

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1897.

## WHEN IS A WOMAN OLD?

This query on my mirror hung:  
"When is a woman old?"  
It tells to me and long has clung.  
The answer must be told.  
  
Ah, some are old before half way,  
And some are never old,  
For these but laugh life's cares away,  
While yet both fret and wold.  
  
And it is no easy task,  
However well controlled,  
To answer one, if she should ask,  
"When is a woman old?"

The graceful ones are still young,  
And those alone are old,  
Who try to make themselves look young  
When age has taken hold.

The old in years who live among  
Those younger in their hearts  
Will find themselves remaining young  
Long after youth departs.

As long as women cling to youth  
And disregard their age,  
They never can be old, methought,  
Their youth fills up the page.

Yes, some are old before their time—  
Old age usurps their youth—  
And some are young beyond their prime  
Unless they hide the truth.

## THACKERAY'S MOTHER.

It was the mother's influence that remained with Thackeray through life. Divided by half the world, the child clung to her memory; the separation was followed by years of tender reunion, which ended only with his death. When suffering from the tyrant of a private school, "I remember," he wrote forty years afterwards, "kneeling by my little bed at night, and saying, 'Pray God, I may dream of my mother.'" The public school boy at Charterhouse wrote almost daily a sort of journal. For her the gay young man at Cambridge and Weimar found leisure to compile the most delightful pictorial episodes. On her second widowhood his house became her home. \* \* \* The tenderness of that beautiful mother went with him through his whole life. He was her only child; the same gentle eyes that filled with joy when he was born, wept with sorrow when he was laid under the sod. On the first anniversary of his death, she followed him to her own grave. "When I knew her," writes the family chronicler, "she was old, and her hair—of a lovely whiteness—contrasted with her fine eyebrows. There was a look of great refinement and nobleness about her." "Walk into the drawing room," writes Thackeray of the home which he made for his mother's evening of life. "There sits an old lady of more than fourscore years, serene and kind, and as beautiful in her age now as in her youth. She is as simple as if she had never had any flattery to dazzle her. Can that have been anything but a good life which, after more than eighty years of it, was spent, so to speak?"—Southern Churchman.

## LIFE'S LITTLE DAYS.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, running on for us. We cannot carry this load until we are three score and ten. We cannot fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all once; it comes only a day at a time. Even to-morrow is never till it becomes to-day, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass down to it a fair and good inheritance in to-day's work well done and to-day's life well lived.

It is a blessed secret, this of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Any one can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can grow sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. "Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand; if you saw them, God gives us might to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.—British Weekly.

## A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

Father of all, graciously look upon us as a family now seeking to behold thy face. As the morning light is thine, so the blessing of the whole day must come from thee. Guide us with thine eye, we humbly pray thee, and give thine angels charge concerning us, lest at any time we dash our feet against a stone. Above all grant unto us insights of the holy spirit. We do not pray for bread alone, but for the bread of life that cometh down from heaven. For one another and for our absent friends we would fervently pray. Bless the old and the young, and with the sick and the fainting be thou very gentle. Watch over those who are full of care and speak comfortably to those to whom wearisome days and nights are appointed. Sustain our successes, and may our failures teach us that it is not in man to direct his way. Go with the man to business, and may those who stay at home feel themselves under the constant care of God. The Lord undertake for every one of us according to our heart's desire and multiply unto us his grace, so that beyond all our want there may be an overflow of divine love. Amen.

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## WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

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(N. Y. Herald.)

The Price of wisdom is above rubies—Job xxviii, 18.

We no sooner hear that a man has died than we ask, How much was he worth?

The answer to that question depends on who gives it, and on the standpoint from which the man's career is observed or estimated.

If you or I were to give it we should probably have special reference to his financial condition. This is neither an natural nor improper. Money, when its aggregate assumes large proportions, indicates qualities of character which are necessary to the progress of the world. Large accumulation generally means shrewdness, ambition and persistency of purpose, and these attributes, together with the successes which attend them, have a stimulating and wholesome effect on the entire community. No one can accomplish great results in any direction without becoming a kind of electric battery, whose current thrills in the nervous system of thousands of others and rouses them to an activity hitherto unknown. One man's fortune acquired by hard work is an incentive to innumerable others, who have a like ambition and who seek the same end. Wealth means struggle with adversity, a hard fight with circumstance, and in the end victory.

