

WHAT WIFE SAYS "GOES."

But it Sometimes is Bad for the Painting.

When a property-owner knows nothing about paint it is bad for the property-owner, and bad for the painter. It would not be bad if the property-owner would always hire a skilled painter, and then really leave everything to him. But the house-owner so often fools himself on one or the other of these things.

The skilled painter in every community has some of the most incompetent competitors that ever vexed a conscientious workman or contractor, and the incompetent gets jobs generally by working cheap. In the next place, when the skilled painter is hired, they do not leave everything to him, as so many property-owners habitually do. They interfere most ignorantly and most fatally. They insist sometimes on using paint materials without investigating whether they are good or not. Or perhaps they insist on the painter's hurrying the work.

"I'm not going to have that painter's mess around my house a month," the wife says, and what wife says goes—at the cost of a lot of wasted painting money.

If the painter stays away a few days to allow the paint to thoroughly dry the owner says: "That painter's neglecting this work—guess he's sidetracking me for Jones' work. I won't stand it."

What chance does a painter have to do good work for a man who is continually nagging at him and otherwise handicapping him (without meaning it, of course)? A poor job is the inevitable result of such interference.

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ATTENUATED.



He—See, Samantha, that shows how terribly thin some folks are.

Easy. Once there was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had so many children that at first she didn't know what to do.

A friend of the family who happened to come along just then, however, made the following suggestions: To put one of them in a factory. To have a couple more operated on and otherwise fussed over by the doctor.

To put a couple of them in a coal mine. To send one to a modern public school. To bring up another on a pure food diet.

Which no sooner having been carried into effect than the old woman settled down to a life of ease and loneliness.—New York Herald.

Wanted: Looser Sermons. It was a proud boaster one clergyman made to two or three others who were having a quiet chat in his study the other night—namely, that he had so many on one occasion been asked to make a service, both prayers and sermon, a bit longer.

His brethren regarded him with an envious awe, and one asked, feebly: "Where on earth was that?"

"Well, boys," was the frank confession, "it was with a goal where I acted as chaplain for a short time. The poor beggars dreaded to leave the church for their cells."

The Trouble. A maid-servant in the employ of a Brooklyn woman was left the other day in charge of the children while her mistress went for a long drive.

"Well, Mary," asked the lady on her return, "how did the children behave during my absence? Nicely, I hope."

"Nicely, ma'am," Mary answered, "but at the end they fought terribly together."

"Fight! Mercy me! why did they fight?"

"To decide," said Mary, "which was behaving the best."—Harper's Weekly.

DIDN'T REALIZE How Injurious Coffee Really Was. Many persons go on drinking coffee year after year without realizing that it is the cause of many obscure but persistent ailments.

The drug—caffeine in coffee and tea, is very like uric acid and is often the cause of rheumatic attacks which, when coffee is used habitually, become chronic.

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"When I drank coffee I had sick spells and still did not realize that coffee could be so harmful, till about a year ago I had rheumatism in my arms and fingers, got so nervous I could not sleep, and was all run down. At last, after finding that medicines did me no good, I decided to quit coffee entirely and try Postum. After using it six months I fully recovered my health beyond all expectations, can sleep sound and my rheumatism is all gone."—There's a Reason.

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SPEAR AND TROWEL

Nehemiah Outgenerals His Foes and Builds Jerusalem's Walls.

BY THE "HIGHWAY AND BYWAY" PREACHER

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Scripture Authority — Nehemiah chapters 3, 4 and 6.

Nehemiah, the Man.—He was the son of Hachabiah, and apparently of the tribe of Judah, since his fathers were buried at Jerusalem, and Hachabiah, his kinsman, seems to have been of that tribe (1:2, 2:3; 7:2). All that we know certainly concerning this eminent man is contained in the book which bears his name. His autobiography first finds him at Shushan, the winter residence of the king of Persia, in high office as cupbearer to King Artaxerxes Longimanus. In the twentieth year of the king's reign, B. C. 445, certain Jews, one of whom was a near kinsman of Nehemiah, arrived from Judaea, and gave Nehemiah a deplorable account of the state of Jerusalem and of the residents in Judaea. He immediately conceived the idea of going to Jerusalem, and having obtained the consent of the king, he made the journey thither. Realizing that the one thing needful was the restoration of the walls of Jerusalem, he set to work with great energy so that the work was completed in 52 days. He reformed the civil and religious life of the people, re-established economy and justice, restored the temple services, and re-enacted the Mosaic covenant. Nehemiah himself returned to his post in the Persian court, after his sojourn in Judaea.

