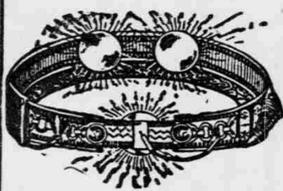


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Editor Advertiser: In your issue of the 5th inst., under the heading "Deadly Plant Blight Discovered in Kona," certain allegations are made, which, if allowed to pass unchallenged, may have a pernicious effect on more than one of the industries—other than sugar—to which attention is being given in this locality.

The article is, presumably, a resume of an official report made by Mr. Kotinsky—the outcome of his recent visit to Kona.

I quote the following:  
 "Mr. Kotinsky found both the 'guava scale' and 'green bug' infecting some vanilla plants and lime trees there." (Mr. E. H. Edwards' vanilla plantation.)

With regard to Mr. Kotinsky finding either guava scale or green bug on my vanilla, I give the assertion an unqualified denial.

When in correspondence with that gentleman, prior to his visit, I told him of a discoloration on the leaves which was new to me, and which was causing me some anxiety. This I pointed out to him on his visit; but it is as distinct from guava scale or green bug as "chalk is from cheese." I have since learned that the same blemish on the leaves is to be found on vanilla vines growing in Honolulu.

In another paragraph it is stated: "It was fairly established that the pest had come on vanilla vines from Fiji."

It would be interesting to learn upon what hypothesis this conclusion had been "fairly established."

When Mr. Kotinsky visited this estate, he found: a little green bug on three small lime trees that I brought with me from Fiji three years ago; a great deal of the same bug on a fairly large orange tree that had been planted before I went to those islands, and none of it on the vanilla—nor did he find any in Mr. Wood's vanillerie—the only other planter who has imported vanilla vines from that source. This being the case, to arrive at the conclusion that the green bug had "come on vanilla vines from Fiji" is a species of logic foreign to my education,

and difficult for the layman to understand.

Presumably to support the deduction, it is said I "uprooted and burned all the infected trees and plants."

I did uproot and burn the orange and lime trees, but my vanilla plants are of too great value to be consigned to the flames, unless there be cogent reasons for doing so.—Q.E.D.

There is also allusion in the same article to the green bug having been found on coffee trees. If such be the case, Mr. Kotinsky kept the knowledge to himself—as he did not mention it to any one of the planters with whom he came in contact.

It is not in my province to take up cudgels on behalf of those interested in this culture—they are well able to look after their own interests—but I can not refrain from saying, that to attribute the destruction of coffee in Ceylon to the green bug, is entirely erroneous.

In conjunction with my brother planters, I fought the disease which "wiped out the coffee industry in Cey-

lon" for nearly fifteen years. When I left that island—early in the eighties—the cultivation of coffee on nearly two-thirds of the estates had been abandoned. It was not until 1887, that Doctor Trimen, the Curator of The Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya, Ceylon, reported on the "green bug"—naming it, *Laccanium Viride*.

Asking you to give my refutation of the existence of this "deadly plant blight" on the vanilla vines in Kona, the same publicity that has been accorded the article that has necessitated it, I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. H. EDWARDS.

## PASTOR EDWARDS' ON REPENTANCE

Pastor G. D. Edwards of the Christian church had for his subject yesterday evening, "The Place of Repentance in Man's Redemption." Following is a synopsis of his discourse:

What is repentance? It is not sorrow for sin. Strictly speaking it is not even a godly sorrow for sin. A "godly sorrow worketh repentance"

(2 Cor., 7:10). Nor is it a reformed life, even in the first step of its living. This is the fruit of repentance. Repentance, strictly speaking, is an act of the will. It is a change of purpose, which naturally results in a change of action. But, in our loose way of speaking we are apt to include in our idea of repentance both a godly sorrow and the fruits of our change of purpose. Faith is rooted in our intellectual and affectual natures. Repentance is rooted in the volitional nature.

What is the value of repentance? Just what does it do toward our saving? It affects us rather than God, and what it really does for us is to secure spiritual union with God. The changing from our selfish purpose implies the changing to God's purpose, and making His will ours. When that is done He and we are spiritually one. We are the saved from our sins by entering into a holy purpose which is later to be lived out in a holy life. This is the accomplishment of the ethical, moral, psychical act called repentance. It is wholly different from penance. The latter consists in self-imposed suffering or tasks for the sake of securing merit.

Penance centers the attention in God as if He were the one needing to be influenced rather than emphasizes the radical change in the individual himself, where alone change is really necessary. Repentance is inward and vital. Penance is external and apt to be formal.

Is there no salvation without repentance? Our blessed Lord says not. Not only must the wicked repent, but all men everywhere. And why this? Not because God arbitrarily requires it, but because there is no one whose purpose has been steady to God's purpose as is the magnet to the pole. Because our wills have been selfish and contrary to His, change is necessary if His will is to become ours. This change is unworkable if we would pass from sin to holiness where we may find ourselves saved from sin and this change constitutes repentance.

No ordinary resolving is going to get rid of the results of our wild-out sowing. Nor will reaping save us from future harvests if the stalk be left rooted in the soil. We must dig down and uproot the source from whence the stalk springs. Penance we shall have to water the earth much with our tears before it will be softened enough that the uprooting can be done. Well for us if with all our care we can make the ground sweet again by our dying day.

Repentance is the pivotal point in man's conversion. Is it strange that it is over the one sinner who repents that our Savior says there is so much rejoicing in Heaven? How glad I am that the power to repent resides within us, and it is our privilege to give this exquisite joy to both men and angels. Will we not do it this Christmastide?

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