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Treatise on the Ethics of Self-

"Suicide While Temporarily Incane" No Longer to Be Accepted as the Generally jest Viewed from Many Points in an

Nearly 3,000 in One Year in United King

dom.

Later, but less complete figures than the above have been compiled from time to time during the interval, each fresh batch only too plainly demonstrating a deplorable increase in self-destruction. For instance; in 1899 there were close on 3,000 suicides in the United Kingdom alone, nearly 2,000 of which were men.

"Why," is the question which instinctively arises. From the foregoing, does it not seem rash and thoughtless to conclude that, with low exceptions, the many thousands yearly within of suicide are impelled to self-destruction by acute parxoyans of miscial manis? Surely, such a conclusion bears the imprint of error, and invites controvers?

The popular acceptance of the impulse to self-destruction is stereotyped. We have learnt to anticipate the easy going verdict of the coroner. Its phraseology is now so familiar that no great stretch of imagination is necessary to picture the filling of the certificate by one application of a rubber stamp: "Suicide while temporarily insane." In the face of our statistics, must not this verdict be, in a great measure, a relie of days of comparative suicidal rarity when as an emigrative suicidal rarity when as an emigrative suicidal rarity when as an emigrative suicidal rarity when as an emigration in was must not this vertice of, in a great measure, a relic of days of comparative suicidal rarity, when, as an explanation it was reasonable? Do these offhand words not now appeal rather as a thoughtless dismissal of a problem for serious thought? Would not the ever swelling increase seem to involve the influence of deeper, subtler than that expressed thus hap-

Sane Individual May Take His Life.

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Of course, a considerable percentage of suicides are directly due to unhinged mental conditions, caused, say, by effect of sorrow, or excess upon originally weak intellects. The appalling feature is however, the larger proportion of suicides which cannot but impress as the outcome of calm, mature, dispassionate consideration. And the acceptance of this impression necessarily involves the admission that a perfectly sane individual may take his own life. It is undoubtedly the residual impression from continuous newspaper perusal, that, however applicable to the scant occurrences of by gone years, the theory of temporary insanity does not now apply to the majority of cases.

The perfect possibility of a sane man taking his own life is no longer denied by the medical world. The increase in question therefore

er denied by the medical world. The increase in question therefore resolves itself into a deplorable outcome of the times—in other words: what was in the past impossible, with few exceptions, save to the insane, is now quite within

The object here is not to view life from a dark and melancholy standpoint, or to circle with any halo of morbid attractiveness so grim a subject. That aimed at is a frank fronting of a question practically ignored, but claiming the attention of hu-manity as one of crucial interest.

SF Plan

During the past 50 years, the pressure of life has gradually become more and more intense; the struggle for existence more keen and bitter, until both mental and physical strains have assumed an acute-ness undreamt of by our fathers. To us get, this hurry and flurry, this profuse follows that same suicide is reconcilable

weating of brain and body, this incessant anxiety is absolutely casersial to the procuring of our ship bread; only that, and not even the prize of a few quiet days age, on a modest competency is alike beyond the hope and attainment of nine that the prize of a few quiet days age, on a modest competency is alike beyond the hope and attainment of nine that the current nut the ground." Such a man's primal curse. Yet, as the west of the few a shall thou as bread will thun return unto the ground." Such a man's primal curse. Yet, as the wast of the few and a primal curse. Yet, as the sum our conductors.

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Some there may be who, consulting only their own standard, will deny the possibility of calamity permanently robbing life of every joyful element. Yet, the acceptance of hieror throughout its community. Now, it is different to thing were formerly in the possibility for these reasons: In place, suicides were formerly in the could even dream of stepping on the could be even dream of stepping on the could even dream of stepping on the could be even dream of stepping on the could be

tion would speedily come to an end. The second is the outcome of the first, viz.: an instinctive horror of self-destruction coupled with a fear of death itself—and last, but chiefly: the dread of the hereafter. That such deterrents are rapidly losing their power over same humanity, the remarkable increase in suicides would seem to convey. In plain words, the reason for the increase in self-destruction is almost entirely a matter of religious belief or disbelief.

Suicide has been termed the rebellion

Suicide has been termed the rebellion of the individual against the circumstances of his life. Nowadays, it might also be accepted as an emphatic rebellion against the feligion of the churches,—a retrogression from the faith, some might term it. In those countries where atheism is rampant, the percentage of suicides is excessive. This fact deals the theory "while temporarily insane" a heavy blow. That phase might truthfully be replaced, in the case of most sane suicides, by either of these: He trusted in a merciful God,—or, he was convinced of total annihilation. Suicide is termed cowardly on every hand. The argument has become stereotyped and is echoed parrotlike by the unthinking acceptors of vain tradition. Now, this view proves with final conclusiveness that no thoughtful consideration has been applied to the question. Purely as an incentive to thought, let us argue against the popularly accepted theory.

