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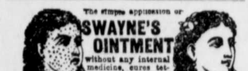

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One View of Life.

Life is a battle in which we are meant to overcome. Life is a mission where we are to build the foundations for an illimitable future.—Rev. B. Fay Mills, Evangelist, Boston.

Honoring Mothers.

Put honor on the mother, and the home goes up in sweetness and harmony and elevation of sentiment and in all refining influences.—Rev. Dr. F. A. Noble, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Do Not Look Back.

Thousands of men and women start for the kingdom, but they look back. Men, if you look back, you are not fit for the kingdom of heaven.—Rev. James McFarland, Presbyterian, Denver.

Commandments Likened to Dikes.

The Ten Commandments, embodying, as they do, the eternal principles of all righteous government, are like the dikes that safeguard Holland, and if these give way what but the deluge!—Dr. T. S. Henson, Chicago.

Oriental Philosophy.

We need about as much of the philosophy of the orient as Jesus put into his teachings—enough to make our life aims always alive with human sympathy, thinking of justice and mercy as we go on.—Rev. Utter, Unitarian, Denver.

Submission to God.

Impatience is restlessness, but submission peace. The one comes not from not knowing God, but from forgetting him; the other both from knowing and remembering his power and goodness.—Rev. H. I. Nicholas, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

Welfare and Comfort.

There is a more rapid advance in welfare and comfort when each generation adds something to the permanent plant and leaves behind vast improvements to relieve and enrich posterity.—Rev. Charles G. Ames, Church of Disciples, Boston.

Christianity's God.

Christianity offers a God who fits into the religious nature of man as a key fits into its lock, as teeth into cogs. The skeptic may assail our understanding, but cannot storm the citadel of consciousness.—Rev. J. D. Rankin, Presbyterian, Denver.

An Ideal State.

With the blessing of God the day is dawning, I believe, when none shall be able to become rich if all are not comfortable, and no man shall become poor without all others becoming likewise impoverished. — Rev. Father Ducey, Catholic, New York.

Great Things Best Known.

We know the great things best. They are not perplexities, but incitements; not riddles, but revelations; not mysteries, but manifestations. Therefore "day unto day uttereth speech, night unto night showeth knowledge."—Rev. C. W. Williams, Baptist, Denver.

Our Sacred Temple.

The human body should be to us like a sacred temple, which we should keep pure and undefiled, approach with something of awe and reverence, a temple of flesh, dedicated to the highest purposes, the habitation of a divine image.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, Rabbi, New York.

Truly Contented Soul.

If you are to be content or contained, you must turn out ambition. I do not mean that you should not have honorable ambition and aspirations, but the truly contented soul is that of the man and the woman who are happy and content in the knowledge of their righteousness in the sight of God.—Rev. Dr. George D. Baker, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

Scholars Who Revere God.

The teacher who can master both the head and the heart of our youth will be in demand the next century. In other words, we have reached the period of Christian growth in America and Europe when it is almost beyond a possiblity for an educator to secure a position unless he "comes from God."—Rev. Stephen A. Northrop, Baptist, Kansas City.

Spiritual Economy.

It is good in life to stop once in awhile, to put our life's work away from us, look at it at arm's length, look at it when we are not in a hurry, estimate the value of the quest when we are not in the excitement of the chase. It is a good time to ask what is the good part and what are the petty parts, the carking cares, when for the time being labor is suspended. This is the spiritual economy of our vacations.—Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Independent, Chicago.

The Really Christian Church.

I would have the church not a Dead sea, into which the streams were pouring to become equally dead, but a fountain from which the streams should run out on every side to turn wildernesses into gardens. I would have people join it not to get social recognition or pastoral tea drinkings, but for the opportunity of service. I would have people love it for its graciousness, its democracy, its helpfulness, its everlasting kindness. I would have it hospitable to new ideas and to all Christian forces. I would have for its object not self glorification, but service. Such a wide hearted and Christian church would command the devotion of those large Christian men who are now outside of the visible fold. I would have it wise in its adaptations, utilizing men's and women's talents for the things which they can do best.—Dr. John Henry Barrows, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Noble Realms of being.

