

SUNDAY MUSINGS.

There are many kinds of fear. Solomon said, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." No doubt he used the word here as the equivalent of reverence. Then there is a fear that we often experience when we feel that we are to pass through some great calamity which we can not possibly avoid. Both of these kinds of fear are a legitimate part of a man's religion.

But there is another kind of fear which ought never to be mingled with your religion. The slave stands in dread of his master. The slave has no rights for the master absorbs them all. The master can sell, whip or maim his slave, for all power is vested in him. Such a slave under a master knows what real fear means. Can there be any relation between the two? Can the one love the other, or can he be happy in his presence? He finds contentment only when far away, but to approach such a master and to be near his person is a position of affliction.

Do you tell me this kind of fear has any place in our religious life? With that sense of apprehension prevailing your soul is it possible for you to say, "Our Father which art in heaven" and not denounce yourself as a hypocrite? Are you so made that you can love and fear the same being at the same time? If you love it is impossible to fear, and if you fear it is impossible to love. If a man does right because he is afraid, he can not be happy even in heaven, if a man does not steal because he is being watched, and will certainly be caught, you would not call him an honest man worthy of a reward. It is true he obeys the law, "Thou shalt not steal," but in his heart he is a thief nevertheless. He only lacks the opportunity to do you an ill turn, and the fact that the opportunity is wanting does not make him virtuous.

That kind of religion which makes us afraid of God is very injurious to the soul. Let us put it aside and search for something better. The Book tells in a number of places that God is our best friend; that He is full of pity for us; and that He sends His angels to uphold us lest we slumber, and that He sent His only son to tell us the good tidings, and if this is true, then love and gratitude are the only solid foundations for our religion. It is false that he hates us, or ever can hate us. He may punish but not hate. If you have a dread of God you can not approach Him. Even a prayer of gratitude would be heartless. To thank a being of whom you stand in constant fear is not a pleasure but a most difficult task. We have for a long time had no faith in the efficacy of fear. A religion which is kept on an ice can not warm you to noble motives, or to self sacrifice. To our mind there is nothing in God's universe which so benumbs the soul as the feeling that the terrors of the Lord are hanging over you like a sword suspended by a hair. We think of the old days with something of horror—the days when there was thunder and lightning, in the pul-

pit, but no sunshine. The wonder is that so many men and good women survived the ordeal. But these times are gone forever. If you would be at peace, if you would love the beautiful world and would make the most of its discipline, if you would look forward with something like happy anticipations to the morning after death, because you and your dear ones will meet again you must think of God as always near, always helpful and always surrounding you with infinite love and sympathy. This is like the cool breeze on a hot day, for it invigorates and cheers and strenghtens. God is love and if we love him we have no need to fear Him.

A NECESSARY PRECAUTION.

While, as we have said, we do not wish to unduly alarm our people, and it is an acknowledged fact the small pox is prevalent in Norfolk and vicinity, and there is very little danger of its reaching Washington. Yet we think our officials should be watchful and require the first suspect to be reported. One case is easier cared for than a dozen. We suggest that some one in authority be at the station on the arrival of the train, and the steamboat landings to detain any person suspected until they can be examined by our health officers. The city of Norfolk is full of negroes from this vicinity, who will be likely to make a break for their homes as soon as the scare hits them, and if this dread disease ever reaches our town and county it will be through this source. Already we hear one or two negroes who have been in or around Norfolk have returned, and it is certain more will follow, laying the city liable to contract the disease. We call the attention of our authorities to the above with the hope they may take the proper action in this matter.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the General Assembly for amendment to the Charter for the town of Washington.

WM. M. CHAUNCEY, Mayor.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from Alfred Faison and wife Annie, to John S. Hodges, dated the 21st of September, 1898, and recorded in Book 84, page 111, of Beaufort county records, I will on Friday, January 13, 1899, offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door, in Beaufort county, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Beaufort county, State of North Carolina, and in Richland township, beginning at the mouth of Peters Creek on the south side, runs up the Creek the southwest prong, and up the gut to a sweet gum near the gut, and North 15 East to a gut, thence with said gut to said Creek, and with said Creek to Goose Creek, and with Goose Creek to the beginning, being the same tract of land conveyed by J. W. Cahon to Alfred Faison, by deed recorded in Book 77, page 23, in Beaufort county records.

Terms of sale cash. J. S. HODGES, Mortgagor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county as administrator of the estate of Israel Blacklege, deceased, all persons who hold claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This Dec. 23rd, 1898.

JOSHUA TAYLOR  
Administrator of the estate of ISRAEL BLACKLEGE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of Dr. J. D. McCormick, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county, all persons holding claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 15th day of November 1898.

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