

MARTHA WASHINGTON

HE first maiden to kindle the divine spark in the breast of George Washington was a young lady, whom he called his "Lowland Beauty," and to whom, at fifteen, he wrote some very execrable verses. In one doggerel he tells about his "Poor, Resistless Heart," surrendered to "Cupid's Feathered Dart" and lying "Bleeding Every Hour," for her that "pitiless of my Grief and Woes will not on me Pity

take." The identity of this "Lowland Beauty," who was the object of Washington's first affections has been much disputed. Lossing, the historian, pronounced her Mary Bland, and some are inclined to the belief that she was a Miss Eilbeck, a beauty of Charles

county, Maryland, who married George Mason. Others maintain that she was Lucy Grymes, who married Henry Lee and became the mother of the famous "Light Horse Harry," who was a great favorite with Washington, and who referred to the commander in chief as "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Those who favor the Lucy Grymes identification point to the affection of Washington for "Light Horse Harry" as a resultant of the early love he entertained for Harry's mother.

Others will have it that the "Lowland Beauty" on a letter written in May, 1752, by Washington to the grandfather of Miss Fauntleroy, in which he says, among other things, he purposed as soon as he recovered his strength (he had been ill with pleurisy) "to wait on Miss Betsy in hopes of a revocation of the former cruel sentence, and see if I can meet with any alteration in my

In 1748 Washington became surveyor of Lord Fairfax' lands. He was then but sixteen. In an undated letter, probably written about the end of 1750, or the beginning of 1751, to his "Dear Friend Robin," (possibly Robert Washington of Chotauk, affectionately remembered in his will) we also find allusion to the "Lowland Beauty," "My place of residence is at present at his lordship's, where I might, were not my heart disengaged, pass my time very pleasantly, as a very agreeable young lady lives in the same house

but often and unavoidably being in company with her revives my former passion for your 'Lowland Beauty;' whereas, were I to live more retired from young Women, I might, in some measure, afleviate my sorrows by burying that chaste and troublesome Passion in the grave of oblivion of eternal forgetfulness."

History might have been different had Washington been accepted by the "Lowland Beauty." If the "Lowland Beauty" was Betsy Fauntieroyand good authorities think she was-she married Ebenezer Adams, progenitor of the Virginia family of that name, and became the mother of Thomas Adams, alumnus of William and Mary college, signer of the articles of confederation, and member of the Philadelphia convention (1778-The "agreeable young lady" mentioned by

Washington in his letters from the Fairfax residence, was Miss Mary Cary, the sister of Colonel Fairfax' wife. He turned to her for consolation and it seems her charm mitigated his "troublesome passion." But Miss Cary had no genuine love for the ardent young man. In 1752 she married Edward Ambler.

After his wooing of the "Lowland Beauty," he had another charmer, presumably a member of the family of Alexanders, who had a plantation near Mount Vernon,

Washington, while in Barbadoes with his sick half-brother Lawrence, met a Miss Roberts, who exerted an influence over his tender heart and to whom he refers as "an agreeable young lady." It would seem that nearly all the young ladies were agreeable to him. Miss Roberts, it appears, was the only one, however, who really captivated him in Burbadoes. While allowing that all "the ladys generally are agreeable," he notes s that "by ill custom they affect the negro style."

When returned from his first campaign and resting at Mount Vernon, the time seems to have been beguiled by some charmer, for one of his intimates writes from Williamsburg: "I imagine you by this time plunged in the midst of delight heaven can afford and enchanted by charmers even stranger to the Cirplan Dame," and a footnote by the same hand only excites further curiosity concerning this latter personage by in-

definitely naming her as "Mrs. Neil." It is said that at one time and another Washington had half a hundred sweethearts along the banks of the Potomac, the Rappahannock, and the James, and even up to the gates of Mount Vernon. Perhaps the number is exaggerated, but at any rate we have but scant account of most of the fair ones and are not even told the names of the great majority. This we do know, that



