

## PEARLS OF TRUTH.

No endeavor is in vain;  
Its reward is in the doing;  
And the rapture of pursuing  
Is the price the vanquished gain.  
—[Longfellow.]

The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have as many of them as possible.—[Anon.]

Riches without charity are nothing worth; they are blessings to him only who makes them a blessing to others.—[Welding.]

He doth good work whose heart can find  
The spirit neath the letter;  
Who makes his kind of happier mind,  
Leaves wiser men and better.  
—J. R. Lowell.

In all worldly things that a man pursues with the greatest eagerness imaginable, he finds not half the pleasure in the actual possession that he proposed to himself in the expectation of them.—[Johnson.]

Learn to give, and thou shalt bind  
Countless treasures to thy breast;  
Learn to love, and thou shalt find  
Only they who love are blest.  
—[The Christian.]

True modesty avoids everything that is criminal, false modesty everything that is unfashionable. The latter is only a general, undetermined instinct—the former is that instinct limited and circumscribed by the rules of prudence.—[Swinburne.]

If a man be watchful over his own ways, and the dealings of God with him, there is seldom a day but he may find some rod of affliction upon him; but as through want of care and watchfulness we lose the "sight" of many mercies, so we do of many afflictions; it is a great part of a Christian's skill to know afflictions as to know mercies.—[Joseph Cary.]

If you can not make the headway in promoting righteousness around you which you desire to make, ear you not at the least succeed in holding the ground which has been won? You can maintain your high standard of conduct, if you can do no more.—[Congregationalist.]

What a blessing it is to beings with such limited powers as ours "confessedly are to have," God himself for our "Instructor" in everything which most concerns us to know! We are principally concerned in knowing—not the origin of arts, or, the recondite depths of science; but what will become of us after death, and if we are to live again? We are interested in knowing whether it be possible for us to do anything while we live here which may render that future life a happy one.—Bishop Watson.

About some lives a quiet brood,  
Like still days born of Summer moods,  
Most blest are they, whose tranquil calm  
Gives to their days a spacious charm,  
Replete with rest, their solace Care,  
And their benign repose with others share.  
[Friends' Intelligence and Journal.]

## SOME RULES OF LIFE

Not to obtrude any advice unasked.  
To aim at cheerfulness without levity.  
Never to dispute if you can fairly avoid it.  
Never show levity when the people are engaged in worship.

Never judge a person's character by external appearance.

Say as little as possible of yourself and those who are near to you.

Never affect to be witty, or just so as to wound the feelings of another.

Never court the favor of the rich by flattering either their vanity or vices.

Never to dispute with a man more than seventy years of age, nor a woman nor an enthusiast.

Never to ridicule sacred things, or what others may esteem to be such, however absurd they appear to be.

Never to think the worse of another on account of his differing with you in politics or religious opinions.

Always take the part of an absent person who is censured in company, so far as truth and propriety will allow.

Never to resent a supposed injury till you know the views and motives of the author of it, nor my occasion to retaliate.

## The Sultan's Closet Skeleton.

If things were done in Turkey as elsewhere, the decease of the Sultan's mad half brother, Murad V., would have been notified to the diplomatic body, and the Turkish Court would have gone into mourning. But it is forbidden to speak openly of the Sultan's female relatives or of the Sultan's heir. The man who will succeed Abdul Hamid is a wretched, lean, pale-faced creature of five-and-forty, named Mohammed Rechad. He is the Sultan's own brother, and is kept a close prisoner in the palace grounds, lest he should conspire for his majesty's downfall.

He has certainly no such intention, but usage requires that a Sultan's heir apparent should be treated as a suspected criminal, and Abdul Hamid is much too nervous a creature to innovate in this particular. He has a horrible fear lest his brother, Murad V., who became crazy from being raised to the throne too suddenly, should recover his senses, but of this there is no chance, and now that Murad's mother is dead who will there be to prevent the poor lunatic from being hurried to his end by "a pinch of something" in his coffee? Murad's mother, the Sultan's Nadine, superintended his household and never left him. It would have been impossible to molest him while she was alive, but it would be only too much in keeping with Turkish traditions if the unhappy madman were now quietly removed in order that Abdul Hamid might sleep more soundly.

## Art in the Palpit.

Lucy—Did you know that our new young rector is quite an artist?

Sneerwell—"Ah, indeed! It is truly refreshing to find a preacher that can draw."

"He That Giveth," &c., and She Too.

Indulgent Father—Want any pocket-money to day, little one?

Idolized Daughter—Yes, dear, just \$7. I.F.—Odd number, eh?

I.D.—Well, I'm going to give \$1 to that wretched poor family around the corner. All sick and starving, but worthy. And then I must give the rest to our Foreign Missionary Society.

## JUSTICE EASILY MISTAKEN.

An Innocent Man Permits Himself to be convicted of a Brother's Crime.

"Years ago," said one of the well-known members of the Louisville bar, "I was called on to defend a man of nearly middle age, who was accused of having stabbed a man in a quarrel on the street. I imagine my astonishment when at the first consultation he told me these facts: 'Yesterday afternoon,' said he, 'about dusk, my brother, who resembles me somewhat, was crossing the street, when he met a stranger, coming the other way. The crossing was mucky, the stranger jostled him, and a quarrel ensued that developed into a fight, in which my brother, who had his penknife in his hand, stabbed his opponent several times, and then ran away as a policeman and several citizens came up. After we were all in bed last night, the officers came to the house after the assailant, and much to my surprise the warrant was made out against me. My brother is a man of dissipated habits, who has several times been in trouble, and if this case is pressed against him I am afraid he will be sent to the penitentiary. On the other hand, I am a law-abiding citizen, and can prove an excellent character. Now, what I propose to do is to stand trial on this charge, plead not guilty, prove an alibi, as I can prove my character, and take the consequences. If I am convicted, I may get off with a fine, and I am willing to pay that to keep my brother out of prison.'

"I tried to persuade my client out of such a romantic proceeding," continued the lawyer, "but he was determined, and in order to do him justice in the defence I obtained assistance from another lawyer who did not know the facts, and who would act in the defence as if our client were guilty. Well, the case came up. My client was identified by the man who had been stabbed and by the policeman and other disinterested parties who had witnessed the fight in the semi-darkness and were sure of their man, as they thought. My client swore he did not commit the assault, but that he was at home at the time when it occurred, and his family swore to that fact. Then several leading members of the church testified as to his good character. But the jury found him guilty and fined him \$50. He paid it without a murmur, and the record of his conviction stands in the orders of the court. All through the trial my client's guilty brother sat by his side in court and heard the testimony without flinching. 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