

The Age of Melancholy.

The prevalence of melancholia, mild or intense, among the cultured classes, and especially among educated and reflective men in these days, would, there are good grounds for believing, seem portentous could it only be faithfully set forth. Could the secrets of some case books be revealed, it would be found that men in high places, professional men in active employment, business men in prosperous circumstances, literary men who are delighting the world with their wit and genius, artists who are illuminating life with glowing colors, students who are gaining prizes and distinctions, tradesmen who have climbed to success on the ruin-heaps of competitors, and idlers who have only to amuse themselves, are all visited by melancholy, revealed only to their doctors and sometimes to their domestic circle, which darkens existence as with terrible storm clouds now and then, or robs it persistently of brightness, reducing it to a monotonous leaden gloom. Behind many a "shining morning face" there is deep, dull wretchedness; under many a stolid exterior there is racking mental misery. A curious yet familiar sight it is to see the mask suddenly cast aside in the consulting-room, and the face that but a minute ago was cheerful or serene gather into an expression of suffering or despair as the skeleton in the cupboard is disclosed. We are all meeting in daily life victims of morbid melancholy, whom we should as soon suspect of being afflicted with small-pox or jaundice, but are even in our presence struggling beneath a load of it, and who, when we leave them, sink high exhausted by the efforts required for its concealment. Could we in invisible companionship follow home that friend who has delighted us at the dinner table by his brilliant conversation, we should perhaps see him throw himself in his chair, in his dark study, and sit for hours absorbed in vague, dismal thought. Could we thus pursue the judge who has won our admiration in court by the logical precision and ethical propriety with which he has distinguished the offences of the criminals brought before him, we should perhaps find him pacing the floor of his bed-room and ringing his hands under the horrible, if fictitious, conviction that he is himself more guilty and steeped in sin than the wretches he has sent to penal servitude. Could we keep watch over that popular preacher, who has stirred up by his fervid words, and strengthened the foundations of our faith by his confident dogmatism, we should observe him perhaps tossing sleepless and distressed throughout the livelong night, haunted by doubts and perplexities, and by the incessant whisperings of a voice which asks:

Were it not better not to be,
Than to live so full of misery?

Could we in disembodiment remain a little while with that good physician who has just given us such sound advice and urged us to fight against the despondency for which we have consulted him, we should perceive him, perhaps, as soon as he has dismissed his patients, hurry off to the house of a brother practitioner and pour forth in his car, with tremulous anxiety, a description of the hopeless diseases from which he conceives himself to be suffering, and which exist only in his hypochondriac fancy.—*London Medical Times.*

Why should everyone try to make his own company as agreeable and valuable as possible? Because it is company that he can never avoid.

To keep our feet steadily planted on this earth, in the ordering of life so that the simplest duties are daily performed, and our heads in the stars rejoicing in God, and communing with Him, is not an easy thing, it is true, but our privilege. This attainment is the sum of human excellence.

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