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The bride was attired in heavy brocaded white silk, interwoven with silver thread. Her shoes were of white brilliants. The bridegroom was costrimmings. His shoes and knee. of a gallant and a gentleman.

by her former marriage-Martha, Dan- of reasoning today, whereas God would iel, John Parke, and a girl, who died have us probe deeper and search our from uric acid, says a noted authority. in infancy. Washington fathered her hearts, for if we regard iniquity in little progeny, but had none of his our hearts the Lord will not hear us. denied the great man children that he and with the fatalism and superstition might be the father of the whole country."

jealous outbursts, exclaimed: "Would Washington have been commander of the Revolutionary army or president of the United States if he had not married the rich widow of Mr. Custis?" Mrs. Washington's third of the Custis property equaled | the ark about Jericho trusting in Je-"fifteen thousand acres of land, a good part of it hovah, was quite different from har- it, because they can't control urinaadjoining the city of Williamsburg, several lots in the said city, between 2,000 and 3,000 negroes, and about £8,000 or £10,000 upon bond," estimated at the time as about £20,000 in all. Besides, this was increased by the death of the hath lost its savour," if Hophni and of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and daughter, "Patsy" Custis, in 1773, by half her Phinehas bear the ark, nothing but take a tablespoonful in a glass of fortune, a sum of £10,000. But it must be re- defeat and disgrace can be expected, water before breakfast, continue this membered that Washington's colonial military fame had been entirely achieved before he had even met Mrs. Custis. Washington was worth to smite because of the weakness of longer is a source of irritation to the about \$800,000, the richest man in his day.

It has been said that his penchant for lovely women was acutely alive all through his active Jehovah, which exploits would have career. Washington was human, and there is no question that fair women always had attract- to God. There was good reason for

ed him. In his sixty-sixth year he wrote, "Love is said to be an involuntary passion, and it is." Therefore he contended that it "cannot be resisted."

Though a lover himself. Washington was not a latchmaker. In a letter to the widow of Jack Custis ("Jack" his wife's son, who had been his ward) he writes: "I never did, nor do I believe ever shall give advice to a woman who is setting out on a matrimonial voyage." And again, "It has ever been a maxim with me through life, neither to promote nor to prevent a matrit monial connection, . . . I have always considered marriage as the most interesting event of one's life, the foundation of happiness or misery."

Yet in a letter to Eliza Custis Bates (the eldest of Jacky's four children), dated January 6, 1796, Washington gives some interesting advice-"Neither shun by too much coyness the addresses of a suitable character whom you may esteem; nor encourage them by advances on your part. however predisposed toward them your inclina-

"In choosing a partner for life, prefer one of your countrymen (by this I mean an American) of visible property and whose family is known and whose circumstances (not depending on fortuitous matters) may not like a foreigner's, reduce you to the heartrending alternative of parting with him or bidding adieu to your country, family and friends forever.

"In forming a connection of this durability, let the understanding as well as the passion be consulted; without the approbation of the first the indulgence of the latter may be compared to the rose, which will bloom, glow for a while, then fade and die, leaving nothing but thorns behind it. There are other considerations, though secondary, nevertheless important. Among these congeniality of temper is essential, without which discord will ensue and that walk must be unpleasant and toilsome when two persons linked together cannot move in it without jostling each

Alas, Eliza Ann ("Betsy") didn't take Washington's advice. She married Thomas Law, an Englishman, the nephew of Lord Ellensborough, yet it is said she was comparatively happy in her

Though Washington loved, and loved often, there is no doubt that a good deal of romance has been woven around his early career. According to some, Washington had "a rag on every! bush," from the vine-clad hills of old Virginia to Boston Commons. But the truth is Washington was not an indiscriminate lover, nor did he trifle with the affections of women. Despite the efforts of forgery and calumny no deed of shame in regard to the sex ever could be laid at his door.

