

Rossetti & Co.

The following parody of the pre-Raphaelite School of English poetry is, I think, both amusing and instructive:

I hid my heart beneath her feet, The fair and fragrant hands of her. For ye! (I said) she understands That maid to man should minister. For Time (I sang) is ours to-day, And she may not gainsay him. Ye!

HEAPIRA'S DEUTERONOMY.

A Clever Discovery that Destroys the Value of the MSS.

A very strong piece of evidence, which seems to favor the theory of the late if not the forged origin of the Shapira manuscript, has the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says, just become available.

Salt for the Human System.

The London Lancet combats the folly of some would-be improvers on Galen, who decried the use of salt as a food condiment because it is a mineral. The Lancet says that common salt, chloride of sodium, is the most widely distributed substance in the body; it exists in every fluid and in every solid; and not only is everywhere present, but in almost every part it constitutes the largest portion of the ash when any tissue is burnt.

Tribute to a Scottish Hero.

Mr. James Gibson Craig, W. S., Edinburgh, has just erected on one of the pillars supporting St. Giles' Cathedral there a brass tablet in commemoration of the author of the National Covenant of 1581. This tablet bears this inscription: "In memory of John Craig, for many years a Dominican friar in Italy; embraced the Reformed faith, and was by the Inquisition at Rome condemned to be burnt; escaping to his native country, he became assistant to John Knox at St. Giles', and minister of the King's Confession, or National Covenant of 1581. He died in Edinburgh in his 89th year."

Important Liquor Law Decision.

Judge Lizars, of Stratford, by a recent decision upheld the right of License Commissioners to make regulations for the government of the liquor traffic. A man who had been guilty of a breach of the regulations of the South Perth Commissioners pleaded guilty before a magistrate, but afterwards appealed mainly on the ground that the Commissioners in framing rules and regulations exceeded their powers. The appeal was heard before Judge Lizars at the last Quarter Sessions. His Honor reserved decision until the other day, when he dismissed the appeal.

THE SUPREME NEED OF OUR TIMES.

(From the Chicago Interior.) "The defect of ancient stoicism and of modern humanitarianism is, in a word, a lack of religion; of an assured hold on those fundamental principles which give an answer to the deep questioning of the human spirit as to the why and whence and whither of its existence." These words from a writer in the "Atlantic Monthly" of recent date strike down to the root of much of that wide harvest of tares which society is already reaping from the negative belief of the times. The strong convictions of truth and duty, which our fathers held to as they did their own existence, the popular leaders of thought in this generation have seen fit to reject and ridicule as exploded superstitions of the past. They think they see a better way—a religion with no Bible but nature, a morality with no principles and no sanctions but those derived from the present life. And this specious humanitarianism, so far as it is accepted, virtually cuts the roots of all religion, and leaves the soul without faith or sense of accountability.

The soul of man has no deeper need than that of a religion which will meet and satisfy its aspirations after God and immortality. The fundamental questions of which this writer speaks are answered satisfactorily nowhere else except in those ancient writings called the Sacred Scriptures, which tell us of God, of Christ and of heaven. Given this divine book and the great realities revealed therein of an infinite God, an inflexible Saviour and an assured future for the soul, and all the greatest problems of existence are at once solved for him who in earnest faith accepts the boon. This the gospel of Jesus Christ brings us as the glad tidings from God, and this inestimable boon it secures for every child-like spirit that will accept the message. Ancient stoicism, the best philosophy, the best morality and the best religion the pagan world had before Christ came, strove in vain to solve these deep problems of the soul and to secure for it a safe passport for life, death and immortality. At best it could only grope its uncertain and difficult way through darkness and despair.

