, to dance before them, or to dance with them. Such a thing is unknown in the East. Then, as at present however, there were foolish mothers, who to gain some imagined good, a step in society, Whoever sees, 'neath winter's field of or to remove the stigma of Puritanism, or to compass even some baser purpose, were willing to push their daughters into a dancing party. Then, as now, there were giddy girls, who were ready, at the behest of their mothers, to lay aside their native modesty, and dance before, or in company with, a promiseuous company of men. Some of them, perchance, far otherwise,—evil minded men, who

THE EXTRAVAGANT OATH.

Men heated with wine are very apt to promise impossible things. gratified voluptuary, his senses dazzled by the god he worships, is in just the mood to lavish the resources needed for the legitimate purposes of life. This promise was like the promises of the half-drunken now. Dancing and drinking engender a spirit of recklessness, and the devotees of these vices squander not the half, but usually the whole of their patrimony, whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

THE TERRIFIC DEMAND.

Straightway the maiden went to her mother, who, glad the opportuncentious king and a debauched court ity had arrived to gratify her revenge, prompted her daughter to ask, as the price of having gratified the company, tuman as to live with the wife of his the head of the prophet confined in wn brother, is just the man to plunge the fortress, Herodias knew the moods of the king. She was prepar-As we gaze upon this sombre pic- ed to prompt her daughter to make lution of this royal tigress, they would be canonized as saints.

The daughter, fit child of such a The first glance at the picture remother; blenched not from her task. her waist, the flashing black eye, the But all this is torture to his majesty. bewitching voice, and winsome ways, Jesus must be John! He himself is -while within there was the designing risen from the dead, and therefore spirit, the subtility of the serpent. these wonders work mightily in him. Such a woman can accomplish any-How much light is thrown upon the thing; may demand where another monarch's state of mind by this ex- must be seech. She is an empress in clamation! This means misery, con- her own right. The power of one science smiting him with open palm, woman gifted with native talent, is by day and by night. It means that unmistakable. She can lead men at remorse was gnawing at his heart. her will. She can allure them into Many a time in the dead of night he paths of frivolity, conform them in had been compelled to cry, "Down! their notions of a free and easy life, down!" to the spectre of the man can help them down, down, down; whom he had heard gladly; but it can banish from their minds all ideas would not disappear. "John is risen of goodness, and soberness, and lofti-from the dead!" The superstitious ness of character; can from shear terror of a conscience stained with love of wantonness, gaily do her guilt is stronger than his scepticism pretty best to dissipate all the nobler feeling of manhood, and then go away and smile at the wreck she has made, and boast of her power over men. There are such women, and men will why Herod had spoken thus to his always be found who are weak

Young men! keep the company of no woman who does not endeavour to help you to stem the current of for John had said, it is not lawful for thee frivolity, and earthliness, and sensuality. Such is no true woman. woman, a real woman, will always aim to sober us, to elevate us, to redeem us from whatever tends in the slightest degree to lower the tone of the human spirit.

> What shall she ask, this daughter of a Queen? Think now, young ladies, what would have been your modest request. A necklace of pearls? a tlashing diamond? A sum of gold sufficient for all the exigencies of your life? or would you, like so many of your sex, have asked a favor for another, for parent, or for brother, that he might be placed in a position of influence or power? Such requests are laudable, as this world goes.

This woman has no such request to prefer. Jewels, property, place, are trifles, the baubles a woman loves are nothing when laid in the balance against a woman's revenge. If you would see the hell of a woman's heart guests upon the occasion his ministers, the chief men of the province, and the officers of the Roman legions.

This banquet was worthy of the oc
Determine by that which This banquet was worthy of the ocasion. But passing by that which
are imagination may readily supply,
the sacred historian presents as the
ne notable feature,

THE DANCING DAUGHTER

of Herodias. She is the immediate than a bad man. This applies to both mother and daughter. Men in the heat of the battle, can smite and slay, but do not cooly ask the head of an enemy, nor do they desire to gaze

WHAT IS THIS GLEAM OF LIGHT?

The king is "sorry, sorry!" No cul sorrow; it is but half drunken regret. There is no conscience in such a being. "He would have put him to death" before, "but that he feared the people, for all counted John as a prophet." But "for his oath's sake?" Is there not then a smattering of honor left in the heart of the tetrarch? Aye, the "honor" of the gambler, the libertine, and the adulterer. It is honor turned buttend foremest, like a loaded whip. He is very delicate about breaking his word, but is better to kill a saint than to have that word questioned. Better to murder the innocent than to break his mad vow! How highly he estimates the good opinion of his friends! He can more easily behead of correct habits, and some of them the prophet than recall a word uttered in a moment of excitement. Such is are ready to persuade them, to ap- the code of the devil! Beware of being influenced by it! of being warped from truth and purity, and justice, to meet the sanctions of a self-frenzied brain, or by fear of the taunts of a crowd of feasting profiigates.

