

nature unknown to the world, it comes out in his photograph."

Hawthorne declared that dominant family traits and likenesses were always revealed in these sun-drawn pictures, even though they might not be visible on the real faces of the sitters.

These assertions, if correct, only illustrate a truth which is as old as mankind: that as years go by, the character of a man writes itself indelibly upon his face.

Not only the action, whether mean or noble, but the secret thoughts which are never put into deeds, — the sensual imagination, the cruel purpose, the lofty hope, the kind feeling, all these record themselves upon the features or at some unexpected moment peep out at the world from behind the eye.

The sin which we welcomed as a pleasant guest in youth may be hateful to us in middle age, but we can never again make it a stranger to us. Some look or mark in our faces betrays to a keen observer that we were once familiar with it.

Among the superstitious legends of the Scotch there are many stories of an unclean, wicked little fairy, who obtains entrance to a house, and lives there after in the cellars and coal-bins, taking a mischievous part in the family life.

His precautions became so intolerable to one household, we are told, that they hired a new dwelling, and at great loss "flitted" from their old house, going secretly by night, to escape their tormenter. But when the cart with their movables entered the gate of their new home the shrill, hateful voice of the wicked fairy was heard from among them, crying: "Here we are!"

The legend hints at a horrible truth. How many men have rushed from one occupation to another, from home to home, from country to country, to escape some vice or habit which had grown loathsome to them! Alas, they could not travel away from themselves.

God's grace, it is true, can banish the evil spirit from the heart, but the mark of its footprint remains upon the

threshold while life lasts. It is in youth that we must shut the door if we would keep that inner chamber undefiled.—*Exchange.*

In journeying along the Road of Life it is a wise thing to make our fellow travelers our friends. The way, rough as it may seem, may be pleasantly beguiled with an interchange of kindly offices and pleasant words. Suavity and forbearance are essential elements of good companionship, and no one need to expect to pass pleasantly through life who does not *habitually* exercise them in his intercourse with his fellows.—[Hall's Journal.]

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