SERMONETTE.

Goodness that takes the fight out of a man when fighting is necessary is not the right brand of goods.

Iron is needed in the blood, as well as goodness, to make a man a tower of strength and the successful champion of a great undertaking.

Nehemiah was such a man. He had the quality of goodness which made him a reverent and devout man before God and a kindly, helpful man towards his fellow man.

But these gentle characteristics did not prove a weakness when it came to facing the forces of evil. He could be as stern and relentless as he was gentle and good.

He trusted in God, but it was trustfulness which kept his eye on the enemy and his hand on the sword to strike if necessity demanded.

He was such a type of man as God gave to the United States in the person of Washington and Lincoln, and the eulogy which President Roosevelt paid these two great men would apply equally to Nehemiah, when the president said:

"Each possessed all the gentler virtues commonly exhibited by good men who lack rugged strength of character. Each possessed all the strong qualities commonly exhibited by those towering masters of mankind who have too often shown themselves devoid of so much as the understanding of the words by which we signify the qualities of duty, of mercy, of devotion to the right, of lofty disinterestedness in battling for the good of others. Each had lofty ideals, but each in striving to attain those lofty ideals was guided by the soundest common sense. Each possessed inflexible courage in adversity and a soul wholly unspoil by prosperity."

How true all this is of Nehemiah, who sacrificed the luxury and ease of his palace position that he might become the great emancipator of his people at Jerusalem and lead them forward in that great reform which circled Jerusalem with a wall and the people with new loyalty to God's law.

Goodness is not measured by the length of prayers or the weight of personal virtues, but rather by the dynamic force which is operative in the affairs of men as a result of that religion.

THE STORY.

SANBALLAT, the Horonite, and Tobiah, the Ammonite, supposed after that first interview with Nehemiah that he was on their side, and that he was in league with them for their own purposes for Jerusalem, or trap into a compromising alliance with them, they did not with their customary keenness form a correct estimate of the man with whom they had to deal.

These two men were mighty men in the land and up to the coming of Nehemiah had maintained a sway over the city of Jerusalem and the country round it, and it was with ill-concealed hostility that they sought their first interview and took a mental measure of the man who had come all the way from Babylon upon some important mission. They saw that his credentials from the king were all right, and the presence of the king's soldiers prevented them from committing any overt act of violence.

Nehemiah made no response to their menacing words, and Sanballat and Tobiah, taking his silence to mean a recognition of their power, felt satisfied that they could have no further trouble and took their departure.

Nehemiah sat long in meditation. He realized he must act at once, and by his impetuosity and swiftness of action sweep the people into the carrying out of his plans. No time was to be lost.

With this impulse upon him he quietly arose, and swiftly making his way to the place where his trusted servants whom he had brought with him slept, he motioned them to follow him and went out into the city. No one saw them depart, and no one knew of their return, so that the secret visit to the ruined wall surrounding the city was not known to any save those who made the midnight journey over the dismal ruins. To a man of less faith and courage the project of rebuilding the walls would have seemed impossible. But not so to Nehemiah. "God hath put the purpose in my

heart to do this thing, and I am not going to turn back now that I have come thus far upon my journey," he muttered to himself as he sank upon his couch after his long weary night of inspection of the ruins, and had returned just as the dim gray light was beginning to creep into the eastern sky.

When God has a great project to execute and has inspired some noble heart to the work, how wonderfully the plans unfold, and the one upon whom the Divine commission rests finds that just at the right time the help he needs is extended. So it was in the case of Nehemiah.

As he lay on the couch there, not to sleep but to lay out a definite working plan that the great purpose of his heart might be realized, he wondered whether he would be able to win the people to undertake the great work. He did not doubt God or himself, but he did doubt the way in which his proposal would appear to the people.

