

The Orphans' Friend.

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STEWARDSHIP VS. OWNERSHIP.

We are not one of those who affect to despise wealth. Its possessors are fortunate in that it secures for them influence and enables them to assist worthy objects of enterprise and charity. A man's capacity for usefulness is greatly augmented by the possession of wealth; and so is his capacity for evil. Whether wealth be a blessing or a curse to its possessor, or to the community, depends upon the character of that possessor and the manner in which he uses his riches.

This statement leads to the idea of immense responsibility in connection with earthly possessions. The key to the whole matter, by which all the problems pertaining to it may be solved and all questions satisfactorily answered is found in the Bible doctrine that every man is the steward of his possessions, and that they are to be managed, kept or disposed of, under the authority of a superior, by whom a strict account will be demanded.

By the application of this test—stewardship rather than ownership—it is easily seen that none can rightfully withhold needed assistance from the destitute, that none can rightfully close his ears and his purse against the calls of charity and benevolence. We use the term *rightfully* with a full understanding of its import. The steward has no right to disregard the wishes of the proprietor, or to neglect his interests. Authority on the one hand and obedience on the other inheres in the very relationship, and it cannot be evaded.

By the light which this truth—stewardship rather than ownership—affords, is very clearly seen the folly of those who have inflated notions of personal importance because of riches, either inherited or acquired; the folly of supposing that an individual is better on this account, and that wealth either hides a defective moral character or in any sense atones for moral obliquity; the folly of fixing one's social status by the size of his purse or of supposing that his true worth is determined by his bank account. "Mr. A. is worth a hundred thousand dollars," or "Mr. B. is worth more than any other man in the county." Such remarks are often heard. They indicate a mistaken idea of the measure of true worth. A man may possess a fortune, and not be worth one cent to the community—he may be the foe of its highest and best interests, formidable in proportion to his wealth. The true worth of a man is not measured by his wealth. The true value of his wealth to himself and to the public is in proportion to his recognition of his relation to it as a steward.

TREATING.

On our first page the reader will find an article under the above caption--an abridgement

of an article published in a Northern exchange and credited to Dr. Deems. It handles the subject, which is frequently believed to be the occasion of no little fanaticism, in a moderate and sensible manner which will commend itself to all thinking persons, and will we trust secure for it a calm consideration. Many good people seem not to have reflected upon the evil consequences of this most useless and absurd custom. One prolific source of drunkenness, and the suffering involved in it, is the idea that it is a mark of hospitality to offer wine or strong drink and that it is a cause of offence to refuse. This idea prevails with reference to nothing else that men eat or drink so far as we are aware, and we suppose that it must be a relic of days long gone which has been perpetuated to the present because it ministered to the cupidity of some and to the depraved appetites of others. But our only design was to call attention to Dr. D's article which we trust will be read by all.

THE DULL BOY AND THE BAD BOY.

In a country school not far distant from Norwich was a half-witted pupil, who though a very poor reader, was obliged to read his passage of Scripture during the exercises preceding the opening prayer. Behind him sat a bright lad, in whom he placed great confidence as a helper when he wrestled with a new verse. One pleasant morning a verse in Job reading, "And God smote Job with sore boils," fell to the half-witted lad's lot. The bright lad helped him, and he delivered it thus to the astonished school: "And-ah God-ah shot-ah Job-ah with-ah four-ah balls-ah!" The announcement created the wildest tumult, and while the school was convulsed the bright lad whispered to the reader: "That was an almighty heavy charge, wasn't it?" Order had been no sooner restored than the reader, parrot-like, put the query to the teacher: "That was a' almighty heavy charge, wasn't it?" and order could not be restored again that morning long enough for the usual devotions.

A lady writes "My heart goes out to the young boys;" and well may every heart go out to the boys. No one so well knows as they who live in cities, the temptations which press the boys on every side. These temptations come often in the guise of what are called innocent pleasures, and as if it were not enough for the devil to do his own work through his own, even Christians are brought to help it on. But the snare beyond all others to boys in a city is the liquor curse in whatever form it is presented. The youth who goes the downward road in whatever direction always drinks—at least he comes to drink before he has traveled far. Before a lad has reached the stage of drink there is hope of him; there is little hope beyond. "He drinks!" those are words of doom; those words reveal a future prospect of utter wretchedness beyond the power of words to picture. And yet we are told that liquor must be sold and may be bought, this is an inalienable right of man. God help the boys! well may every heart go out to them. --N. C. Presbyterian.

THE BIBLE.

Reader! Do you prize, love, revere and humbly, thankfully and regularly read your Bible--the oldest, truest, and best of books; read it for the rules it gives for this life, and the hope it inspires for a better life to come? It is adapted to all classes and should be prized alike by all. Within the lids of the poor man's bible there is a treasure, a greater wealth of happiness, of honor, of pleasure, of true peace, than is concealed in all the mines of earth. These mines, however rich, cannot buy the pardon of sins, cannot purchase the favor of God, cannot secure rest for the weary sin-sick soul, but the Bible tells how all this may be procured. If a millionaire had died and you were named in his will, how carefully would you listen to, or read every sentence, every line, every word? But Christ has died and left a will; you are particularly named in it. Go read and study and learn where your treasure is, what it is, and how you may obtain it. Go quickly.

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LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Probate Court for Granville County, the undersigned commissioners appointed for the purpose, will, on Monday the 5th day of March, 1883, at twelve o'clock, m. sell at the Court House door, in Oxford, for one-third cash and the balance on six months credit with interest from day of sale at 8 per cent, the tract of land lately belonging to Booker A. Mitchell deceased, and assigned to his widow for Dover, containing about 155 acres. Said land is in Brassfields Township, adjoining Wm. A. Bobbitt deceased, Hickey White and others, and is sold for partition.

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J. S. AMIS, }

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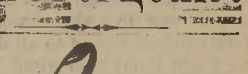
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