

WHAT WILT THOU?

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUTLER.

A fond, ambitious mother came to our Lord one day with a large dream in her head. She had a vision of an enthroned Messiah surrounded by regal splendor, and she had seen the chief ministers of state beside the imperial throne. Jesus saith to her, "What wilt thou?" Her reply is, "Grant that these, my two sons, may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy kingdom." So prays the short-sighted mother, and her prayer interprets her character. Her dream is of a crown and sceptre, but the Man of Sorrows soon dismisses her with any other dream. He saith to her, "Thou canst be one of thine, and the only sceptre 'need' of mockery. 'Ye know not what ye ask,' is our Lord's tender re- sponse to her dream of ambition; 'are ye able to drink of the cup which I drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'"

There are plenty of Salomes yet in our world, some of them in the church of Christ. One of them has a dream of her own, and she has a vision of a Messiah, with a crowd of fortune-hunters at her feet. Her foolish dream realized would mean a dizzy head and a giddy heart, with all the sweet simplicity of a girlish heart, and all the wisdom of a worldly woman, and all the frivolity of a flirt. She knows not what she asks. Another Salome is coveting for her son great wealth, at whatever

overs a lofty station, with little idea of what fame, fortune or power the world would have to cost the boy she loves. "The very worst" thing that could befall many a son or daughter would be to have the vain glorious dreams of parental covetousness or ambition realized. To all such parents the Master addresses the words, "Ye have heard that it is said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: this is the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Parental aims and prayers have much to do in determining the future career of sons and daughters. There are thousands of us who rejoice that our godly mothers had wiser aspirations for us than the world. How often salmons had for her sons or else we might not be where we are today.

It is *now*, as it was in New Testament times, that the request we make of God interprets our character. They show us just as we are. A certain man might be compelled to give up a part of their father's property. That looks like a sharp money monger. Another man comes with tears in his eyes beseeching Jesus to hurry to his people, to his little boy. The people are a big-hearted father. But as the Syro-Phoenician woman's petition bespeaks a loving mother. The young ruler's question revealed a desire for salvation, and the Pharisee's prayer for a more hunger for spiritual knowledge, and the question of the terrified jailer showed what he wanted most. To our Lord's "What wilt thou?" the quick reply of Bartimaeus was, "Lord, that I may receive sight."

God reads our character in our prayers. What we love best, what we covet most, that gives the key to our hearts. "What will I do?" The answer to that question is the clue to the man or woman on the ledger or the stock list, in the complete absorption of time and thought and toil in the single purpose to be rich. That is a sinful idolatry if the man's only desire is to be rich in money, in silver dollar, and the copper cent. Yet it is no sin to strive after money provided that we honestly get the money and the money does not get us. Would you not say that more of our sinful love for money is the result of the fact that it is not what they take up for themselves, but what they give up for the good of others that makes them truly rich. Very few Christians even can be trusted with great money when Christ holds the purse strings, all right?

Young man, what wilt thou? Your answer may be books, mental culture, intellectual enjoyment. A higher ambition this than for lucre. Yet it may be no less selfish; for a devourer of books may be just as selfish as the devourer of fine dinners and of costly wines. Never has God opened wider doors for consecrated intellect than in our land in these days. Through all our schools, colleges and universities our Master seems to be walking now and saying, Give Me these brains and cultured tongues, and thou shalt have great

Fellow Christian, what wilt thou? Don't let it be promotion of any kind, I beg you. Rather let it be a lowly posture of humanity and a readiness to serve your Master in any place he may put you. He that humbleth himself shall be abased. I don't believe that any young minister ever went felling and manœuvring for a lofty pulpit and a large income that never got what his vain ambition coveted. To overflow a small sphere is the only legitimate way to a large sphere.—The Evangelist.

THE GRACE OF KINDLY SPEECH.