Grand and noble realms of being lie stored up within us, which may be opened up as fast as we are willing to live from above instead of from below.—Rev. John Goddard, Unitarian, Cincinnati.

Two Careers to Live.

This world made man has two careers to live in one lifetime—the care and development of his body and the culture of his soul by self denial and through that by reason.—Rev. Barton O. Aylesworth, Christian Church, Denver.

Virtuous Acts and Right Motives.

Every act of virtue, we must remember, to be worthy of the name, must be prompted by right motive. To give alms, for example, ostentatiously cannot be good, because there is a wrong motive urging the giving.—Dr. Beale, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

The Christian's Chart.

The creed is the Christian's chart. It is a map of the way to the eternal city—that is, so far as it is copied from the word of God—and as such it is a source of strength and of wisdom to the pilgrims of eternity.—Rev. Dr. Abbott E. Kittredge, Reformed Church, New York.

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UNSPOKEN SYMPATHY.

Little Children Who Were Remarkably Careful Not to Hurt an Uncle's Feelings.

He was a big, burly, good natured conductor on a country railroad, and he had watched them with much interest as they got on the train. There were two handsome, round faced, rosy cheeked boys and three sunny haired, pretty little girls of various sizes and ages. A grave, kind looking gentleman, evidently their guardian, got in with them, and the conductor's attention was soon caught by the fact that the apparently eager conversation was carried on by means of a deaf and dumb alphabet, the gentleman joining in so pleasantly that the conductor beamed on him with approval. Naturally kind hearted himself, it pleased him to see this trait in others, but his honest eyes were misty as he thought of his own noisy crowd of youngsters at home and contrasted them with this prim little company who smiled and gesticulated, but made no sound.

It was plain they were off on a holiday jaunt, for they all had satchels and wore a festive "go away" air, and the conductor, whose fancy played about them continually, settled it in his mind that they belonged to some asylum and were going with their teacher for a vacation trip. He couldn't help watching them and nodding to them as he passed through the car. They returned his greeting in kind, being cheerful little souls, and he began to look forward with regret to the time of parting.

At length at one of the rural stations the gentleman kissed the young ones hurriedly all round and got off the train. They leaned out of the windows and waved enthusiastic farewells as the car moved on. Then the biggest "little girl" took a brown paper bag from her satchel and distributed crackers in even shares. The conductor in passing smiled and nodded as usual as the little girl held out the paper bag to him.

"Do have some," she said.

He started back in sheer amazement.

"What!" he exclaimed. "You can talk, then—all of you?"

"Of course!" they cried in chorus.

The conductor sank into the seat across the aisle. "I thought you were deaf and dumb!" he gasped.

"Oh, how funny!" cried one of the rosy cheeked boys. "Why, that was Uncle Jack, poor fellow! He was born that way. We wouldn't talk while he was with us; it might hurt his feelings, you know. Hello, here's our station! Come on, girls!" And the five trooped noisily out and waved their handkerchiefs from the platform as the train moved on.—Belle Moses in St. Nicholas.

Peculiar Betrothal.

Marchesi, the great singing teacher, says that when she found in any of her pupils symptoms of indolence or want of enthusiasm she at once attempted to dissuade them from an artistic career. One such case was very absurd in the manner in which her advice was taken. This was Fraulein T., who was remarkably handsome, but very lazy.

One day Marchesi lost patience with her.

"Get married, my dear child," said she, "and become a good wife. You will never do anything on the stage."

The girl laughingly replied that she believed it was easier to get a good engagement than a good husband, but shortly afterward, on coming for her lesson, she whispered:

"I am following your advice. I am going to be married."

"Ah, that is good! And who is the happy man?"

"I do not know," was the girl's laconic reply.

"What! You are going to marry some one you do not know?"

"Yes; my fiance saw me before he went to India, when I was 12 years old. I have been shown his photograph, and as his noble expression inspires me with confidence I have decided upon marrying him."

"When will your fiance come to fetch you?"

"Unfortunately he cannot come for the wedding," she answered, with a slight blush. "His business prevents him from doing so. I am to be married in my native town to a friend of the family by proxy, and he will take me to Bombay to my future husband."

A few weeks later the curious ceremony did take place, and the marriage apparently turned out very happy.—Youth's Companion.

The Society of the Rejected.

