

The Tomb of the Czar Nicholas.

St. Petersburg, 13th April, 1855.—The most interesting church in St. Petersburg is that dedicated to St. Peter and Paul, otherwise called the "Fortress Church," as it stands within the citadel of the city. Its standing spire, precisely resembling that of the Admiralty, rises far above all others, to the height of 540 feet, and its gilded surface shines dazzlingly in the sun. It is said that 12,000 deacons have already been expended in the gilding of this spire. But within the Fortress Church rest the remains of all the Czars since Peter the Great. No European monarch rests so unostentatiously, and no others are buried within the walls of a fortress. To each Emperor there is erected merely a sarcophagus, with frequently his initials engraved upon it. Each of these sarcophagi is covered with a pall of cloth of gold, embroidered with the double-headed eagle, the emblem of the Russian Empire. Upon the Grand Duke Constantine's tomb lie the keys of the city, and the Grand Duke Alexander's bears a small military medal, with his portrait. Each tomb is surrounded by a neat iron railing, and the part of the nave devoted to the tombs is again separated from the body of the church. As I visited the church during Lent, the cloth of gold was concealed in every case by a faded black covering.

Beginning with Peter the Great, I passed by all the Czars in chronological order. Here lay the great Catherine, and, sleeping quietly by her side, her husband, Peter III., to whom she in her lifetime refused this place. Around one of the sarcophagi I saw a dense crowd, and approaching it, found it that of Nicholas. The cloth was new, and no dust had settled upon the marble border. His initials were embroidered in amaranth, and a candle burns day and night upon his tomb. The little relic that was placed on his tomb while he lay in state in the palace, lies now in the middle of the sarcophagus. It is surrounded by a wreath of immortals. Every one who approached the spot seemed touched with real sorrow, and all spoke in whispers around the grave of the great man. As I stood there, watching the crowd, the gates were suddenly thrown open, and an old General in full uniform entered and approached the tomb. Taking off his helmet, he held it before his face, and kneeling, seemed for a few moments to be engaged in earnest prayer. The helmet shook in his hand as with emotion. Finally rising, he kissed the relic that had lain upon his master's breast, and then crossing the aisle, kissed Alexander's tomb in the same way. He had served under both Emperors, and this, his daily tribute to their memories, was most touching. He is the commander of the fortress of St. Petersburg, and one of the last acts in the public life of Nicholas, was to thank him for his public services. The Czar sent him the imperial portrait enriched with diamonds.

Upon the walls and around the pillars of the fortress church hang trophies taken from the Turks, Persians, and French. In this way the Russians have decorated all their churches, and there is hardly a church but is represented in St. Petersburg or Moscow. The English, I believe, are the only exception, but who can tell how long they will continue so? Above three hundred Persian suns and Turkish crescents here bow before the cross of the Christians.

From the church we went to the house of Peter the Great, just without the walls of the fortress, and upon the same island. This was the nucleus of the present city, and could Peter rise from his grave to see the work of his successors, his ambition would be more than satisfied. The cottage is divided into three apartments. The inner one was his sleeping room; the one adjoining his chapel, in which are still preserved the pictures he worshipped. The third room was his reception-room, and it is filled with rich offerings, which are contained in showcases ranged round the house. It consequently looks more like a Jeweller's shop than anything else. On one side of the house is shown the boat made by Peter's own hands, also the sails prepared by himself. The whole cottage is rapidly going to decay; but Alexander caused it to be covered by a casing of brick, so that it is now no longer exposed to the weather. Amsterdam was evidently Peter's model of a commercial city, and his first care in commencing his capital was to intersect its proposed site by canals. His successors, however, not being so Dutch in taste, caused many of these canals to be filled up, and gardens to be planted in their stead. The Basilian Island, therefore, has many delightful gardens, instead of closely-ranged masses of brick walls.—*Correspondent of the Boston Transcript.*

The Captain's Voice.

We sailed from New York in the pleasant month of June. We were told that no storm visited the ocean during that month, that our passage across the Atlantic would be pleasant and free from all occasions of fear. For three days we were waited on our course by a gentle breeze. On the third night, about the hour of twelve, we were awakened from our slumbers, and nearly thrown from our berths by the sudden careening of the ship. A squall had struck her, with all her sails set, and nearly three heron her beam's end. The wild roaring of the wind, and the hurrying tread of the sailors, occasioned some feelings of alarm; but soon the commanding tone of the captain was heard above the rush of footsteps, and the warning of the winds and waters. That voice dispelled fear and inspired confidence. His superior skills as a seaman, and energy as a man, caused us to feel that the good ship was safe in his hands. After adjusting ourselves to the position and motion of the ship, we fell asleep and slept soundly till morning.

The incident furnished an interesting topic for reflection. Life has its storms—its sudden blasts of adversity, and its long-continued storms of trouble; but amid the loudest storm, if our ear be attuned, we may hear the Saviour's voice; and that voice should dispel every fear, and inspire perfect confidence.

On the night above alluded to, we listened anxiously to hear the Captain's voice; when it was heard, we were satisfied. So, amid the storm of trouble, we should anxiously listen to hear the Saviour's voice. And as surely as we shall listen, so surely shall we hear his encouraging and consoling voice. And when we hear it, we should be satisfied.

