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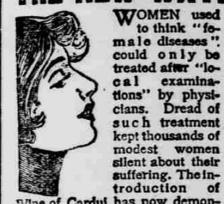
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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The first monument to the dead in the war with Spain has already been built. It stands in the suburbs of Cincinnati, and bears a tablet to the memory of the Sixth Ohio volunteers. It guards the entrance to Fort Thomas. It is 100 feet high and upon either of the four sides is a tablet 7x10 feet.

Now that the questions of war is settled, or practically so, the country can turn to other things, such as industrial improvements of various kinds. By the way, if the young men of the country would undergo half the hardships in real work for the establishment of industries here and there as the soldiers have to bear, there would be many a manufactory that is never heard of.

The safety of transportation is reduced to a fine point where proper care is taken. The way things are sometimes smashed up on railroads would indicate that few things are safe in transportation. Much depends, however, on how goods are packed or prepared for shipping. It was a careful crockery dealer who sent from one of the Atlantic states to a missionary at Teheran, Persia, last year 325 dishes with only one dish broken when opened. The goods were seven months in transit and were carried 800 miles by caravan.

If President McKinley had done as well in his appointments this year as he has in matters of war, he would have pleased the South better. Before the war was declared he did every thing possible to avert it, but when once it was declared he was not wanting a single day in earnest effort to have the conflict over as soon as possible. Nor did he do anything that could be regarded as lacking in prompt decision in his policy towards Spain. But the South will be slow to forget his policy in appointments to post-office service. He has perhaps appointed more negro postmasters in the South than any other President in twenty years.

THE COMMONWEALTH is very glad to see so many indications that Populists throughout the State are willing to return to the Democratic party, the true white man's party; but we must say that it does not look exactly right for them to come asking for certain favors and positions as an inducement for them to return. They left the Democratic party, they said, in the interest of good government and with no selfish motives; now let them return in the same way, for they certainly have not improved the government of the country by aiding populism and republicanism. Let all come back in the honest wish for better government, and have no quibbles over what any one shall receive for coming.

The law against cruelty to animals is perhaps more generally disregarded in this State than any other law on the statute books. Men overload, overdrive, half-starve and otherwise abuse their teams and go unmolested. This is wrong and the good citizens of the State in every community ought to see to it that more attention is paid to the observance of the law.

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FOR YOUNG MEN.

WHAT OFTEN TURNS THE SCALE.

The Forces That Shape Character.

BY PROF. JOHN MINOR.

Biblical Recorder.

An eminent philosopher has conceived of the mind of the child, in the dawn of its existence, as being like the polished surface of a marble slab awaiting the first impressions. Now, there are various channels through which impressions are made upon the child mind. The first and most important is that of parental training. Nothing so largely affects the life history of an individual as parental training. Hence the importance of right parental training should be greatly regarded, since it is not only the most potent factor in shaping the individual destiny, but it also, to a very marked degree, reflects the parental character.

But frequently we find parents whose abstract lives are most worthy of imitation, but, as in the case of Eli, of Biblical renown, there is a most noteworthy lack of parental restraint. It is very often the case that ancestral influences, handed down through the channels of heredity, are so very strong that only the most careful, assiduous nurture on the part of parents can ever hope to avert ignoble failure, much less to direct the life current of the individual child in channels which shall eventually terminate in a happy destiny.

Secondary to the influence of parents upon the life history of the individual is that of school life. From the fact that the teacher stands at the helm and guides the ship the influence which he may exert are very powerful either for good or evil. The influence of the teacher, like that of the parents, touches the character of the child in its formative period, hence, the training which he exerts and the influence which he exerts, act as a gigantic force either to uplift or to degrade. Therefore, since the influence of the teacher in moulding character is so very great, it should be well looked to.

But we must not ignore the very great influences which are wielded in the life of the student by his teachers. Doubtless most of the students exert over the entire student body. Frequently children from homes of refinement and culture come in contact, in the schools, with children from homes of degradation and dissipation—children who delight to revel in the use of obscene language and every other bad sentiment which the reverse of good taste and culture can possibly dictate. Very soon the evil effects of such association begin to show themselves in the lives of the other students. Hence, it devolves upon the teacher as an imperative duty to diligently counteract and circumscribe all such harmful influences if he would achieve the greatest good.