We term a man a coward who shrinks

necessarily personal. He has simply en deavored to shed some light on a problem

of intense interest, from the only logical standpoint apparently available.

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We term a man a coward who shrinks from some dangerous or uncongenial prospects or circumstance by accepting some easier refuge offered; he shrinks from the difficult, and accepts the seemingly easier. This definition may be applied to all phases of cowardice. How then, can it be cowardly in the suicide to flee the slings and arrows of this brief career, only to usher himself into the sorrow of inconceivable eternity. His action, according to the theology of those who call it cowardly, is the fleeing of a bad condition for one unthinkably worse. If this be distinct and entirely contrary definitions cowardly, then must the term possess two A black object cannot also be white.

Further, why cowardly to voluntarily We term a man a coward who shrinks

Further, why cowardly to voluntarily end a miserable struggle. Might it not be more cowardly to continue it because one fears the consequence of ending it? Take, for instance, the soliloquy of Ham-

The distinct inference here is that fear of the hereafter withholds the hand of the suicide, "and the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought." Thus, fear being the withholding impulse, it logically follows, from a Shakespearean basis, that suicide is not cowardly, but courageous! And this basis is identically that from which humanity in majority evolves precisely the opposite in majority evolves precisely the opposite conclusion. Humanity has contorted conthe churches in a manner flavoring most flagrantly of self-deception. Thus, when a man affirms that the suicide is a coward, he practically asserts that he himself is no coward. The natural conclusion would therefore be that the fear of death does not appeal to such a man; he merely abhors cowardice. As a matter of fact, the perpetuators of the coward theory entirely exclude the act of death from their

consideration.

The lower the intelligence, the stronger The lower the intelligence, the stronger the first instinct of self-preservation, that instinct which impells even the drowning suicide to clutch at a straw; and it will be admitted that narrow religious views are invariably linked to comparatively low intelligence, and consequently, the intenser dread of death. Those who may have dread of death. Those who may have witnessed the terrible condition of mind in which so many of narrow religious beliefs pass from this world, and the anguished tenacity with which they adhere to life in frantic effort to withhold their spirit a little longer from the Almighty God, must adm'that the cowmighty God, must adm that the cowardice of the suicide incomes to assume a contrary aspect. The suicide dares hell,—the other, shall we say, fears Heaven at the natural termination of his life.

Sane suicide by one of narrow religious convertions is irreconcilable. It therefore

THE MARCONI SYSTEM.

a Five Months' Cable-laying

Chief Electrician Keely Here, After

What He Thinks of the Italian Inventor and Wireless Telegraphy—The Bryan Island Cable a Complete Success, Connecting

After spending five months casting about the shores of Eastern Canada from Anticosti to the Bay of Fundy in the imporant work of cable laying and repairing D. H. Keely, chief electrician for the dominion government, is at the Dufferin. His visit to St. John furnishee, however, but a brief respite from his arduous labors for he will leave this morning for Grand Manan and Campobello on work connected with his department.

Mr. Keely has been aboard the cable steamship Tyrian since June 17 and the most important work he has accomplished in that time has been the laying of the government cable from Bryan Island to Grosse Isle in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and from Bryan Island to Anticosti, by which cable communication is established from Heath Point, Anticosti, to Meat Cove, Cape Breton.

So far the cable has proved entirely successful. To lay it properly was a feat attended by no small amount of difficulty and hardship due to the lateness of the seepon and the rough weather and that it

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Because we can bear is no justification for condemning as insanity the feebler suffering capacities of others; nor must be universally otherwise—and while in Prones. There exists the suicides at present average about 53 per million of the population, while in Protestant to the above, it may be interesting to add that, in Roman Catholic states suicides at present average about 53 per million of the population, while in Protestant states, the average is 190 per million. These figures assist the foregoing controlled the suicides at present average is 190 per million. These figures assist the foregoing controlled the suicides at present average is 190 per million. These figures assist the foregoing controlled the suicides at present average is 190 per million. These figures assist the foregoing controlled the suicides at present average is 190 per million. These figures assist the foregoing controlled the suicides at present average is 190 per million. The suicides at present average is 190 per million. The set graves of the Triang of the population, while in Protestant to Mr. Keely as well as to Captain Thomas O'Leary and Chief Engineer C. E. Stewart, of the Triang and in the past. All things point to the taint of herdity, to an inherent in the past in the service his word since the protection of the population and the past in the past in the set of captain of the population and the past in the past in the captain of the population and the past in the past in th

born, the mere flotsam of circumstance, of inscrutable laws.