In one of the western cities a lot of men have formed an organization, the only condition to membership to which being the fact that the candidate's matrimonial advances have been rejected by a woman. From all that can be learned regarding the inside proceedings it is believed that the members do not indulge in sighs and tears and all the old time evidences of heartbreak. On the contrary, it is understood that they have what may be termed a riproaring good time. Their ritual, if it may be so designated, prescribes frequent mutual congratulations and hearty assurances of future happiness and fond wishes for continued freedom. This doesn't seem quite the right thing under the depressing circumstances, but it is a fact that the club appears to enjoy it. It is even said that they get a good deal of pleasure out of following, as it were, the existence of the individual women who have rejected one or more of them. They eagerly watch for gains in avoirdupois and for wrinkles and for rumors of bad temper. One of the choicest possessions of the society is a photograph of a one time haughty sylph who now weighs 283 pounds and has nine red haired children.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Infantile Chicken Broth.

Customer—What on earth is this broth made of, waiter? Surely it isn't chicken broth?

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Dangers of Skepticism.

Young men delight to call themselves "liberal," so "liberal" that they will give away the throne of eternal justice. What more could you expect in the way of "liberality?" The light of nature? This is the nineteenth century. Progress? Thousands of young men are going down under that process every day. Never until society goes back to the old Bible and hears its eulogy of purity and its anathema of uncleanliness, never until then will our cities be purified.—Rev. Edward Nelander, Lutheran, San Francisco.

A head full of prejudice has no room in it for the simplicity of Christ.—Rev. Frank Crane, Methodist, Chicago.

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"My wife is certainly a remarkable woman. That picture was taken all of five years ago, yet she is younger looking and handsomer today than it is."

Just then the westerner finished the Chicago story.

"Well, I don't think," he exclaimed loudly and emphatically, throwing the paper down upon the counter.

"What right have you, sir, to think anything about it?" demanded the actress' husband angrily.

"Who gave you control over my thinker?" retorted the astonished westerner.

"Think what you please to yourself, but you shan't insult my wife, sir," shouted the husband.

"Your wife? Where is she? Are you a lunatic?"

"No, sir, but you are a big bully," cried the husband, dancing with wrath.

The little woman behind the counter, who had been convulsed with laughter, tried to explain the mistake, but the indignant husband refused to listen. Nothing but an apology would satisfy him, and he made a dramatic exit from the gallery, saying that the westerner would "hear from him again." He went home and wrote a letter to the photographer saying that he had been insulted and threatening to withdraw his wife's custom if the apology was not forthcoming. The photographer was obliged to write several letters before he could calm the troubled waters. Meantime the Chicagoan went home, firm in the conviction that he had narrowly escaped hitting a crazy man.—New York Sun.

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6. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
9. (For adults) Drink no milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
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At the far end of the room was the wonder of the world, the peacock throne. Whether it is one of the seven thrones of the great mogul and was brought from Delhi I don't know, but it is certainly the most costly ornament that the eye of man can look upon. I inspected it most carefully. It is entirely of silver, a great camp bed structure, but modeled in lovely designs. It is incrusted from end to end and from top to bottom with diamonds.

At the back is a star of brilliants that makes you blink. The rug on which the shah sits is edged with precious stones, and the pillow on which he reclines is covered with pearls. I could keep on writing about the dazzling beauties of the throne of the king of kings, but I never could get beyond declaring it to be a superb jewel. Some people have valued it at £5,000,000. Its real value is between £2,000,000 and £3,000,000.

But, though the peacock throne is the magnum opus of the Persian crown jewels, it by no means extinguishes the magnificence of the other treasures. Who can attempt, however, to recount the number of bejeweled arms, the royal arms, the flashing aigrets, the trays piled up with cut and uncut stones and the bowls filled with pearls that you can run through your fingers like a handful of rice? Every one has heard of the Daria-i-Nur, or Sea of Light, sister diamond to the Kohinoor, or Mountain of Light. Every one has also heard of the Globe of the World, made by the late shah of 75 pounds of pure gold and 51,336 gems—the sea of emeralds, Persia of turquoises, India of amethysts, Africa of rubies, England and France of diamonds—and valued at £947,000.—Illustrated Magazine.

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