

Fire-side.

THE BOOK OF HEAVEN.

BY MADGE ELLIOT. The sun was sinking in the west. And brighter than the rarest gems...

W. C. T. U.

MY LAST GLASS.

From early childhood I was permitted to partake occasionally of the different wines...

I was fast becoming what some of my chosen companions called "a convivial fellow," and was silly enough to be pleased with the appellation...

Grace Stanley was a girl of eighteen, and peculiarly attractive in person and manner. We were naturally thrown much together...

Grace never took wine with us, and when I was in the act of lifting a third or fourth glass to my lips, I had more than once observed the sweet, brown eyes of our visitor fastened upon me with a beseeching expression...

One day we had been on a little rambling excursion, and returning after the hour for luncheon had passed, stopped in a rural bowler on our own grounds...

I seated myself opposite my companion, and filling a glass, offered it to her, though knowing, of course, that she would decline, as was her custom...

She became unconscious, and on my summoning aid was immediately taken to the house, a physician called. For several days she was so ill that I was not permitted to see her...

When Grace began to get better, my mother allowed me, in company with herself, to visit the sick-room. I was greatly shocked at her paleness, and troubled by her constrained manner...

Soon after, the patient gained strength sufficient to take exercise on the verandahs and terraces. And I was ever ready to attend her in these walks, sometimes with my mother, and sometimes alone...

She confessed having felt anxious for some time lest my fondness for wine should become a fatal temptation to excess. She had observed with distress that I was almost unconsciously increasing the amount from day to day...

Oh, the distress of my beloved Grace as she disclosed to me this sad history! adding that at the time of our garden luncheon, as I raised the glass with such seeming assurance of safety, her mother's dread came vividly before her, and her excited imagination there lay coiled in the bottom of the glass which the next instant I would have drained to the dregs...

It is needless to say that I never resumed the habit of drinking, thus timely broken in upon; and to my darling wife as an instrument in the hands of our Heavenly Father, I owe it that I am not now a drunkard, making all about me wretched, instead of the happy, Christian husband that I am, respected and beloved by three noble sons, and equally honored by their fair sisters, who are never tired of hearing how their mother when a young girl saved me from disgrace and ruin.

The Beginnings of Sickness. Never trifle with what are called small ailments. A disorder easy of control at first, if neglected for a few weeks may become a mortal disease. Be especially careful not to let debility gain upon you, for it is the door through which all maladies enter the system...

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OUR DUTY.

Many persons think if they do a large amount of good in this life it is all that God requires of them; but to do our duty humbly, faithfully and bravely is in His eye a higher and more sublime service.

With this class such service would have its objections, as the path of duty is too often a thorny or stony one, and at the end of it they do not always find the laurel wreath of man's appreciation.

It pays better, too, they think, to go blindfolded through the by-ways of want and affliction, and upon the city's great pinnacles flaunt the gray flag of ostentatious charity and Christian benevolence; for then it will be seen, and their name will be emblazoned in purple and gold as one of the great benefactors who have glorified their race and generation by a thousand deeds of love and mercy.

Centuries ago a great man committed the same mistake in thinking high worship and sacrifice, and incense and burnt offerings were more acceptable to God than simple duty that lay daily in his path unheeded. This error was severely rebuked by God, who would rather have seen the heart right than all this ostentatious display of outer reverence.

David knew better; he thought his men should be rewarded for an humble and patient performance of duty to whatever post they might be assigned, menial or otherwise, as well as for active service in the world-lauded victory for which their names were to be made immortal. We believe God's measurement of reward is by a similar standard of judgment and justice, not by the false estimate of man's recognition. The patient, unceasing care of the watcher over the helpless suffering invalid, whose every need through long-vigiled nights and weary days has been uncomplainingly and faithfully supplied, is crowned a victory by God as surely as the great leader of a mighty nation or army, who has, to the best of his ability, discharged the severe and arduous duties that have fallen to his lot, and is as sure of the "Well done" plaudits as if his little sphere had been as perilous and responsible.

The highest knowledge we should seek should be to know what duty is and wherein our individual path it lies, and how to discharge it.

The writer once knew a lady whose soul was so fired by missionary zeal that she had no time, no means, no sympathy to expend upon suffering in a more limited and obscure field, and when appealed to for money to alleviate the distresses of a poor aged friend, she could not stoop to redress human woes in so narrow a sphere, but kept herself for a grander investment that would win the public recognition. Where in her Bible did she find such teachings, and how does she define Christian love and charity?

Duty was the watchword of the immortal Leo, and few men have ever been so faithful in its performance as was this noble Christian warrior and teacher. Thrice blessed is he who walks ever in the pathway of duty, for before him lies that "exceeding great reward" which so far surpasses any mere earthly recompense of which we can conceive.

ARABIAN MAXIMS. Thanks are, frequently, no more than a secret desire to receive greater benefits. Choose your friend early, because life is short. Death is nearer to us than the eyelid to the eye. The world is a field sowed for another life. The most miserable disease is ignorance. All secrets, which pass beyond two, make themselves known. Where the heart is inclined, there also will the feet be turned. Prefer the day of to-day to that of to-morrow. He who is of unknown origin is discovered by his works. The little which suffices, is better than the much which disturbs us. The best of riches is contentment; the worst of poverty is low spirits. Labor for this life, as if thou wert to live forever; and for the other, as if thou wert to die to-morrow. Guard thyself from anger, because its beginning is madness, and its end repentance. Gratitude perpetuates benefits. Follow truth, and liberty will follow you. The beginning of piety, is to fly from sin. The devotion of a man is conformable with his belief. Faith profits nothing without piety. Never expect praise, unaccompanied by censure, until after death.

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