What stoicism could not do, nor any other ancient philosophy, multitudes in our day are now trying to do by shorter methods, and a less stern and exacting morality. Under the plausible and well-sounding phrases of humanitarianism, rationalism and agnosticism (only a new name for the old atheism), the free-thinking and sceptical classes of our thinking and sceptical classes of our period, discarding the true light which shines from the Christian Scriptures, are seeking to satisfy all the old questions by telling us that man needs no other life than this life, no guide but his own reason, no religion but the religion of humanity, and no God save his own exalted and creative intellect. This is the new light which is to brighten all the future—this the man-created and God-ignoring philosophy which is to take the place of the old gospel and then to reform and bless society! But in all fairness before it essays so large a task as that of reforming and blessing society in the aggregate, it would be well to show when it ever succeeded in saving and blessing a single erring man.

Beyond question the root of all the worst evils that affect our modern social system is to be found in its lack of religion. Under the widely diffused teachings of our current popular literature, our materialistic science and our sceptical philosophy, along with the uncertain and often semi-infidel leadership of many who call themselves Christian teachers, while sowing broadcast more tares than they sow wheat, a whole generation has grown up virtually without God and without hope of immortality. What it has left of the old beliefs of the Bible may perhaps be still labelled religion. But it is a negative, half-hearted religion of worldly convenience and worldly conformity, which has no strong faith in any saving doctrine, no firm convictions of truth or duty, no abiding sense of accountability to a holy God, or belief in future retribution, and consequently a religion which makes no resistance against wrong in the hour of temptation, and no sacrifice of self-indulgence in the narrow path of public and private duty.

The supreme need of the hour is more religion—a purer, higher, holier, more spiritual, more Christ-like type of religion. Our new apostles from the schools of culture and philosophy have been seeking to reform religion from the worldly side—to make it, forsooth, more acceptable to the men of the world. So they propose a religion of morality, a religion of mere humanity, divested of the supernatural, divested of all fears of retribution for sin, and with as little of God in it as possible. But what the soul of man in all ages has cried out for is a religion not of man but of God. What the soul most needs is not little faith, but more faith, a strong faith in God. Religion to be any avail to man must be of God and full of God. The one thing which our refined, cultivated society most lacks and most needs is just the religion of God in which our fathers believed, and for which, rather than surrender it, they would have laid down their lives. The thing that ails society is that it has lost its faith in God, bartered it away for those empty shams of liberalism, rationalism, agnosticism, humanitarianism, misnamed philosophy—humanitarianism, as Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, as Judas sold his Master for thirty pieces of silver. What is the pulp to do at such a time of widespread defection and folly? There is but one answer: Proclaim the truth, the whole truth, the religion of God, every jot and tittle of it with undiminished zeal, with unabated power. Preach it in all its divine fullness, without surrender, without compromise of any essential doctrine. It is still to-day as it always has been the power of God and the wisdom of God into salvation. Preach it as Paul did, and as our Divine Master did, whether men will hear or forbear to hear. Preach it in faith towards God and love towards men. God will take care of it and make it effective, if we preach it faithfully and preach it with love. If God be for us, who can be against us? Humanity needs a religion, but the religion must be of God, not man.

The N. Y. Times' cable letter says that the public watch with interest Gladstone's northern tour. His irrepresible desire to make speeches is the best proof of his improving health. It is the first time that the English Prime Minister has visited Scandinavia.

THE U. S. PRESIDENCY.

Nine States Have Furnished all Our Chief Magistrates.

Only nine of the thirty-eight States have furnished the country with Presidents. These States are the following, and the length of time the several States have held the office is also indicated:

Table listing states and years: Virginia (86 years), Massachusetts (8 years), Tennessee (16 years), New York (104 years), Ohio (44 years), Louisiana (1 year), New Hampshire (4 years), Pennsylvania (4 years), Illinois (12 years). Total from 1789 to 1885: 96 years.

In the seventy-two years prior to the civil war the South possessed the Presidency for forty-nine years, and as good as possessed it under the eight years of Pierce, of New Hampshire, and Buchanan, of Pennsylvania. In those days it made no difference where a man came from, if he was in sympathy with the dominating southern element. The extraordinary contributions of Virginia to the presidency were due, not at all to her location, but to the unusual relations of her strong men to the Government during the period of the Revolution and the settlement of the constitution. Virginia has furnished no President since Munro went out in 1824, unless we count the accidental service of John Tyler, whose selection as the Whig candidate for Vice President in 1840 was the result of an intrigue.

