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VIEWSON EUTHANASIA

New York Pastor Advocates Easy Death For Incurables.

A MUNICIPAL PLAN OUTLINED.

The Rev. Merle St. C. Wright Would Divide City Into Districts and Have Scientists and Clergymen Pass Upon "Requests" to Die-Noted Physiologists Decried His Idea.

The address which attracted more attention than any other delivered at the recent annual banquet of the New York State Medical association held at the Hotel Manhattan in New York was made by a clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Merle St. C. Wright of the Lenox Avenue Unitarian church in New York.

He placed himself on record as favoring euthanasia, which in medical parlance is the putting of incurables to death. The suggestion which caused much surprise because of its source, was received none the less with hearty applause, says the New York Times.

Mr. Wright had previously suggested that doctors ought really to teach their patients more than they do and that they might look upon their profession a little more from the ethical standpoint perhaps. But when he touched on the subject of euthanasia he admitted frankly that it was simply a dream.

As a dream, however, he had no hesitancy in advocating the doctrine. He recalled an instance in which a man's life had been saved after a disaster at Spuyten Duyvil, and he said: "They did save his life, though for what practical purpose I cannot tell, unless possibly for a damage suit. I appreciate the practical difficulties in the way of the application of the doctrine, but it seems to me that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility. Of course it would be necessary to have the advice and approval of men of the highest scientific attainment. The city might be divided into districts, and every application should be considered most carefully, not merely by physicians, but by some eminent clergyman selected for the purpose. And, of course, there should be the consent of relatives and the consent, even the request, of the patient himself. But where all these conditions are fulfilled and where the prolongation of life is simply the prolongation of hopeless agony it seems to me that it would be proper that such a patient should quietly, decently, modestly, be allowed to end the sufferings. It seems to me that such a course would be a step forward in civilization and a step further away from barbarism."

One of the speakers after Mr. Wright was John S. Wise, a former congressman of Virginia, who said in part: "I cannot agree with some of the advice which some of your profession has received tonight. For either a lawyer or a doctor to give too much information to his clients or patients would be to give away the snap to the men who pay him. That would be destroying the goose that lays the golden egg with a vengeance. Still less do I favor the advice that when patients become practically useless to kill 'em. I know of a country where that custom is practiced, and if the gentleman is really serious in his advocacy of it I will use all my influence to secure him the mission."

"I have heard of a gentleman who spent one summer up in the arctic regions and got very well acquainted with a family of natives, which included the father of the household. When he went there the next summer he missed the old gentleman and was informed in a matter of fact way that the head of the family had killed his father. 'Yes,' he said, 'he got so old he couldn't work, and so I shot him.' 'Now, if any one likes that sort of way I guess that's just the way that I will suit him. But for some of us here I'm afraid the question would arise, Aren't we getting along pretty close to papa's age?'"

Here are the views of several New York physicians on the Rev. Merle St. C. Wright's theory: Dr. George F. Shady said that modern science tended to an exactly opposite course.

"We are giving to the weak the latest developments of practice and research," said Dr. Shady. "Persons once considered incurable are now amenable to successful treatment. It is absurd to discuss the dream of the clergyman with seriousness. Rather than a step further away from the barbarism, as he says, it is retrogressive toward the practice of elimination which yet holds in some savage tribes. It is to the glory of the medical profession that a case is not considered without hope until the last vital spark is extinguished."

Dr. E. C. Spitzka believed that it would open the door to a criminal condition. There would be opportunity to do away with diseased persons for ulterior motives.

"Who shall say that a person should be disposed of?" he asked. Dr. Gill Wylie said that no doctor is so infallible that he will say a disease is incurable.

"Nature, by kind provision, dulls the extreme sensibilities of many so called suffering patients. Their relatives and friends suffer more than they do," was the way he put it.

Dr. Andrew H. Smith recalled a case where a laborer, caught in a cleft in a ledge by the rock dislodged by a blast, was badly crushed. There was no way to rescue him except by other blasts, and he was relieved of his injuries, which were of themselves fatal, by death administered as painlessly as possible.

"Such a remarkable condition as that would be the only excuse," he remarked.

REVIVING GREECE'S SPIRIT.

American in Classic Dress Will Live in a Temple.

The London Chronicle's Athens correspondent telegraphed that he recently had an interview with Mr. Duncan, one of the Californians who made such a sensation in the ancient Greek city by walking about the streets in ancient Greek dress.

