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LETTER FROM DOG-KILLER.

Happiness, What It Is and How to Obtain It—What Great Men and Women Have Said On the Subject.

Mr. Editor:

As I have been requested to write a number of articles for the Reporter during the year, to begin with, I send you a few thoughts on happiness. As happiness is or should be the chief concern of life, both here and in the life to come and everybody wants to be happy, I want to say that I wish you and the many readers of your paper a "Happy New Year." But this wish conveys nothing of value to any of you, save a knowledge of the fact that you all have my good will. So I accompany my wish with some suggestions which I trust may help you all to attain to and enjoy the thing I wish, namely, "Happiness."

It is supposed that there are about 250,000 or less real thinkers in the country. And for nearly twelve months I have been gathering up and keeping as precious jewels what some of these people have said about Happiness. I subjoin a few of their sayings.

In the Chicago Examiner, Rev. Theo. Gregory, in answer to the question: "How is happiness to be found?" says: "There is but one answer—it is to be found in peace with one's self. * * * Peace with one's self! That is the only real happiness."

"Some have tried to find the summum bonum along the way of ambition and glory. But Caesar ran up against an assassin's dagger. Hannibal wound up by committing suicide, and the great Napoleon died broken-hearted and miserable upon a lone rock in the sea.

"Others have sought happiness along the way of beauty, but history tells us that miserable was the death of Cleopatra, and Nell Gwynne, Alcibiades and Abelard. In bitter disappointment died they, one and all. Where, then, shall happiness be found? There is but one answer—in the eternal sacrifice of self.

"He is happy who does not care to be happy; who is so busy thinking of others that he has no time to think of himself—who finds the only happiness he cares about in being the means of happiness to others.

"To know that you have done your duty—that you have not forgotten father or mother, or wife, or children or friend—that you have always acted out of your better part when conscience has sounded her bugle-call—that is happiness, the only kind of happiness that is worth taking account of.

"Throw self, like a rock, into the sea, forget all about your little personal interests, make your joy the joy of the great humanity to which you belong, and your cup there will be no bitterness, in your life no disappointment or regret.

"I know this—and what I know I tell to the world, without money and without price."

Dr. E. D. Eldy, Salinas, Cal., says: "Happiness is living in exact accord with the Creator's design—Perfect understanding and mastery of self."

J. E. Walters, Enid, Okla., says: "To be happy we must first do some good act."

W. D. Miller, Sarco, Mont., says: "Happiness is a smiling rose, A queen in nature's fair domain; Yes, it's there, and all those Who search, search not in vain."

Lena E. Fuller, Rogers, Ark., says: "Happiness is living in harmony with your environments." Mrs. E. Heiner, Lincoln, Neb., says: "True happiness is found not in indulgence of pride and luxury, not in momentary pleasure, not in gratifying our physical desires, nor can it be gained in any exterior enjoyment. True happiness comes from within. Obedience perfect and perpetual to the voice within."

F. E. Burrow, Lono, Ark., says: "Happiness is the chief purpose of life, and one's own happiness is frequently the result of the happiness of others."

S. S. Hughes, Philadelphia, says: "Happiness is the daily consciousness of work well done."

D. Alexander Kelly, Waco, Tex., says: "Our happiness here and hereafter consists in improving the now."

Beatrice F. Phillips, San Francisco, Cal., says: "There is no greater happiness to be found on earth than that born of the thought that you have imparted happiness to a fellow being either by a word of good cheer, a kind deed or by an act of self-sacrifice."

William E. Towne, Editor "Points," a magazine of advanced thought, Holyoke, Mass., says: "Real happiness is that content of mind which comes from a conscious union with the Supreme Principle of Being—a willingness to let this principle find expression through us."

Here, I pause to say that both Mr. Towne and his wife, Elizabeth, are two of the leading thinkers of the land. Many times have I feasted on rich gems of thought from their fertile brains. Mr. Towne says that the chief purpose or aim of life is to express as fully as possible the Divine Principle in which we live and move and have our being."

Some one said: "Be good and you will be happy."

A. P. Barton, Editor of "Life," a magazine of advanced thought, Kansas City, Mo., says: "Happiness is a state of felicity and satisfaction with one's lot, environment and progress through effort. Full gratification of every desire would not result in happiness, but in stagnation and misery."

Allen Haddock, Editor "Human Nature," a phrenological magazine of advanced thought, San Francisco, Cal., in speaking of happiness says:

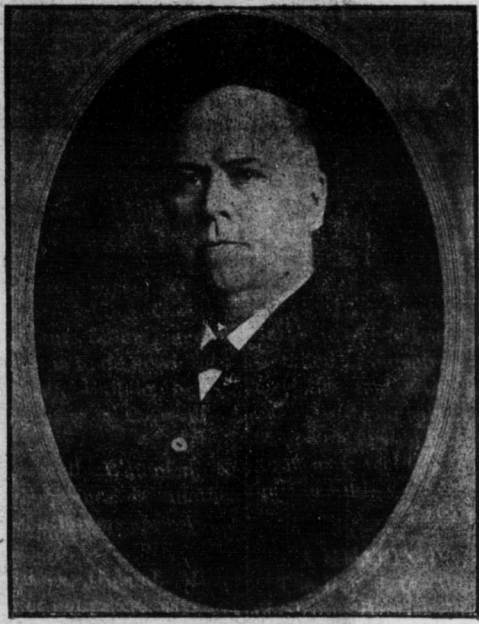
"'Tis not to any rank confined, But dwells in every honest mind."