Why People Take Medicine.

It is to be feared that to most people medicine is not an erudite science or a learned art, but is little more than the commonplace administration of physic. They cannot understand medicine without drugs, and its virtue and power are popularly measured by the violence of its operations. Its very name is in ordinary parlance synonymous with physic. Take from it its pills and potions, and for them you take away its whole art and mystery. They do not believe in a scheme of treatment, however deep-laid and skillful, which does not include a certain statutory dosage. So that, as a rule, medical men are practically compelled to give their patients a visible object of faith in some form of physic, which may be at most designed to effect some very subordinate purpose. And it is remarkable how strongly even among the educated classes this feeling prevails. Cured by the administration of mixtures and boluses is so fixed and ancient a tradition that it is only very slowly that the friends of the patient want to do more than follow the simple directions of "nursing" which have been so carefully inculcated and possess apparently so little remedial power. There is nothing of the unknown about them in which a fluttering hope of great advantage can nestle. Thus it is necessary to educate the world into a belief in medicine apart from drugs, which finds its power of curing in adaptation of the common conditions of life and applications of physiological facts—a medicine which takes into its hands the whole life, orders and fashions its every detail with scientific definiteness. It is found in everyday practice that this popular misunderstanding of the modern spirit of medicine constantly checks the little tentative advances of a more scientific treatment, and it is necessary that it should be generally understood how powerfully the various processes of the economy may be affected by the manipulation of the conditions of common life.—Dr. Crofts, in British Quarterly Review.

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Within three years the number of saw-mills in Arkansas has increased from 319 to over 1,200.

Rhode Island and Delaware together are smaller than the Yellowstone Park.

Shakes pair—A domestic jar.

It is proposed to raise the salary of Philadelphia's Mayor from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year.

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Wonderful Phenomena. In Lapland the sun never goes down during May, June and July, but in winter, for two months, he never rises at all. His place, however, is somewhat supplied by the wonderful northern lights, which flash and flicker in the gray skies. They look like fires of a thousand shapes and colors. Now like clowns and now like domes; now like flashing nets, and now like streamers of silk; now like banners, and now like arches—these welcome guests make a night beautiful.

Peaches in the States.

The peach-growing centre is gradually moving south. A few years ago there were great orchards in New Jersey. Then Delaware was the chief producer. Now Maryland and Virginia are coming to the front. The largest peach farms are in Maryland. The Round Top farm has 125,000 peach trees. On the estate of Col. Watkins there are 120,000 trees. A peach tree's usefulness is over after ten or twelve years of life, and the soil in which it grows is unfit for peach culture.

Their Occupation Gone.

R. V. PIERCE, M.D., Buffalo, N.Y.: I was attacked with congestion of the lungs, soreness over the liver, severe pain in the joints, a burning fever, and general giving way of the whole system. Failing to find relief in remedies prescribed, I tried your "Golden Medical Discovery." It effected my entire cure. Your medicines have only to be used to be appreciated. If every family would give them a trial, nine-tenths of the doctors would, like Othello, find their occupation gone.—Yours truly, L. B. McMillan, M.D., Bressport, N.Y.

Most any one is liable to the experience of sour grapes, but the wise man telleth not of his watering mouth.

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"Blood wine" is the name of a new catle disease which has broken out among the bovines around Newburgh, N. Y.

Startling Debility.

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The kingliness of Cotewayo, such as it is, appears to rise, rather than fall, with adversity. He is now, apparently owing to his defeat, grown too proud to come out of his hiding place to meet Her Majesty's Commissioners, who travelled a considerable distance to see him. Moreover, he "no longer wants advice," and utters act as he thinks fit.

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