Mr. Duncan intends to build a studio and a house in the form of an ancient temple on a hill not far from the Acropolis on a site presented to him by the government. He says his family has come to Athens to study the old Greek spirit, which he believes to be identical with the modern spirit of Haecceitas.

To have healthy human feelings in your body, he added, you must wear rational, simple dress. The garments which his family wear were made in Athens with the exception of the sandals, which are of Mexican origin. At Athens even the Macedonian question pulls before the intense interest shown in the three Americans. The Roundabout Athenian Punch, which is entirely written in verse and intensely clever devotes the whole of one day's recent issue to the subject.

ODD DISCOVERY IN A TREE

Hiding Place For Plunder Found by Bee Hunters.

Bee hunters have discovered near Henry, Ill., an odd bee tree. It was found that a hollow space was lined with sheet iron, and upon further investigation there was detected a sliding panel skillfully covered with bark, says the Chicago Post.

It is believed that this tree was once used to secrete plunder. Thirty years ago a strange character made his home in the woods near the tree, and at times he made a considerable show of valuables. He disappeared as suddenly as he came, but he was careful to take all his property with him, as nothing of any description was found in the queer hiding place.

Markings of Alaskan Boundary Line.

The Alaskan boundary line, as it is figured out from the cabled award, is approximately 850 miles long, says a Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune. It is to be fixed for all time by the erection of monuments. These monuments will be placed at distances varying from one mile to five miles apart, according to the nature of the territory. These monuments will be of iron, if the policy adopted with reference to the Northwest Territories boundary is followed. The survey and erection of these monuments are to be accomplished under the direction of a joint scientific commission, of which the American members will be selected from the coast and geodetic survey and undoubtedly headed by O. H. Tittman, chief of that service. This work is to begin, under the terms of the treaty "at once," but is likely to last several years.

The Knight Rejected.

We believe that kissing is an English custom. We read in ancient history of a knight who visited the Field of the Cloth of Gold and who on being invited to a local castle was addressed by the "kynde lady" of the establishment, who remarked:

"Forasmuch as in England ye have such a custom as that a man may kysse a woman, therefore I will that ye shall kysse me, and ye shall also kysse these my maidens."

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STEVENSON.

So Limp He Looked as Though Just Fished From the Sea.

He was tall, thin, spare indeed, he struck me as almost fantastically spare. I remember thinking that the station draft caught him like a torn leaf blowing at the end of a branch.

His clothes hung about him as the clothes of a convalescent who has lost bulk and weight after long fever. He had on a jacket of brown velvet—I don't always come back in the recalled picture—a flannel shirt, with a loose necktie bunched into a sailor's knot, somewhat fantastical trousers, though no doubt this effect was due in part to their limp amplitude about what seemed rather the thin green poles familiar in dahlia pots than the legs of a human creature. He wore a straw hat that in its rear rim suggested forgetfulness on the part of its wearer, who had apparently, in sleep or heedlessness, treated it as a cloth cap. Then, however, were details in themselves trivial and were not consciously noted till later. The long, narrow face, then almost sallow, with somewhat long, loose hair, that dragged from beneath the yellow straw hat well over the ears, along the dusky hollows of temple and cheek, was what immediately attracted attention. But the extraordinary of the impression was of a man who had just been rescued from the sea or a river. Except for the fact that his clothes did not drip, that the long black locks hung limp, but not moist, and that the short velvet jacket was disreputable, but not damp, this impression of a man just come or taken from the water was overwhelming.—William Sharp in Pall Mall Magazine.

Thackeray's Mustache.

In a note on Samuel Laurence's portrait of Thackeray—that representing the novelist's face in full—the Illustrated London News of Oct. 13, 1885, says:

"It is not, we must confess, altogether true to his present appearance, for it wants a recent and becoming addition to the upper lip in the shape of a black mustache that contrasts most admirably with a head of silver gray, but it is like the man and will be welcome to his many admirers."

The reference here to the mustache is interesting for the reason that every portrait of Thackeray, with one exception, shows upper lip, the exception being Maclean's pencil drawing of the famous "Tittmarsh," which, however, belongs to a much earlier date—viz, about 1840—and in which there is just a suspicion of a mustache. Presumably the hirsute appendage of 1855 was merely a passing fancy, which the razor speedily disposed of.—Notes and Queries.

Shortly before Napoleon III. appropriated the vacant throne of France he one day asked a great lady to explain the difference between "an accident" and "a misfortune."

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