

MY FEATHERED FAVOURITE.

My little feather'd favourite,
With all your loving ways,
And tuneful voice that daily sings,
Your great Creator's praise,—
I wish, I wish, that I was, too,
One-hundredth part as sweet as you.

How quickly, when I call you,
You hasten to obey;
And leave the nicest crumbs you have,
To come without delay.
I wish, I wish, that I was, too,
Ready, obedient, just like you.

I know 'tis love that prompts you
To nestle in my hand;
Your actions say you trust me,
And I can understand.
I wish, I wish, I had such love
For my Creator—God above.

I think He means your life to show
Just what my life should be—
Obedient, loving, full of praise.
Because He first loved me.
I wish, I wish, and I will pray,
To love and please Him every day.

DERIVATION OF THE WORD CANON.

If we go back into the early history and practice of all religions, we find that thousands of years before the invention of printing, the priests of Greece and Rome, as well as those of Babylon and Assyria, and of the Druids—perhaps more ancient than the former, and quite as ancient as the latter—chanted or sang the laws and ordinances of the faith, the better by the means of rhythm, and perhaps of rhyme, to impress them upon the memory of the people. With this clue we find that a canon is a chant, a law, a maxim, a precept, promulgated in the temples by the priests, intoning them in solemn recitation or chant, as is now done in the Cathedral Service, and that the root of the word is the Celtic can, to sing, to rehearse, and sona (shona, pronounced hons) fortunate, happy, holy, whence can-on or can-hon, a holy song. The word canon in secular music seems to be derivable from the same root as well as the Italian canzone and the French chanson.—Mr. Walford's Antiquarian Magazine.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

If you have a notion that you can attain to any height without doing exactly what God has told you to do, without entering by a visible door—putting your spiritual life to school and to practice in an instituted church, to be nourished there just according to divinely appointed appliances and helps, in prayers, sanctuaries, separate seasons, sacred places, reverent observances, charitable works and ministries, holy sacraments—it is only because you have been, more or less, misled by a very plausible sophistry of self-direction or infallible personal illumination. A great deal of prevailing indifference—not all of it, but much—may be traced to the misleading of that flattering idea. The sooner you make a fair revision of the whole subject, and let good, sound common sense and a docile heart, set you down at the feet of the great Master, in his own "school," the sooner you will be a strong soul, at peace with yourself and a useful workman for God.—Bishop Huntington.

In making a present, let it be in accordance with your known means and position, and offer it quietly and without parade. Its value should be its usefulness or beauty, and not its mere money worth. In receiving a present, do so without extravagant speeches of thanks; but let your acknowledgments be cordial and gratifying to the giver.

A GREAT REVELATION.

SYNOPSIS OF A LECTURE DELIVERED BY DR. SELWYN STANLEY BEFORE THE METROPOLITAN SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION OF LONDON.

"The free and independent thought of this age accepts statements only where they are proven to be truth, while the developments of mental power seem equally great in every other department of life. The valuable inventions of the day are counted by thousands. The increase of scientific study is universal. The spirit of inquiry in all fields is so marked as to cause and comment on every side while people seem investigating and advancing in every direction which can help them morally, mentally or physically. This is especially true of the human body and everything which concerns it, and the truths which the people have found, even in the last fifty years, are simply marvelous. How really ignorant some cultured and supposable scientific people were only a few years ago, as compared with the present day, may be better understood from a few

ILLUSTRATIVE FACTS.