And so, because of the rash word of a drunken king, all the centuries have mourned the untimely end of one who is venerated by all who call themselves by the Christian name. It is significant of the wide influence of the forerunner of our Lord, that from one extreme of Christianity to the other, from the purple clad dignitary of the Church of Rome to the plainest Baptist pastor, the name is held in the highest esteem. If we Baptists gave names to our edifices for worship, what distinguishing appellation so well fitted to embody our peculiar traditions and contentions for the truth as that of "The Church of John the Baptist?"

THE END. Let us draw near to the fortress of Machaerus, and behold the end of this hero, this witness to God's truth before the royal sinner who had outraged it. The evangelists calmly relate the story-they give us the bare facts, with no pathetic comments. Yet what room for the portrayal of the heaving breast, the quick beating heart, the tear-bedewed face, the play of all the sad emotions brought into action by such a scene! Here is the grandest saint, pacing his cell like a in which will be tound the latest patterns in not a gray hair upon him! mark the elastic step! Note the swing of that muscular arm, as it hangs bare from the armlet of the camel's hair cloak. Did you catch the flash of that fine eye? Every feature tells of the innate nobility of the orator of the wilderness-the truthful determination of the prophet of the Highest? Like all such natures, confinement and inaction have visibly affected him. His spirit, while yet undaunted, has sailed out upon an ocean of unrest. Questionings, unknown till now, throng his brain. By night, by day, the demon of doubt presses him sore. "Why am I here? why does not the Messiah take power and free me? could I have been mistaken when I baptized him? Did I not hear the voice from heaven, attesting his Messiahship? and why am I here?" Ah, John, many have wrestled in vain with the specious appearances of things. Many have given way to gloom and melancholy, and the greater the demon that harasses him. Thou will find answer to all thy question-ings ere long,—but not in this world. Let us think of him as humbly relying upon his God, determined to trust his eternal goodness. "I await his will—I will trust and not be afraid?" And lo: the shadow of the executioner is even now on the threshold, scarce deigning to announce his message, without any explanation, with no time for preparation, the Baptist is commanded to kneel, and the brain, a moment before so full of perplexities, is rolling upon the cold stone floor. The hands which had handled the Lord of life at his baptism are powerless now. The precurser who came in the power and spirit of Elijah, upon whom met the prophecies of centuries, the forerunner of the Saviour of men, the greatest born of women, lies mercilessly slain, in his prime through the fiendish malevo-lence of a wicked woman, by the command of a weak king, entrapped by the stratagem of a dancing girl!

THE MORAL.

Revelry is alike in every age, and in every phase of society. We cannot tone it down, till it becomes harmless. It never can become the handmaid of religion. Dancing and drinking are the prolific parents of other evils. They inevitably and always bring these exils in their y and always bring these evils in their train. For example, how can a dancing-party be complete without cards, and what can give the peculiar zest to the cards where there is no money in the game! Many of the fashionable balls have been simply opportunities for neighbors to fleece each other. Then, there are the late hours, the loss of time, the dissipation of serious thought, the lowered tone of morals,

indifferent of both sexes. Baptist mothers prepared for the consequences of fashionable conformity? are they willing to have their tender girls encircled by the arms of a stranger, who probably has not the entree of their houses? Are they so anxious that their sons should get into "polite society" that they are ready to risk them where they will receive invitations from the gambler and the wine-drinker, and insinuations from the libertine?

"On with the dance!" say the liberal" Christians, who quote the example of "other denominations," and "other places." Are they prepared to receive the invariable concomitants of the dance? or do they have some mysterious shield with which to preserve us from the evils which have invariably followed?

The picture before us in which the head of a magnificent preacher was the price of the banquet, is simply J. & J. D. HOWE. the concrete of all the wickedness attaching to this fashionable folly. In this custom, lie the seeds of evils innumerable, and that is a shortsighted Christian who cannot discern these evils. Drinking, dancing, gambling, immodesty, licentiousness, cruel vindictiveness, and a rash shedding of precious blood, are all wrapped up in this small compass. If you cannot accept this now, you will by-and-bye. God grant that you may come to my conclusions rather by the study of my picture than by the experience of the bitterness of the evil here expressed! Amherst, N. S., April 5, 1881.

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