

WHEN OUR YOUTH HAS FLED

Preacher Outlines the Course of Unconscious Deterioration.

Gray hairs are here and there upon him and he knoweth it not. — Hosea viii., 9.

The comic paragraphists—gentlemen whose elevating trade is to take all the dignity out of sentiment and all nobility out of life—are in the habit of making fun over the discovery of the first gray hair.

There is nothing funny about it. When some poignant experience forces upon us the realization of that for which the gray hair conventionally stands, when we realize with a shock that our youth has fled forever and that age is creeping on, the flood of new emotions may easily carry us off our feet.

If this is not true for you and has not been, then you are either much better or worse than the average of humanity. Either you have already grown unthoughtful, shallow and callous, or else you have a strong, close grip upon the unseen, but everlasting realities of life. And it would be good for us if there were some physical sign, corresponding to the approach of gray hairs, which might warn us of moral deterioration and awaken us to the necessity of—

RENEWING OUR YOUTH

by waiting upon the Lord, by taking in great re-inforcements of moral energy to repair the waste and decay of moral tissue.

The shock, in the nature of things, could not be pleasant. The awakening might be rude and painful. But it would be salutary. It would be chastening. And if for the moment it was humbling, in the providence of God it might be permanently uplifting. If we could really see this soul destroying process at work, leading downward to something worse than a second childhood, leading to a second slothfulness, unreasonableness, barbarism, back to the old unspiritual, un aspiring life from which we have emerged, would not that be good for us?

Nellie—"That Clara Sharpe is just the meanest, most utterly selfish girl I ever saw. She never thinks of anyone but herself." Dora—"Tell me about it." Nellie—"I ran in there the other evening for a few moments, and while I was there Mr. Spooner called. It wasn't long before he requested her to play. He's passionately fond of music, you know. Well, what do you think that girl did? She asked him to come to the piano and turn the music for her, so that I couldn't talk to him."

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"With great price," said the officer to Paul, "I purchased this freedom." With great price, indeed, we delivered ourselves from the cramping littleness and debasing pleasures of other days. And now are we to sacrifice the freedom which cost us dear to open our fingers in mere summer wantonness and let it slip from us while the years bind us again in the old bondage to folly or sin, while strangers devour our strength, though we know it not, and gray hairs are here and there sprinkled upon us and we cannot see them?

MORAL DETERIORATION.

The poet tells us of hair growing white in a single night from sudden fears. It may be so. But this moral deterioration is slow, gradual, silent. No man becomes desperately wicked all at once. When discovery, scandal and prosecution at the hands of the law present to you a spectacle of one who has held an honored position, a betrayer, an outlaw and a castaway, the real tragedy is not that which you see; and the very tears are for the long, slow process which no eyes but God's have seen. How the high resolves must have dropped and died, and how the man has juggled with words, played fast and loose with honor, tampered with the sacred realities of conscience. Do you think he has deliberately lied to his own soul, lied in church, lied to his God? Indeed, but you are wrong. He has lost his soul and lost his God before he comes to high-handed, brazen-cheeked, deliberate lying.

First, the mining, then the explosion! First the moral muscle grown flabby, then the helpless weakness before temptation. First, the gray hairs here and there sprinkled upon him and he knows it not; finally the spiritual senility and swift oblivion. This is the course of unconscious deterioration.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D.

THE PANGS OF SCIATICA

Can Be Cured by the Fair Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Fierce darting pains. Pains like red hot needles being driven through the flesh—in the thigh, perhaps down the legs to the ankles—that's sciatica. None but the victim can realize the torture of this trouble. But the sufferer need not grow discouraged for there is a cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These Pills enrich the blood, feed the starved sciatic nerve and thus drives out the pain. Mrs. Joseph L. Brown, Wilmot, N. S., was a victim of sciatica and found a cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She says:—"For a year I was laid up with sciatica from my side to my foot. What I suffered was at times awful. I could not touch my foot to the floor and had to hobble about with a cane. My right leg was drawn up, and I never expected to have the use of it again. I was attended by our family doctor, and tried several other remedies, but with no benefit, and I felt very much discouraged. One day I read of the cure of a similar sufferer through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to try them. I got six boxes, and by the time I had taken them I was completely cured, and have not had the slightest twinge of the trouble since. I am therefore, a very enthusiastic friend of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and recommend them to all who are similarly troubled."

There is no mystery about the cures Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make. They act upon the blood, enriching and purifying it, and in this way feed the nerves and reach the root of the disease. That is why they cure such common ailments as anaemia, pimples and eczema, indigestion, rheumatism, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, paralysis, and the irregularities in health of growing girls and women. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

TAX ON GERMAN BEER.

To Be Raised to Two Shillings on Twenty-four Gallons.

The bills to be submitted to the German Reichstag for the reform of the imperial financial system provide that the wholesale buying and selling of spirits shall be taken over by the empire. The selling price will be regulated as to bring in a net revenue of £11,000,000 to the imperial treasury.

The tax on beer will be raised by about two shillings per hectolitre (29 gallons) on all beers ready for consumption. The wine tax bill provides for a tax on still wines bottled in the country or imported in bottle from abroad in the shape of a general bottle tax and a graduated surtax. The wine tax will amount to five pennings (½d.) per bottle, and the rates of the surtax, which will only be imposed upon wines costing more than one shilling per bottle, will vary from one penny to three shillings.