During the time he was president a Mrs. Hartley is mentioned to whom some say he was very devoted. Yeates says: "Mr. Washington once told me on a charge which I once made against the president at his own table, that the admiration he warmly professed for Mrs. Hartley was a proof of his homage to the worthy part of the sex, and highly respectful to his wife."



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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 21

THE DEATH OF ELI AND HIS SONS.

LESSON TEXT-I Samuel 4:1-13, 18. GOLDEN TEXT-Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.—James 1:22 R. V.

The Philistines in the days of Eli overran Israel pretty much at will. All Israel, God's people, soon knew that God was speaking through this new prophet.

1. No Help at Ebenezer, vv. 1, 2. Ebenezer was that place where Samuel later set up the stones of commemoration (I Samuel 7:12). Here the aggressive Philistines overcame and put to rout the Israelites. Israel had sinned and needed correction (chapter :3; Ps. 106:40, 41). When God's people neglect him they weaken themselves and easily become the prey of of today stands defeated and dis- printed on the bottle. Adv. graced, nay even turns its back to the enemy, because it harbors sin and sinners in its ranks (Josh. 7:12).

II. Seeking Help. vv. 3-9. If Israel really desired to know the cause of satin and sparkled with buckles of their discomfiture they did not need to go far to seek it. The trouble was that tumed in a blue cloth coat, lined with they were not willing to see and own red silk and ornamented with silver it (I. Cor. 11:31). The reasoning upon the part of these elders seems buckles were of solid gold, his hair to be, "Why have we, Israelites, been was powdered, and a sword hung at smitten by these Philistines who are Harmless to Flush Kidneys and Neuhis side. He appeared the beau ideal not God's chosen people?" It was absurd and unjust for them to have Mrs. Washington had four children to suffer. We hear this same sort "Providence," it was said, "had At Shiloh, Ell is caring for the ark, that will govern the ungodly, Israel sensation, or setting up an irritation sends for it "that it may save us" Washington was fortunate in his (v. 3). The ark contained the tables marriage. John Adams, in one of his of the law and was the symbol of the during the night. The sufferer is in presence of God (Ex. 25:10-22). Their trust was in the ark and not in the ger of formalism in religion. To carry though the enemy may tremble (v. 8). The Philistines were strong enough tralize the acids in the urine so it no and remembered the mighty deeds of been repeated had Israel truly turned and is made from the acid of grapes the Philistines to fear. But God was and is used by thousands of folks who not on the side of Israel at that time | are subject to urinary disorders caused The Philistines began to exhort themselves. Their call (v. 9) was a good one and was used later by Paul (1 Cor. | bad effects whatever. 16:13). For them not to do anything was to be captured by their former | cent lithia-water drink, which quickly slaves. If they fought, they could but

Ill. The Lost Battle, vv. 10-11. God would not succor his chosen people, nor defend the symbols of religion when the spirit and heart of that re timore American, ligion had departed 4Ps. 78:56-64). The twee sprobate sons of Eli were slain as a punishment for their sins and in fullfillment of the word of God (chapter 2:12; 3:13, 14). Their punishment came in connection with the

same holy service they had defiled IV. The Death of Ell, vv. 12-18. The unnecessary (v. 13). God can take ever, to tremble for Israel and his been entirely cured. wicked sons He is an illustration of those indulgent parents who refuse to use discipline in the care of their

The ark did not return to Shiloh. After its various vicissitudes it found an abiding place in the house of Abinadab, whose son Eleazar was sanctified to take charge of it. Later it was taken to Jerusalem, and in the meantime Shiloh passed into oblivion.

The Golden Text, That we learn to do by doing is a fundamental principle in pedagogy. Mere human words do not change character. Youth does not acquire purity of character by distening to beautiful statements about the virtues. Religion is not a last resource. It must be practiced in youth if it is to give strength, courage and comfort in old age. It is not a matter of creed and formula but a life; it is not a convenience but a course of action that governs all of life.

