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MEN'S RIGHTS.

By Agnes Leonard Hill.

MEN WHO ARE BROW-BEATEN.

The men who are the most effectually brow-beaten are generally those who have the least suspicion that such is the case.

Shakespeare says: "Conscience does make cowards of us all," and this is why the best people are most frequently imposed upon. It is not that they fear others; but that they fear the reproaches of their own conscience.

They cannot justify their own misdoing by telling what "others did," to provoke them to wrath or to hinder their usefulness.

Having their own standards of conduct they try to live up to themselves at their best; hence a woman's weakness or falsity, or inaccessible enchantment, can never provoke such men to prove that they are cowards or villains.

They do not fancy that a woman's unworthiness justifies them in being unworthy.

Mrs. Stowe touched the outer edge of this subject in her "Pink and White Tyranny" and many writers have recognized that a good man may be brow-beaten by a very shallow woman.

George Elliot's Rosamond in "Middlemarch" was a pink and white tyrant with a high minded husband whose subtle sufferings were as keen as his wife's devices to enslave him were subtle.

In his perplexity—when ruin stared him in the face,—she held

him off with chill aloofness and asked, "What can I do?"

In an exasperated moment of tragic frankness this tortured husband of Rosamond told her that she was like a certain plant of which he had read that flourished by feeding on a man's brain.

Ladislaw being a "man in a book," considerably died and Rosamond, in marrying a lower nature felt that, in her second husband, she "had her reward."

These timely deaths in novels may enable the brow-beaten to retire from the scene of action with dignity and go down to posterity as honorary members of the noble company of martyrs.

But in real life, though "men have died and worms have eaten them,"—this solution of marital difficulties, does not commend itself to the normal individual.

There is an uncertainty about the "Undiscovered Country" that induces most people to fight shy of it, and seek a remedy in the resources of this present time.

Many imagine that the remedy lies in the divorce court. This is a fallacy. It might be a remedy if man's sole object in life were to flee from discomfort and shirk responsibility at any price. Even then the remedy is not infallible.

About one who is divorced clings always the disquieting "wonder which was to blame."

If the marriage-vow in the first instance can be set aside, and "till death do us part" was merely a phrase meaning nothing what guarantee is there that marriage-vows in the second instance could mean anything?

A leading actress has her record in a book of notorieties, as "married five times and divorced every time."

The civil law may allow these things; but the higher law demands fine character and individual excellence, irrespective of "what the law allows."

Heroes are not merely self satisfied men. They are men who can "endure hardness as good soldiers," can face difficulty and "meet it like a man," can be married to a fool and neither brow-beat her nor allow her to brow-beat them.

A man can resist imposition with gentleness as well as firmness. He can refuse to wear the

yoke of unreasonable demands without seizing that yoke and breaking his wife's head with it. He can draw the line between being her defender, her protector and even her lover, without being her slave, to do what his conscience disapproves, merely because she demands of him this foolish concession to her whims.

His first lesson is to master himself, so that his conscience is his mentor and not even "the wife of his bosom" can make him unjust, unkind or unmanly. This sort of man is not seeking "a fairer face" or a softer berth" or an excuse for being "nobody." He recognizes duty as his guardian angel, who may lead him at times, through steep and thorny paths, but who will certainly "make a man of him," so that in his clear eyes of honest purpose, in his brave smile of noble courage, and in his blameless life of heroic effort all the world may read in his presence a pean of victory.

A man who allows himself to be brow-beaten may be a good man but he is a mistaken one. A little girl once said of the "boy who stood on the burning deck whence all but him had fled." "He was awfully good but not a bit smart."

RAYMOND LECTURES END.

Monday evening Mr. Raymond delivered the last of his series of lectures at the high school. In discussing his subject, London, he spoke of the cosmopolitan character of the city and of the two factions who uphold imperialism and progressivism.

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