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HAPPINESS IN REALITY.

Was it not James Mill who said that, after the first fresh experiences of youth life has no solid pleasure to offer—with the necessary anxiety that, as the novelty of sensation makes the whole of its worth, after reiterated experience blunted the sharp edge the act of living becomes then a mere act of suffering, where patience is the highest virtue and dignity under the unthought pain of existence the most efficient proof of mental strength.

Like every theorem that has ever been propounded, this has its mixture of truth and falsehood. Of a surety the first fresh sensations of youth give the largest amount of physical and even imaginative enjoyment. Those of us who remember our early childhood must remember how we "tell in here" with certain things which we gave a beauty that did not exist and qualities they never had.

Aristotle made happiness to consist in the exercise of virtue and living up to the highest idea of excellence. The Cynics placed their idea in self-control, self-abnegation and "doing with" like the higher order of Buddhists. The later stoics let in free will and made their happiness identical with good adding a poetical religiousness which the Cynics missed. Epicurus crystallized the theory which had been floating about the philosophic world before he undertook to enlighten men, and made the standard of virtue and vice to be measured solely by pleasure and pain. "Pain is the only evil pleasure is the only good. Virtue is an end in itself to be sought; vice is an end in itself to be avoided. The motive for cultivating virtue and banishing vice arises from the consequences of each as the means of multiplying pleasures and averting pain." But it is a great error to suppose that in making pleasure the standard of virtue, Epicurus had in view that elaborate and studied gratification of the sensual appetites that we associate with the word Epicurean. And he, too, recommended the narrowing of the desires to the power of fulfilling them; "cutting; ones cloak according to one's cloth;" putting aside, as superfluous and delusions, all "exaggerated aspirations for wealth, honors, power, &c. in all which the objects appeared most seductive from a distance, having man to lawless violence and treachery while in the reality they were always disappointments and generally something worse."

He also placed part of human happiness in deliverance from the delusions of fear—"Fear of death and eternal suffering after death, as announced by prophets and poets, and fear of the gods"—who "neither suffered vexation themselves nor caused vexation to others, neither showed anger nor favor to particular persons." The Son of Man gave human happiness as the result of love of God—finding it at hidden peace and wisdom which, when found, no earthly misfortune can take away, nor from which can any earthly seductions draw the soul aside. But in all cases we are confessedly in search of happiness—not pleasure, not enjoyment—but happiness.

No aphorism is so trite as that which makes freedom of the will—i. e. self-mastery, an essential for happiness. Where a man is the slave to his passions, his desires, even of his habits, he cannot know that freedom, that enlargement which is to the mind what unchained motion is to the body. "I would to what I pleased, and doing what I pleased I should have my will, and having my will I would be contented, and when

one is contented there is no more to be desired; and when there is no more to be desired there is an end to it." Here speaks the undisciplined clown who places happiness in self-indulgence, for the clown's reward; but the freedom of the soul which Lovelace exalted together with his freedom in love, is a higher state and brings a higher guardon. Conceive a man a slave to passion—envy, revenge, avarice, hatred, unfulfilled ambition; or to any form of sensual desire, from the love of good eating downward; where is his happiness? At the best in fragments, transitory and unstable, and only found when he has touched the one moment of completion. Like the stone of Sisyphus, which rolls back from the mountain top so soon as it reaches it, his enjoyment dies with that moment of completion; and satiety, alternating with feverish longing, can scarcely be said to constitute happiness.

Changes in the School Law.

Superintendent Joyner has given out the following interview, summarizing the ten changes made by the Legislature in the school law of the State. They are as follows:

"1. The amounts that may be set aside from the school fund for building school houses are limited to twenty per cent of the total fund, where the fund does not exceed five thousand dollars, sixteen per cent, where it does not exceed ten thousand, ten per cent where it does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and seven and one-half per cent, where it exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars.

"2. The building of all houses is placed under the direction of the County Board of Education and must be in accordance with plans approved by the County Board and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The County Board pays not exceeding one-half the cost of building and the school district pays the other part. All contracts for building must be in writing and all buildings must be inspected, received and approved by the County Superintendent.

"3. The time of meetings of County Boards is changed from second to first Monday.

"4. In counties having more than four months' school term in some townships and less in others, one-sixth of the total fund is to be set aside, if necessary, to aid in bringing all districts in the county to four months.

"5. Two hundred instead of one hundred dollars may be used by a county for a summer school for teachers, affording opportunity for a month or so instead of an institute of one week.

"6. School districts may be formed out of portions of contiguous counties by consent of the two County Boards of Education.

"7. County Superintendents are required to attend one annual session of State Association of County Superintendents and allowed traveling expenses.

"8. In counties with a total fund of over fifteen thousand dollars the County Board of Education may employ County Saperintendent for all his time at such salary as may be fixed by them.

"9. No child with negro blood in his veins, however remote the strain, shall attend a school for the white race.

"10. Annual statements of the receipts and disbursements of the Board of Education are required to be published."

Schools.

"The school ought to have for its ultimate aim to assist each child to grow into the best specimen of man or woman that native endowment and necessary circumstances will allow. The supreme test of its value is not high per cent. of its scholarship, its rapid promotions, but the growth of its pupils in knowledge, strength and right choice and purpose, in all that pertains to personal, social, and civic righteousness."—E. C. Hewett

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The Three R's.

It has been well said by Dr. J. E. Simons, that the three R's are reliance, rectitude, and responsibility.

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Rev. S. Morgan Smith Dead.

Rev. S. Morgan Smith of York, Pa., one of the largest Water Wheel manufacturers in the United States died in Los Angeles Cal., Sunday. Mr. Smith was a native of Davie county and has a brother living near Redland, L. M. Smith Esq. Mr. Smith left Davie county since the war a poor man. He was rated at a million or more several years ago. His success has been remarkable and is an illustration of what pluck and energy can accomplish. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved relatives. Mr. Smith was a Moravian preacher.

There is not much to encourage our Democratic friends in the election held last week in the North West.

A Great Sensation.

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General J. S. Carr has selected the Southern Railway, via Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile as the official route for his Annual "Confederate Veterans' Special" which will consist of first class day coaches, and Standard Pullman Cars to be handled through to New Orleans without change. This special train will leave Raleigh, N. C. at 3:52 P. M. Sunday May 17th, 1903 and will reach New Orleans about 8:30 P. M. Monday May 18th. Berth rate from Raleigh and Durham \$6.00, Greensboro \$5.50, Salisbury and Charlotte \$5.00. Two persons can occupy a berth without additional cost. Excellent service on regular trains in both directions. Special low rates from New Orleans to nearby points. Ask your Agent for rates from your station. For further information and sleeping car reservation write

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