A pastor visited an aged member of his flock, who had recently been called to bury her only remaining son. She was now as restless as the world's rooks, and her dependence for the supply of her earthly wants was upon that son. It was a severe visitation. It was feared by her friends that her heart would

sink under it. "I have come," said her pastor, "to offer you a word of sympathy and consolation. I would have called earlier; but I thought you would prefer to be alone." "You judged rightly," replied the widow. "You are welcome now. The sympathy of Christian friends is never to be undervalued; but during the day and night following the funeral of George, I did not wish to hear any voice but that of my Saviour."

"That privilege and consolation you doubtless enjoyed."

"Yes, the billows rose high and threatened to overwhelm me, but I heard his voice saying, 'Peace, be still.' Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God.' 'Call upon me, and I will deliver thee.' I don't see what those who cannot hear that voice can do when the storm comes! I do not see how they can bear up under it."

Reader, there are days of darkness and sorrow before you. That beloved wife, that darling child, may be taken from you. How will you bear up under those trials if the sympathizing Saviour is not near you—if you cannot hear his consoling voice?

A servant of God was compelled to submit to a most painful operation. As it might prove fatal, he declined taking any anodyne to lessen the pain; "for," said he, "if I am about to enter eternity, I wish to have my faculties unclouded. God will enable me to bear the pain." After the operation had been performed, and he had recovered the use of speech, he remarked, that it seemed to him, "that he could feel the Saviour's supporting arm underneath him, and hear his comforting voice, as the surgeons were performing their work."

Oh, that voice! How many hearts has it comforted in the midst of sorrow, and encouraged in the midst of weariness! How many souls has it thrilled with joy by the simple utterance, "Thy sins be forgiven thee!"

How precious will be his tones in the hour of death!

Reader, is the voice of the Saviour a familiar one to you? Have you heard it in joy and in sorrow, increasing the one and lessening the other? Is it sweeter than music to your soul? Or are you one who has heard that voice only to disregard it—one of those respecting whom He says, "I have called, and ye refused."

That voice which now calls in accents of tenderness to the sinner, and bids the Christian, "that he of good cheer will one day utter more terrific sounds than have ever fallen on the ears of saint or sinner."

The Newspaper.

We know not how often we may be affected by the perusal of the daily newspaper, but for ourselves we seldom by one aside without being sensible of a shade of melancholy passing over our mind. It is the chronicler of passing events, the historian of the day, the artistic delineator of men and manners, and although the pictures it presents are sometimes warm and glowing with sunshine, they are more frequently of sombre hue. If you wish to learn the utter bankruptcy of human nature, go first to the Bible and then to the newspaper. Does the Bible say that man is "born to trouble as the sparks fly upwards?" the newspaper offers an affecting commentary on the statement. Does the Bible proclaim the doctrine of human depravity? the newspaper furnishes the examples in proof. Three hundred times in the year this herald visits your firesides, promising news, and yet repeating the same story under some variation of phrase, that sin and misery are the familiar things of every day, and are indigenous to every clime. It announces that pestilence is sweeping over this district, and that human groans and wailings are its attendants; that famine, with gaunt form, is stalking over that, withering and blighting all in his course; and that war is raging in a third, his blood-red pennon waving in the contaminated air, and while with one hand he wields the dripping blade, with the other he applies the fiery brand. The horrors of a single seige which are chronicled, are enough to chill the blood; but those that are still more afflictive to humanity. The columns of the mammoth sheet are too contracted to fill out the details. Some space is demanded for the record of the feats of the swindler, the marauding of the robber, the riots of the vicious, the revels of the thoughtless, the disgusting details of police arrests. Room, too, must be made for the horrors of shipwreck, the losses by fire and flood, the sad changes of fortune, the trials of poverty, the reverses in the commercial world, the busy activity of our Courts of Justice. The ecology is the healing of one column, and another is arranged the decease of the learned, the heroic, the affluent, and the young and beautiful. Sad and multiplied are such records—they are furnished to us daily, and although they tell the sorrows of others, they may soon tell our own. Who, then, can regard a newspaper as an idle sheet, or who can read it without a reflection or a sigh? For ourselves, we esteem it as an instructor and monitor, as a disinterested commentator on sin and its consequences, and as furnishing many a hint which, if properly improved, would make his readers wiser and better men.—*Presbyterian.*

A Drop of Oil.

Every man who lives in a house, especially if the house be his own, should oil all the various parts of it once in two or three months. The house will last much longer, and will be much more quiet to live in. Oil the locks bolts and hinges of the Street doors, and will shut gently with luxurious ease, and with little lost to the rust of time. A neglected lock requires great violence to cause it to shut, and with so much violence that the whole house, its doors, its windows, its very floors and joists, are much shaken, and in time they get out of repair in all sorts of ways, to say nothing of the dust that is dislodged every time the place is so shaken. The incessant banging of doors, scrooping of locks, creaking and screeching of hinges is a great discomfort. Even the bell-wire cranks should sometimes be oiled, and they will act more certainly and with such gentle force that there will be little danger of breaking any part of them. The castors of tables and chairs should be sometimes oiled, and they will move with such gentle impulse and so quietly that a sleeping child or old man is not awakened. A well-oiled door-lock opens and shuts with hardly a whisper. Three pennyworth of oil used in a large house once a year will save many shillings in locks and other materials, and in the end will save many pounds in even the substantial repairs of a house; and an old wife living and sleeping in quiet repose will enjoy many more years of even temper and active usefulness. Housekeepers, pray do not forget the oil. A stick in time saves nine, and a drop in time saves pounds.—*The Builder.*

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