The encroachment of female labor into branches formerly the sole prerogative of man may very reasonably be accepted as a working of evolution towards the prevention of over-population. Marriage is no longer the one aim of women; the day of large families is past. The competition of man's helpmate has so resulted. Who can say that, by and by, suicide may not also become an almost equally important factor in the same direction. So many things have happened in our time, which, at the most, is but a breath: who is bold enough to limit future possibilities, the distinct embryos of which are already apparent!!!

In conclusion, the writer would impores that the opinions herein expressed are not necessarily personal. He has simply entered to the same of the late season is considered. The cable from Bryan Island to Heath Point, Antirocti—a distance of 92 miles—was started on November 4 about 9.30 and shortly before 1 o'clock that the Point, Antirocti—a distance of 92 miles—was started on November 4 about 9.30 and shortly before 1 o'clock theneth point, Antirocti—a distance of 92 miles—was started on November 4 about 9.30 and shortly before 1 o'clock theneth point, Antirocti—a distance of 92 miles—was started on November 4 about 9.30 and shortly before 1 o'clock the next afternoon it was connected at Heath Point.

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Mr. Keely has a great opinion of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, but is pronounced in his views that the talented Italian inventor and his associates should not attempt to much.
"Let them confine themselves," said he, "to working with stations not more than 300 miles apart and they will be successful, but further than that it will be a difficult problem to keep the circuit in proper adjustment." He was not inclined to think that the wireless system would relegate the old fashioned method to oblivion, but was rather of the opinion that Marconi's invention will eventually become an auxiliary to the other and that the successful transaction of "business over sea" on Marconi's plan will stimulate cable business under sea. The government stations at Belle Isle have proved successful. Mr. Keely is a very modest man who makes light of his own achievements, but nevertheless he is a prominent figure in the world of electric science and an official whom the government could fil afford to lose.

Weddings in St. John. The residence of James Davis, White

The residence of James Davis, White street, was the scene of a happy event at an early hour Wednesday morning, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Davis youngest daughter, Kate Gertrude, to Ine Edred Grant, of Woodstock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Raymond, of St. Mary's church, in the presence of the bridge immediate friends.

services were always gladly rendered in behalf of every good cause. Her popular-ity with her friends and associates was abundantly shown by abundantly shown by the many and han some presents she received as a token The newly wedded pair took the morn

w. H. O'Neill, of this city, and Miss W. H. C'Neill, of this city, and Miss Teresa Harrington were united in marriage Wednesday at St. Peter's church by Rev. J. Woods, C. SS. R. The bride wore fawn broadcloth, with pale blue panne and apangled applique trimming, and black revertipieture hat. She was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Harrington who were a cown of navy broadcloth. ton, who were a gown of navy broadcloth trimmed with cream serge. Joseph Duffy, supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. D'Neill were the recipients of many gifts, among which were a chair from the firm of Henderson & Hunt, and a lamp and cut

glass from the employes of that firm: The marriage of Edmund F. Gladwin, of Halifax, at present employed with Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, of this city, and Miss Della Marie Comean took place Wednesday morning at the Cathedral. The bride who was gowned in brown Zibeline cloth with white trimmings and large hat, was attended by her sister, Miss Hazel Comeau. The groom was supported by M. J. Duff, of Claxton-on sea, Essex (England). Mr. and Mrs. Gt dwin will reside at 38 Charles street.

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Fear Fowl Will Be Scarce at Xmas Time - Market Conditions and

prevails; but, fast approaching Christmas, the season of holiday jollity and good things will be evident in the country market as quickly as anywhere. The outlook at present is rather dark, however, for that necessary Christmas commodity, the turkey. Reports have it that that fowl will be scarce and prices high. At present though, poultry is a little more plentiful than it was last week. Country beef is in good supply. Lamb, also, is in good supply, but potatoes are very scarce.

Fish is only in fair supply. All season, in fact, fish has been very scarce. The weather has been bad for the fishermen and the dogfish, which usually remain only a couple of weeks, stayed more than two months this season and when the schooners were, at last, commissioned the weather turned very unfavorable. In all, the season has been one of very adverse circumstances with the fishermen. Retail prices proprected to date are:

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