The next great factor whose potent influences are felt in the important sphere of character-moulding, is reading. Many a man now languishes behind prison bars or wears the heavy manacle all because a mistake was made just at this point. Detective stories of crime and robbery, dime novels, etc., should be assiduously kept from the hands of the young. Reading matter of the character indicated may not influence all who come in contact with it, so strongly as to cause them to commit some overt act, but it is sure to poison and defile their young minds to such an extent that whatever is good and ennobling will find no lodgment in their hearts. Then how very, very careful all fathers and mothers should be as to the character of the reading matter which they place in the hands of their children.

Now suppose that the children of some particular family were being trained along the lines indicated above, following the right and laying aside the wrong, and were obtaining propitious results, still there is another factor to whose influences in the formation of character the writer wishes to call attention. In this age of push and progress and industrial enterprise, the necessity is often created for the employment of mercenary assistance. Now, very often these employes are introduced directly into the families of their employers.

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THE FATHER THE PRIEST.

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Your Best, is Yourself.

Virginia and Pilot.

There is money; there is position; there is pleasure; and all these may be lawfully, honestly and justly yours, under certain conditions. But the conditions are indispensable. Without them none of them is yours either lawfully, honestly, or justly. On the contrary, to take any, or all of them, is to transgress law, honesty and justice and incur disgrace—disgrace that you know, even if you succeed in the additional false pretences that temporarily screen you from public disgrace, and bestow public honor upon you.

The conditions are hard, difficult and of doubtful accomplishment. Their evasion and the wrongful appropriation, of the goodly things rightly dependent on their performance are easy and tempting. What will you do? You have entered on life with high aspirations; your ambition is strong and active—daring; but your ambition is honorable, and your aspirations are infused and tempered by high principles. Your own soul and your preceptions, oral and literary; your own sense of honor; your moral, religious and intellectual being; all unite with the still, small voice of conscience to exhort you to keep the ways of truth and right at all times, in all things; you hate wrong, in word and deed, and you despise meanness and baseness with ineffable scorn and loathing; and you are proud of yourself, as you recognize your qualities, and feel keenly that outside of yourself there is nothing worth having that is not acquired in the most exalted development of the qualities, capacities, feelings and energies that make you what you are.

But there is the temptation. It confronts every man at some point of life, and most frequently at an early stage of his career,—although it may be that he is not the excellent person we concede you to be, but only so in a degree. Who resist and overcome this temptation? Alas! we are all too apt to follow the example of Adam and Eve, and fall headlong from our first estate! How will it be with you? Consider (what is infallibly true) that you have already discovered and agreed that you yourself are the most valuable possession you can own in this world, that it is the only possession you can carry with you through all worlds, that none but yourself can deprive you of it, and that you alone can depreciate its worth, or add to its value in this life, or the life to come. This is what you know; it is what every intelligent man knows, independently of divine revelation; and it is a knowledge fortified and illuminated by all inspiration, all nature, all reason and all experience.

Is that a sufficient defence against the temptation that assails you? It ought to be, one would think, but for so many sad examples to the contrary. To yield is clear loss and no gain; but our circumstances—our externals, our temporal necessities, and all the incidental and accidental exigencies of the world outside of us,—all these, trivial as they may be in reality, throng around and upon us, vex, worry and sting us; until in our passionate impatience we fling ourselves away for a consideration which vanishes at the very moment of our folly. And there is the secret of human weakness: we lack patience, and we cannot wait; we must change. In this mood, our highest virtues become most aggravating restraints, and the vilest vices seem to be but the sports of liberty. For the moment, we are insane, and would play the mad Malay, running-a-muck. It is all over, like a flash of lightning in the collied night; but the remediless and incalculable evil is done. The man is a wreck, and ruin forever! It is the final catastrophe.

Young man, remember and heed! If you are worth preserving (and no man can have anything more valuable to himself than his own being), learn to rate things justly, to avoid temptations, to loathe wrong and falsehood, and to wait patiently for the perfect flower and full fruition of the best that is in you,—your highest praise in a self-approving conscience.

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Edward Shields, VS.

Geo. W. Daniel and wife, Mary E. Daniel.

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W. A. DUNN, Commissioner.

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W. A. DUNN, Trustee.

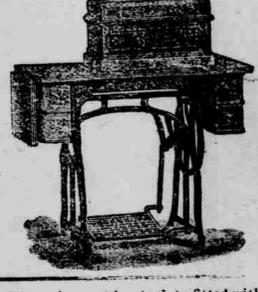
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