For tobacco an ad valorem tax on the manufactured article will be introduced according to the scaled band system. The rates of taxation for cigars will be from four to ninety-six shillings per thousand; for cigarettes eightpence to twenty-four shillings per thousand; and for fine-cut tobacco eightpence to 12s. 8d. per kilogramme (2½ lb.).

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NEXT TIME SHE'LL CARE.

He—"Will you have some oysters?"
She—"I don't care."
He—"All right; we won't have any."

GERMAN DOG DETECTIVES.

System Employed With Success in Tracking Evildoers.

Year by year I attend trials of "police dogs" in Germany and Austria, where man hunting dogs are trained and bred for police purposes and where dogs have become a branch of the police organization, writes a correspondent of the London Telegraph. In Germany there is a society called the Association for Furthering the Breeding and Employment of Police Dogs, and ideas on the subject are exchanged, all experiments with dogs being carefully reported.

Years of thorough and painstaking study were devoted to this subject before suitable breeds of dogs were obtained and proper methods of working the dogs were discovered. Originally Brunswick was the headquarters of the German police doggy men and when canine assistance was required one of the officers at once set out with a dog. These officers and dogs often travelled long journeys, going as far as Paris and Constantinople on two occasions.

The German trainers soon came to the conclusion that not even the most perfect dog would carry a line three or four days old when he was not in a perfect working condition, as he would not be after a long train journey. Before anything else the "mind" of a dog must be quite fresh because he has to do far more mental than physical work. Further, a dog brought to a country in which the conditions are different from those of his home cannot settle down to the work at once with his mind quite fresh for the task. Artificial means to "revive the scent" are not always handy and even then will fail if the dog is not in perfect working condition.

Quite a revolution, however, set in when the association referred to above began to distribute dogs among policemen and watchmen. These animals got so accustomed to their masters and the rural conditions of their districts that the slightest change from the normal state provoked their suspicion while on their daily patrol, and any amount of cases are published every week where such well trained dogs led their masters to places of outrages which up to that moment were still unknown. Suicides were found in time to bring such poor creatures back to life, murders were discovered while the corpses were still warm, and so of course was the scent. The criminals were at once hunted and stopped not many miles off, waiting for a chance to escape. Tramps hiding themselves in thickets could not enjoy a quiet hour, and many a "wanted" was discovered by the help of these dogs.

It is an unfrequent occurrence that an out rage is not discovered within twenty-four hours after the commission of the crime. The next "station dog" is at once called, and unless he has not already stopped a suspicious individual during one of his patrols he will pick up at once the line of the criminal after having—in case of fatal outrage—been brought to the corpse.

Since police dogs were introduced in Brunswick there have been comparatively few evasions of justice in cases of violence. The certainty of detection has had a good result, and the criminal statistics of that town show that during the last two years not a single murder was committed there or within twenty miles around this municipality.

PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.

Algeria and Tunis have this year suffered from an extraordinary invasion of locusts. The locusts arrive from the direction of the deserts in swarms so thick as to hide the sun. They cover the ground as with a yellow carpet, and sometimes render the railways so slippery that trains can hardly run. At this stage they are not voracious, being engaged principally in laying their eggs. But 40 days later the young locusts, not yet winged, begin to run about, devouring every green thing, including not only leaves, but even the bark and tender shoots of trees. The hordes, advancing in a body, sometimes cover an area of several square miles. Barricades of cloth, surmounted with waxed strips, erected in the line of march, arrest the progress of the insects, which are unable to crawl up the smooth surface. Passing along the line of the barricades, they fall into ditches dug for the purpose, where they are killed with corrosive liquids. Another method is to smooth descending paths, ending in poisoned ditches. The insects follow the descents, and thus go to their death.

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CHRONIC CATARRH RELIEVED BY PE-RU-NA.



MRS. F. CARR.

MRS. F. CARR, Vineland, Ont., Can., writes:

"For several years I was afflicted with catarrh, which made life a burden. The coughing and hacking which accompanied the disease was terrible.

"The complaint finally extended to the stomach and I was in a wretched condition.

"I tried different remedies and the best professional treatment all in vain.

"Finally, as a last resort, I tried Peruna upon the recommendation of my sister in Hamilton.

"I could see steady improvement and after using four bottles of that precious medicine I was feeling well again, my old trouble being completely a thing of the past.

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AIRSHIPS IN WAR.

Objectives Will Not Be Armies, But Dockyards, Arsenals, etc.

Of the use of airships in war a writer says: "Large vessels of from 500,000 to 1,000,000 cubic feet capacity, capable of travelling at a speed of forty miles an hour in a calm and of carrying considerable quantities of high explosives, can set out, and with a favorable wind, can cover vast distances in a few hours. When they will come and what their objective will be cannot possibly be known to the enemy, who cannot always be looking with guns ready pointed into the air, while they will pass over the country so quickly as to be out of range almost as soon as seen.

"Their objectives would not be the enemy's armies, but his dockyards, arsenals, store-houses, railway centres and so forth, where the maximum of damage can be caused at a minimum of cost. Possibly they might even attack the enemy's navy if he has one, but possibly the same effect would be produced in a more humane manner by merely destroying the docks.

"Keeping high up in the daytime and descending at night, they can keep their direction with practical certainty, and hovering close over any desired spot may launch explosives with relay action fuses, which will enable them to retire to a safe distance before the explosion occurs; or they may even risk destruction to effect some notable exploit.

"There would appear to be but little difficulty in lodging the explosives with great accuracy if good plans are available to work by, while the expense, even if airships be lost, would be insignificant.

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