

Christian Life Column.

BLACK SHEEP.

From their folded mates they wander far,
Their ways seem harsh and wild;
They follow the beck of a baleful star,
Their paths are dream-beguiled.

Yet haply they sought but a wider range,
Some loftier mountain slope,
And little recked of the country strange
Beyond the gates of hope.

And haply a bell with a luring call
Summoned their feet to tread
Midst the cruel rocks, where the deep
And the lurking snares are spread.

Maybe, in spite of their tameless days
Of outcast liberty,
They're sick at heart for the homely ways
Where their gathered brothers be.

And oft at night, when the plains fall dark
And the hills loom large and dim,
For the Shepherd's voice they mutely hark,
And their souls go out to him.

Meanwhile, "Black-sheep! black-sheep!" we cry,
Safe in the inner fold;
And maybe they hear, and wonder why,
And marvel, out in the cold.

—Richard Burton, Atlantic Monthly.

THE DERELICT.

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"Sail on the starboard bow!" sang out the watchman to the officer on the bridge.

Soon the little speck came into range, and we noticed that the craft was acting very strangely.

As we drew nearer we saw that, although her masts were intact, her sails were literally blown to shreds, that her decks were almost even with the water's edge, that she was evidently waterlogged, and perhaps abandoned. For the sake of finding out if any suffering men were still on board, the Captain bore down upon the ship until one could almost throw a biscuit on her deck. But it was evident that there was not a sign of life about her. The last sailor had deserted her.

It was indeed a pathetic sight to see this once proud and trim craft, built to buffet the waves, at the mercy of the least of them; to see this once beautiful ship, with her fine lines and her shapely prow, built to pursue a straight and undeviating course from port to port, staggering and reeling like a drunken man under every puff of wind or tidal current.

The story needs only to be told to teach its own truth. The photograph of the derelict tells its own tale, and it tells the tale of many a fair, young life that is drifting, rudderless and pilotless—a derelict upon life's ocean.

All ships may be divided into two classes—the one class plying the ocean with some port in view, answering to their helm, guided by some master mind, following the direction which the magnetic needle points out, never far from the course laid down in the chart; and the other class, battered and beaten by wind and wave, deserted apparently by God and man, drifting aimlessly, a menace to every other vessel, but with no possibility of reaching a home port.

So, alas! may all lives be classified. There is the purposeful, resourceful life, that has an end in view, the life that is guided by great principles, and that has a home port beyond the stars; a life with a rudder, and a man at the helm; a life with a chart and compass to show how its course should be steered.

There is too, the other class of lives represented by the derelict, drifting on the trackless ocean; lives that are swayed this way and that by every passing breeze of circumstance; lives that apparently have no master mind at the wheel, and no definite object in view, and no home port.

This derelict which our Captain overhauled started out from some home port. Her owners foresaw no disaster. Her crew expected no shipwreck. This dismantled ocean wanderer came from the shipyard as trim and beautiful a craft as any. She was chartered and loaded, and she sailed with full expectation of reaching port. But the storm overtook her and she could not stand the stress of weather.

The saddest thing about the human derelict is that it, too, usually leaves the home port with high hopes and expectations. It is built to buffet the waves of adversity and temptation. It is provided by God with all necessary appliances for a successful voyage. Its masts commonly are stout, and its sails are strong. Its chart is correct and its compass true. There is no need of shipwreck or disaster, but the tempter of temptation arises. The storm and stress of untoward circumstance beat upon the human bark. Reason, prudence, and finally

hope itself deserts the craft. The Divine Pilot is never appealed to for guidance, and the human steersman becomes disheartened and discouraged, until the poor old wreck is deserted by its own Captain and goes drifting and reeling, this way and that, under the influence of passion and strong drink and sin, until its last hour has come and the world is forever relieved of the blight and danger of its uncontrolled existence.

Oh! the horror of such a fate! The woe of the human derelict! But this fate need overtake no young man or woman. No storm of life is so fierce that it need wreck the human bark. There is no temptation that cannot be overcome. There is no little craft that ever sailed from the heaven of home that could not have the great Captain of all life for its pilot, the Saviour of the world for its helmsman, the heaven of bliss for its port.

Thank God for this. Thank God, too, that there is no derelict on life's sea so old and weather beaten and battered and blown to pieces but if it offers a sincere prayer for help, and makes an earnest determination to steer Heavenward, can have the Saviour for its pilot, and can sail, if not over untroubled seas at least safely over every wave of temptation, until the harbor of eternal rest is reached, and the anchor is dropped forever in the haven and heaven of peace—Saturday Evening Post.

Little Folks' Column.

COLORED SUNS.

Other Planets Than the Earth Lighted by Blue, Green, or Red, as Well as by Yellow Suns

We are so familiar with the light of our sun, says Dorothy Leonard in the August St. Nicholas, that it is hard for us to realize that there are in the universe a number of suns which shine with blue, green, purple, yellow, or red light. These colors are noticed when we examine them through the telescope.

