DANGEROUS PLEASURES

Sybaris was a great city and it once sent out three hundred horsemen in battle. This fact is ministered to those who had taught the horses of the army a great trick and when the old minstrel placed a certain tune the horses would rear and with their front feet seem to beat time to the music. Well, the old minstrel was offended with his country and he went over to the enemy and he sang to the enemy. You give me the mastership of the army and I will destroy their troops when those horses hear some from Sybaris. So they gave the old minstrel the mastership and he taught all the other minstrels a certain tune. Then when the cavalry composed of sons of the old minstrels appeared the other minstrels played a certain tune and at the first strain, quicker than the flash of light, the horses started to rush to the conflict, the horses reared and beat time to the music with their hoofs and in disgrace and rout the enemy fled. All my friends I have seen it again. The minstrels of pleasure are the minstrels of dissipation. The minstrels of godless association have influenced people to the battles fought in the Revolutionary war, the battle of the Boyne.

How many people in Asheville have stepped from the ballroom into the grave? Consumptives and sufferers neuralgia are now on their track. Most many of the glittering scenes of social life in America diseases state on right and left and balance by them. The breath of the sepulchre floats up through the perfume and the heart of Death lap bubbles on in the champagne.

RELIGION AND WEATHER.

Religion does not cease in summer time. She never takes a vacation. The devil never leaves town. The devil never leaves town. The child of want living up that dark alley has not so much fresh air nor sees as many flowers as in winter-time. In cool weather the frost blossoms on the window-pane and the snow falls in wreaths in the alley. Cool pity the wretchedness that pants and sweats and festers and dies on the hot pavements and in the suffocating cellars of the town.

We are tempted to think that souls from this world will more promptly be in the summer than in any other season and we cannot afford to die at a time when we are least alert and worshipful. At mid-summer the average of departures is larger than in cool weather. The sun-stroke, the dysenteries, the fevers, the cholerias have affinity for July and August. On the edge of summer Death stands whetting his scythe for a great harvest. We are most careful to have our doors locked and our windows fastened, and our "burglar alarm" set at times when thieves are most busy and at a season of the year when diseases are most active in their burglaries of life we need to be ready.

The crops in the eastern and middle portion of the State are the best known for years. In our section the tobacco crop is short, but all others are fine. The corn acreage is greater than usual.

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