One of Isaiah's prophetic pictures of the Saviour is this: "Thou hast given me the tongue of the learned, that I may know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." In a world where such wisdom is so rare, yet so much needed, surely this gift of tongues one to be coveted and cultivated by its disciples. This gentle grace which teaches men and women how to do deeds of kindness and to speak encouraging words when most needed is very often lacking, even when other fruits of the Spirit flourish. Many people show that they

have genuine love, joy, peace, and faith, when they do not know at all how to reach the heart of another who is disheartened over a mistake or failure.

With the best intentions in the world they are sure to do or say just the wrong thing. Coming across a fellow-pilgrim chiding under a disappointment, due to some fault of his own, they are in danger of some kind, but none the easier to bear for all that, instead of pouring in oil and wine, they, with sincere but mistaken ideas of "being faithful with the word," begin to probe the wound to its most sensitive part.

It is not that they are not sincere; indeed, when hearts need probing, but a very gentle, as well as skillful, hand should hold the knife. The keenest sting of failure often is the conviction that it came through some fault of our own, and that we are the victims of our own out of life, so that we have half a mind

motto for everybody is this saying of the famous philosopher 1. Not that we should seek in selfish way to outstrip others but that we should never be satisfied to put into that which we do anything but the very best effort of which we are capable.

Do not ask, How can I make my life good, but how can I make it best? Do not ask, Will this profession or this work make me useful to my fellow-men, but will this course make me most useful to my fellow-men? Do not ask, Is this highest aim, is this a great thing to do? but is this the highest aim, is this the best, the very best thing on earth that it is possible for me to do?

No course in life will ever prove satisfactory either to ourselves or to God, save that only which follows the loftiest ideals, and which induces us to throw into the attainment of those ideals our whole selves, the very best and truest powers of our whole being. Anything short of this will end only in the more or less complete failure which waits a ways upon half-heartedness.—The Christian Work.

THE LATE SHAH OF PERSIA.

[London Spectator.]

Assassination is murder, and inexcusable, be the provocation what it may, but if ever a sovereign tempted fate.

was Near-d-Din, the late Persian King of Kings. Throughout his reign, ruler of a vast empire, he was a despotic despot of the worst type, thinking only of his own autocracy and his own private fortune, and his own exemption from anything that could disturb his peace. All who resisted him, or whom he feared, he would punish. He would not allow others to suffer the same fate, but he would not allow others to escape the same fate either. He would not allow others to escape the same fate either. He would not allow others to escape the same fate either.

von E. was surprised from the fact that many of the human eyes were presented to him as proof that his orders had been executed. He must have had some ability, or he could not have maintained his despotic power, and he was not without influence by his servants; but his efforts to establish an army never succeeded, his defence of his kingdom against the British invasion of 1856 was of the feeblest kind, and though he played off the British against the French, and against other tribes, he had no other qualities, except a certain skill, as the Sultan also does, he distrusted all ambassadors alike, and never succeeded, though he had many different opportunities, in securing trustworthy friends, and he was suspicious, and Russia always espionage. In internal affairs he continued the

evil policy of his Tartar house, which trusts no one but a prince with local powers, there was no apprehension of a kingdom. It was under this rule the population of the village withered away, and it seemed that Persia, by nature, one of the richest countries in the world, might become a desert. The true cause of this was a lively, witty, vigorous, often described as the French of Asia, who, reduced, as Sir Henry Rawlinson said, to less than five millions. Persia, in fact, as we used to think of her, no longer exists. There will therefore be no center of the whole revenue of his kingdom, and practically of all its resources. He was intent upon heaping up treasures for himself in a more formal, and more direct way. He had the greatest number of precious stones collected together in the world. Where a viceroy man, even in the East, would have had a whole room, he had a box, and a box stolen or given by him, he had, as the British Minister once testified, "buckets

of diamonds, rubies, and emerald deeper than a man's fore-arm could reach. He was in fact an Asiatic prince of type impossible in Europe, and while he held his murder, probably by an agent of the Rabis, to have been utterly wicked, we cannot affect either to lament his fate or to feel any surprise that in spite of elaborate precautions it arrived.

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96 Queen Street
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