When we look at the heavens on a clear night we see a great many stars, more than we can possibly count; and all these, except the planets, are great, glorious suns, some of them many times larger than our own. Most of them shine with white light, like ours; yet there are a good many which, viewed through the telescope, are found to be of various brilliant hues. The most striking and beautiful effects in coloring are met with in what are called the double stars. There are stars which appear single to us, on account of their extreme distance, but on examination, are found to consist of two or more stars comparatively near together; and when one or both of a pair are colored, they are of course exceedingly beautiful. In the constellation called the Southern Cross, one astronomer discovered a group, too far away or too small to be seen with the naked eye, which appeared to him like an elaborate piece of jewelry! For among a number of the ordinary stars were five green, one greenish blue, and two beautiful red ones. In one of our northern constellations there is a large white star accompanied by one of a rich purple hue; in another a triple star consisting of an orange red sun, with two companions of a bright emerald green; while in another a double star has a large orange sun with a small blue mate.

Among the single stars, some of the brightest (which are famous enough to have old arabian names—given them before the Christian era) are of quite decided color. For instance: Sirius is bluish white; so also are Altair, Deneb and Vega; Arcturus is red; Capella is yellow; Rigel and several others are blue; and Aldebaran, Betelgeuse and Antares shine with bright red beams. If any or all of these stars have planets circling around them, as the earth and other planets revolve around our sun, the coloring must be brilliant indeed! In planets revolving around the double suns we can imagine almost anything. One sun might rise in orange, green, or blue, while another set in red or purple, and at times the two suns might mingle their beams, a red sun with a blue sun giving purple light for part of the day, or a blue sun and a yellow sun giving green light.

Changes have also been noticed in some of the colored stars; for we have ancient records of Sirius being a decided red, later it was white, while now it is a bluish white. Another star, now blue, changed from red to yellow before it reached its present color. It is generally believed that it is some condition of the atmosphere around these stars that causes the coloring; that is, that a red star has an atmosphere that absorbs all the rays of light except the red rays; a blue, an atmosphere that absorbs all but the blue rays; but how or why it is so, or why the colors should sometimes change, we do not know. We know enough, however, to show us that more wonderful things exist in the universe, and more wonderful changes occur than we could possibly imagine.

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Believing that no more important measure has been before the people of North Carolina for a score of years, we give in full herewith the proposed Constitutional amendment, which we expect to keep standing until the election in August of next year. It is not necessary for us to say that it should be carefully considered and that the voter should not allow prejudice to influence him in deciding whether or not he will support it. The act of the Legislature reads as follows:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

That article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

(Section 1) Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

(Section 2) He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for 2 years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

(Section 3) Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

(Section 4) Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language, and before he shall be entitled to vote he shall have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax as prescribed by law for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

(Section 5) No male person, who was on January 1, 1857, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1908, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State unless disqualified under section 2 of this article: Provided such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

(Section 6) All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

Section 7 Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this Article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as _____, So help me God."

(Section 8) The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or of any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the right of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Section 2. That all of the provisions of the Constitution relating to suffrage,

registration and elections, as contained in this act, amending the Constitution, shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1902, if a majority of the qualified voters of the State so declare at the next general election.

Section 3 This amendment shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the State, in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as is provided in the law regulating general elections in this State, and in force May 1st, 1899; and at said election those persons desiring to vote for such amendment shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "For Suffrage Amendment" thereon; and those with a contrary opinion shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "Against Suffrage Amendment" thereon.

Section 4 The said election shall be held and the votes returned, compared, counted and canvassed, and the result announced, under the same rules and regulations as are in force for returning, comparing, counting and canvassing the votes for members of the General Assembly, May 1st, 1899, and if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the said amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify said amendment under the seal of the State to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office.

Section 5 This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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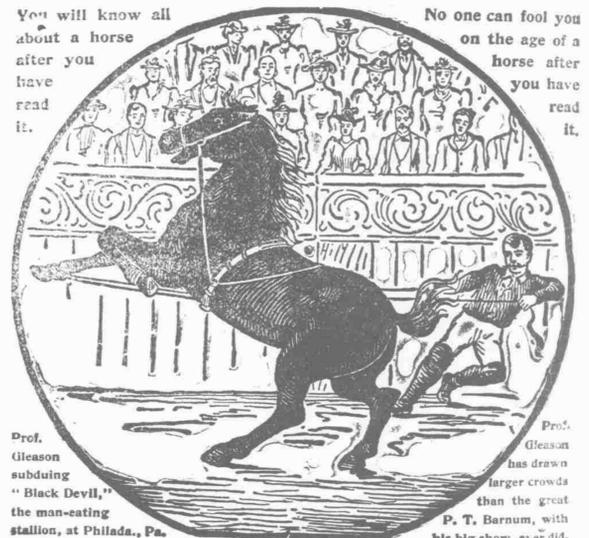
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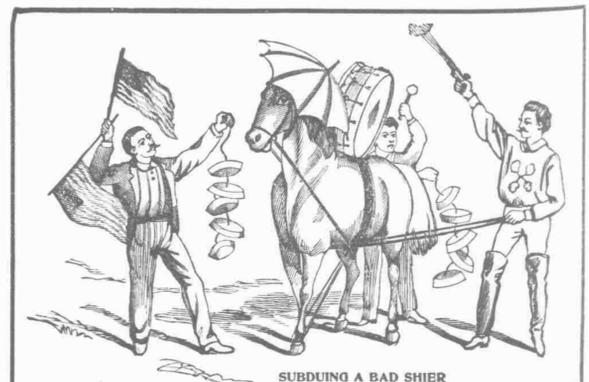
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