It is not the turning in life's testing times, to those forms from which all life has departed.

Parents today seem to be lax in discipline. Too often it is the child that brings up the parent. We need to accustom the child to virtue and obedience, to teach him truth while at the knee, that when "he is old he may not depart" therefrom. While some children of good parents go astray yet this is not the rule. A true Christian atmosphere and spirit of service in the home, the Sunday school and the church are the greatest possible safeguards for the young | kicks coming.

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Sure Enough.

Bacon-It is stated that it takes an average of 5,867 bullets to kill a single man in the present war. Egbert-Why, where in the world are the innocent bystanders?

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Bladder weakness, most folks call boring the sons of Eli, yet thinking tion. While it is extremely annoying that God could not let the ark be and sometimes very painful, this is captured. The churches of our land | really one of the most simple ailments are the saving salt, but "if the salt to overcome. Get about four ounces for two or three days. This will neu-Israel. They recognized the shouts bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again.

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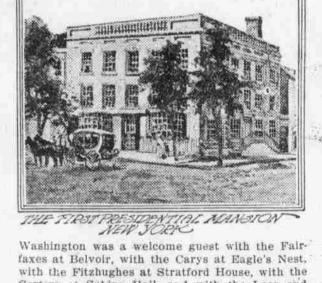
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If a man didn't make an occasional mistake his friends would have no



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Carters at Sabine Hall, and with the Lees and

Fauntieroys at Richmond. Through the death of his half-brother, whom. he accompanied to Barbadoes in the West Indies in search of health. Washington became masterof Mount Vernon. On his return journey he called at Bermuda, where he had an attack of smallpox; which, according to Parson Weems, "marked his face rather agreeably than otherwise." He was seized with a military ambition. He had already been a military inspector with the rank of major for the protection of the frontiers of Virginia. At twenty-three he was an aide-de-camp to General Braddock, commander in chief of the Virginia forces. At twenty-four we find him journeying to Boston on military business.

In going and returning he tarried in New York for about a week, on each occasion as the guest of Beverly Robinson, a Virginia friend who had married Susannah Philipse. Mrs. Robinson's sister, a very pretty girl, happened to be on a visit with her relatives. Washington came under the glamour of her glances." He did not spare expense in seeking popularity. He spent sundry pounds in "treating the ladies," with the object of getting one of them to treat him with favor, but all his efforts were in vain. He gallantly proposed to Miss Philipse and donned his best suit for the occasion, but that cultured and charming lady courteously declined-the honor he would thrust upon her. Two years afterwards she

married Lieut. Col. Roger Morris. There is no doubt that Washington was desperately in love with Mary Philipse, and her refusal of his suit was a keen disappointment to him. A curious sequel to his attachment for her occurred in the fact that her husband's house in Morristown became Washington's headquarters in 1776, both Morris and his wife being fugitive tories. History in this case might also have been materially changed had Mary Philipse be-

come the wife of George Washington. In the spring of 1750 Washington met his fate. Ill health had taken him to Williamsburg to consult physicians. On this trip he met Mrs. Martha (Dandridge) Custis, widow of Daniel Parke Custis, one of the wealthiest planters of the colony. At that time she was twenty-six years old, three months younger than Washington, though she had been a widow seven years. In spite of his ill health he pressed his suit with as much ardor as he had done in the case of Mary Philipse, and with better success. Though her first husband had been faithful and affectionate, he had not much appealed to her imagination, but the big. dashing Virginia colonel took her heart by storm. She favored his suit, and they became engaged.

He ordered a ring from Philadelphia at a cost of £2 16s (two pounds and sixteen shillings), big price in those days, but they could not be immediately married, as military duty called him away. After several months in the field, during which time they saw each other only three or four times, Washington came back to Williamsburg, and there in St. Peter's church, on January 6, 1759, they were married. It was a grand wedding, attended by all the aristocracy of Virginia-