Then Mr. Haddock adds: "The greatest amount of happiness arises from the exercise of the superior organs of the brain, namely, the moral and religious faculties; and the chief aim in life for persons so well endowed, is to do good and lead men into those higher latitudes in which they themselves have found such untold pleasure."

Dr. Edward H. Cowles, Editor of "Thoughts New and Old," a magazine of progressive thought, Santa Cruz, Cal., says: "Happiness is the realization, appreciation, and enjoyment of what we have every hour and day."

Dr. Geo. F. Butler, Editor of "How to Live," a magazine of right living, Chicago, Ill., says: "Happiness consists in properly treating what we have, and does not depend on the treatment of what we have not. I mean by this a gladness of heart and soul regardless of possession or the vicissitudes of life. It is a condition of being—something that comes from within and not without."

GOV. GLENN MAKES HIT AT WASHINGTON



"I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR THE SUNNY SOUTH, BUT I SAY THAT THERE IS NO DANGER OF THE ARMS OF THE SOUTH EVER BEING RAISED IN ANY CAUSE EXCEPT FOR THE HONOR AND GLORY OF THE UNION."

The above words were spoken by Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, at Washington, in an address to the National Guard Association, last Wednesday. The eloquent words took the members of the Association by storm.

The guardsmen cheered again and again. It was probably the most marked demonstration of spontaneous enthusiasm seen during the whole session of the convention. The declaration came at the close of a forceful refutation of the argument that great stores of arms, ammunition and other military equipment should be placed in State armories for fear that they might be used in rebellion against the general government. Governor Glenn referred to the civil war and to the evidence afforded in the Spanish-American war of the healing of the wounds of internecine strife and of the demonstration of the existence of the brightest patriotism in every section of a united country.

Speaking of legislation in behalf of the national guard, he said he had personally been assured that it would receive the heartiest support from the Senators and Representatives from North Carolina. The Governor said he was heart and soul in favor of everything tending to further the interests of the national guard. "I revere every man who belongs to it," he said, whether he came from north or south of the Mason and Dixon line."

Some of the visiting North Carolinians attribute the selection of a Southern city as the next place of meeting to Governor Glenn's speech. Three cheers were given the Governor at the close of his address.

Harry Gillington Brook, Editor "Care of the Body," says that the chief aim of life is to "think to do a little good everyday, first to one's own and then to one's neighbors."

Prof. Edward B. Warman, Los Angeles, Cal., says: "Happiness is the consciousness of doing our duty. Our greatest happiness is reflex: It is that which comes back to us from the joy we have given others."

S. L. Roberts says: "Happiness consists in loving God supremely and our fellow men as ourselves: this is to do good."

Mary J. Scott, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Happiness is the soul of well doing."

Frank B. Odell, Waterson, N. Y., says: "Happiness is another name for a continuous approval of the conscience."

Henry Pittock, Holland, Mich., in speaking of happiness says: "I am now enjoying much of it and have been for years. I will give a receipt that I find never fails, and may it find lodgment in many minds: 'Christ for me, Christ in me, complete in Him.'"

R. J. Raymond, Raymond Inst., Minneapolis, Minn., in speaking of rest and happiness:

"Rest is not quitting The busy career; Rest is the fitting Of self to one's sphere."

Count Tolstoi says: "Human happiness is only attainable when

each individual will do his utmost—one in the workshop, another in the field and another to compose sonatas. It only matters that each fulfills his duty, creates some good positive, and rest will come of itself."

While I do not pretend to put myself alongside of, or in the test with all these thinkers, I wish to say that my idea of true happiness is: that holy and peaceful calm that comes to us from a knowledge or consciousness that we have been and are discharging all our duties to our fellow man, to our God and to ourselves. This is to meet the end of our being, or fill our mission on earth and be free from an accusing conscience, and know and feel the value of the human soul.

DOG-KILLER.

A HEALING GOSPEL.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all Drug stores. Price 50c.

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- Mr. J. Spot Taylor Sold 4,837 Pounds at Brown's Warehouse For Which He Received \$837.21
- Mr. J. Spot Taylor, of Danbury, Stokes county, sold at Brown's Warehouse yesterday 4,837 pounds of leaf tobacco from which he realized \$837.21. The poorest lot brought 8½ cents per pound and the best 50 cents per pound. The entire lot was strung out in piles in one long row clear across the warehouse floors and the bidding for it was quite lively.
- It is well known that Mr. Taylor is the largest grower of leaf tobacco in this region and the most scientific and successful.—Winston Journal.
- The spring term of Stokes court will convene this year on May 7th. Judge R. B. Peobles, of Northampton county, will preside over the term.