"But I must make a beginning, for without the help of the people we can do nothing," he exclaimed, at last rising resolutely and summoning one of his servants.

In response to the messages which he instructed the servant to deliver there gathered a short time later all the nobles and rulers of the city, together with the priests and the Levites, to whom he frankly and fully unfolded his plans.

"Ye see the distress that we are in," he exclaimed, earnestly; "how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach."

Looks of wonder o'erspread the faces of the men before him. He could read in their expressions how perfectly impossible seemed the project. But he had won their confidence and sympathy in his opening words when he had identified himself with the city and its needs. He made them feel that in spite of the high place he held in the service of the king and the ease and luxury which were his back at Babylon he had voluntarily made the long journey thither, and in all the words of his appeal placed himself as one of them and indicating that he felt the reproach upon Jerusalem—the Zion of the Jews, the beloved city of their nation—as much as did they, perhaps more. For long residence in the presence of the discouraging conditions had developed an attitude of indifference on their part towards them. And so the fact that Nehemiah brought himself right down to the level of their needs impressed them deeply and won their confidence.

But with all the sympathy and confidence which they felt towards Nehemiah, how was the great task which he proposed to be carried out?

"Consider the vastness of the undertaking," exclaimed one of the nobles present, "and think how weak we are in the presence of the strong people among whom we dwell."

"But do you not forget that God is with us in this undertaking?" demanded Nehemiah, confidently.

And he went on to tell them of the tidings which had come to him as he served in the presence of the king, of how Jerusalem was in great distress and the wall broken down. How God had spoken to his heart and had prospered his way.

"The hand of our God was good upon me," he went on to say, "and the king spoke only words of encouragement to me, and as you all well know, I have authority with me to gather such material and such help as we shall need."

Silence followed the words spoken, but God was working upon the hearts of the men before him. "Come," exclaimed one of the number, rising and turning an earnest face towards his brethren, "let us rise up and build."

The words were but the expression of every heart present and they arose as one man and eagerly pressed towards the door.

That night Jerusalem was in an uproar of excitement over the announcement that work was to begin upon the walls, and everywhere the nobles and rulers and priests were busy organizing the forces and assigning the portions of the work.

So the work was begun and was being pressed with vigor, when reports were brought to Nehemiah that Sanballat and Tobiah were organizing a force to descend suddenly upon the workers upon the wall, and slay them.

Then did great fear seize hold upon those who labored on the wall, and the work all but ceased, but Nehemiah went among the people and said:

"Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses."

And it came to pass, when Sanballat and Tobiah heard that their plot was known unto Nehemiah and that the Jews were preparing to fight, that they failed to carry out their plan of attack, but nevertheless, Nehemiah caused half of those who wrought upon the wall to watch with spears and shields and bows and the habergeons while the others worked.

So was the wall completed. Blessed Ministries. There is a sphere continually around man in which he must sow freely if he would reap joyfully; in which he must give largely if he would receive plentifully; in which he must serve patiently if he would be treated lovingly; and in which he must bear bravely the burdens of others if he would move lightly under the pressure of his own. Unspeakably wonderful and beautiful are the ways of God in having bound man by such tender cords to such blessed ministries; by having established on earth an institution which constantly and mightily draws forth and trains to their full tension those unselfish affections, sympathies, and passions by which human communities are helped, blessed and saved.—Baldwin Brown.

Inevitable Spread of Evil. There is no sort of wrong deed of which a man can bear the punishment alone; you can't isolate yourself, and say that the evil which is in you shall not spread. Men's lives are as thoroughly blended with each other as the air they breathe; evil spreads as necessarily as disease. Every sin causes suffering to others beside those who commit it.—George Elliot.

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In a book on the laboring man, containing some excellent ideas, there appeared the following sentence: "What manner of woman is she who would turn her eyes toward other things, which would become ashes on her very lips?"

The flippant answer is, of course, "A cross-eyed woman.—Youth's Companion."

What He Lacked. It is related of a South American general, who was extremely well pleased with himself, that once, when about to sail forth to a grand dance, he surveyed himself contentedly in the mirror, and then soliloquized thus:

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