

A BLESSING, OR A CURSE?

WHAT SHALL BE THE EVENING OF OUR LIVES?

Address Delivered by H. Weinstock at the Friday Services at the Synagogue.

At the services at the synagogue on Friday evening H. Weinstock delivered an address on "Old Age—Shall It Be a Blessing or a Curse?"

There comes before my mind, said the speaker, the picture of an old man whose career is filled with many remarkable events. As a youth, he was full of energy and the spirit of adventure.

Not so with our adventurous friend who hoped against hope and who never despaired. Deeper and deeper did he find his way into the great mountains by which he was surrounded.

Everything he touched seemed to turn into gold. His hundreds came back to him as thousands, his thousands as hundreds of thousands and his hundreds of thousands as millions.

Think of it! What an advantage such a scheme would seem to many of us. For years and years we could go on leading thoroughly selfish lives.

It will assemble in this city on the 17th Inst. The Episcopal Convocation for Northern California will assemble at St. Paul's Church in this city on Tuesday, the 17th of this month, at 10:30 a. m.

It is good to see that the people of St. Paul's Church are planning to be at the convocation. From all over Northern California and Western Nevada large delegations are preparing to come to convocation.

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edifice is crowded to the very doors with a great multitude of friends of the young bride and groom and their families. Suddenly a side door near the pulpit opens, and out steps an intimate friend of the groom's family—an old family physician who, years before, had removed to another city, and who had come from his home in honor of the occasion.

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Youth has its charms and so has old age. Youth is attractive and so old age becomes a source of delight.

Let us remember that when old age shall have overtaken us, if we hope to still retain the sympathy of the young, we must educate ourselves to keep our spirit to-day, to-morrow, and all days.

Love, affection, sympathy, unselfishness, personal interest in others are qualities which, as a rule, cannot be formed in old age. The instances are extremely rare where men who, all their lives, have been selfish, have grown generous in old age.

After a life of three-score years and ten, the greater part of which had been spent in leading a thoroughly selfish, heartless, lustful career, years in which he might have enjoyed a life of purity, of benevolence, of kindness, of helpfulness, when his millions might have been used for the betterment of mankind, he found himself filled with despair; hated, despised, unloved, unloving, with wealth gone; health gone; friends gone; respect gone; with body shriveled and heart corrupted.

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