I am not inclined to deprecate the pursuit of wealth, for in a certain broad sense the happiness of mankind is mixed up with our love of money. The realities of commerce are the mother of invention, one of the corner stones on which are reared the splendid institutions which are a blessing to all classes alike. Neither do I believe that the spirit of true religion is in any degree averse to that universal activity which, while it produces large fortunes for some, bestows a great advantage upon all.

Destry all love of money and we should revert to barbarism. One of our chief incentives would be lost. Curb the love of money, injecting into it that sense of personal honor which disdains trickery and upholds honesty in all transactions, and you stand as close to the millennium as human nature is likely to get for many a cycle to come.

But in admitting this I am not to forget that man is both a mortal and an immortal being. If he were merely mortal he might find some plausible excuse for neglecting more important matters and devoting himself exclusively to what gives him pleasure here and now. Since, however, he is immortal, a new series of considerations is presented; and they alter the whole aspect of the case. If we are to take a short journey we make preparation, and if we are to take a long journey our preparations will be of a different character. If we are to die at sundown, and not only this day but all days are to end for us, we may feel inclined to do many things which it would be imprudent to do if we are to live to-morrow and the next day, with a whole crop of consequences ripening in our fields.

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When, therefore, I ask an angel what a man's worth I am rather startled by his answer. He tells me that we are all worth what we can take with us into the next life—no more, no less. No man is worth a million dollars ten minutes after his death. The grave makes us all alike poor for as any bank account is concerned. When a man's body is in its coffin his dollars will buy nothing. He has lost control of the purchasing medium. There is no pocket in a shroud which will hold either stocks or bonds. He has suddenly been deprived of what made him the envy of his fellows during the years of his earthly life. Bodies and graveyards have no relation to each other.

When a man's feet press the other shore, therefore, he is to be reckoned as worth his qualities of character, for nothing else counts to his advantage. If he is sturdy, true, loyal, noble in soul, he is rich, whatever his previous condition has been, and if he is grasping, self-seeking, avaricious oravarious and wicked dishonest in soul, he is a poor poor man. His position in the next world will not depend on his ability to draw a large check in this world. The wealth of heaven consists of high thoughts, holy aspirations and memory of good deeds. If he possesses that kind of wealth he will be all right there, as he is all right here. If he does not possess it, he is all wrong here and he will be all wrong there. Forty creeds will not make him a nobleman in the sight of the Lord. Believing is nothing more than the plan of the house, but doing is building the house. If you stand before the Lord with a grand plan and nothing done about it, you will take great shame to yourself.

The whole matter can be summed up in a few words. Christ's purpose was to teach you certain principles on which to base a character. What He requires of you is the character, which is your life-work, and not simply an enumeration of its principles, which is merely your creed. Your money is a side issue; your character is the important thing. A man may make money, but he must leave it. If he makes character he takes it with him.

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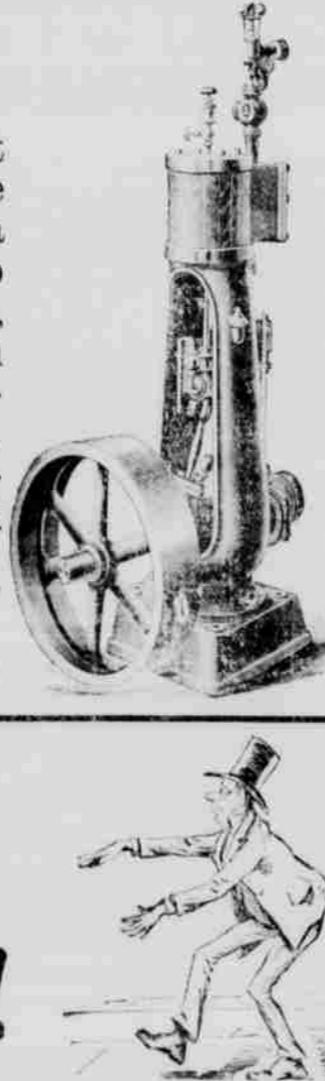
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