"A prominent American writer prepared an elaborate essay to prove that steamships could never cross the Atlantic, and his pamphlet was just issued in time to be carried by the first steamer that came to England. People once believed that the heart was the seat of life and health. It is now known that this organ is only a pump, simply keeping in motion what other and more important organs of the body have created and transformed. It was once supposed that if a person felt a pain in the back, the liver was deranged; if a pain came in the lower chest the lungs were affected and consumption was near; it is now known that a pain in the back indicates diseased kidneys, while troubles in the lower chest arise from a disordered liver and not imperfect lungs. A severe pain in the head was once thought to come from some partial derangement of the brain; it is now known that troubles in other parts of the body and away from the head, cause headaches and that only by removing the cause can the pain be cured. It is a matter of

PRIVATE HISTORY

that General Washington was bled to death. His last illness was slight and caused principally by weariness. A physician was called who bled him copiously. Strange to say, the patient became no better! Another doctor was called, who again took away a large amount of vital fluid. Thus in succession four physicians drew away the life of a great man who was intended by nature for an old age, and who prematurely died—murdered by malpractice—bled to death. That was the age of medical bleeding!"

The speaker then graphically described another period which came upon the people, in which they assigned the origin of all the diseases to the stomach, and after showing the falsity of this theory, and that the kidneys and liver were the causes of disease, and that many people are suffering from kidney and liver troubles to-day who do not know it and attend to them at once continued:

"Let us look at this matter a little more closely. The human body is the most perfect and yet the most delicate of all created things. It is capable of the greatest results and it is liable to the greatest disorders. The slightest causes sometimes seem to throw its delicate machinery out of order while the most simple and common-sense care restores and keeps them in perfect condition. When it is remembered that the amount of happiness or misery we are to have in this world is dependent upon a perfect body, it is not strange that simple precautions and care are not exercised? This is one of the most vital questions of life. People may avoid it for the present, but there is

certain to come a time in every one's experience when it must be faced.

"And here pardon me for relating a little personal experience. In the year 1870, I found myself losing both in strength and health. I was unaccountably tired, my appetite was fickle, my head troubled me at times and occasionally pains would shoot through different portions of my body. I could assign no cause for this decline, but it continued, until finally I called to my aid two prominent physicians. After treating me for some time they declared I was suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys, and that they could do nothing more for me. At this time I was so weak I could not raise my head from the pillow and I

FAINTED REPEATEDLY.

My heart beat so rapidly it was with difficulty I could sleep. My lungs were also badly involved. I could retain nothing upon my stomach, while the most intense pains in my back and bowels caused me to long for death as a relief. It was at this critical juncture that a physical longing which I felt (and which I most firmly believe was an inspiration) caused me to send for the leaves of a plant I had once known in medical practice. After great difficulty I at last secured them and began their use in the form of tea. I noticed a lessening of the pain at once; I began to mend rapidly; in five weeks I was able to be about and in two months I became perfectly well and have so continued to this day. It was only natural that such a result would have caused me to investigate more thoroughly. I carefully examined fields in medicine never before explored. I sought the cause of physical order and disorder, happiness and pain, and I found the kidneys and liver to be the governors, whose motions regulate the entire system."

After describing at length the offices of the kidneys and liver, and their important part in life, the doctor went on to say:—

"Having found this great truth, I saw clearly the cause of my recovery. The simple vegetable leaf I had used was a food and restorer to my well nigh exhausted kidneys and liver. It had come to them when their life was nearly gone and by its simple, yet powerful influence, had purified, strengthened and restored them and saved me from death. Realizing the great benefit which a knowledge of this truth would give to the world, I began in a modest way to treat those afflicted and in every case I found the same.

HAPPY RESULTS

which I had experienced. Not only this, but many who were not conscious of any physical trouble, but who, at my suggestion, began the use of the remedy which had saved my life, found their health steadily improving and their strength steadily increasing. So universal, where used, was this truth, that I determined the entire world should share in its results, and I therefore placed the formula for its preparation in the hands of Mr. H. H. Warner, a gentleman whom it cured of a severe kidney disease, and who, by reason of his personal worth, high standing and liberality, has become known and popular to the entire world. This gentleman at once began the manufacture of the remedy on a most extensive scale, and to-day, Warner's Safe Cure, the pure remedy that saved my life, is known and used in all parts of the world and can be found on the shelves of every drug store.

"I am aware a prejudice exists toward proprietary medicines, and that such a prejudice is too often well founded, but the value of a pure remedy is no less because it is a proprietary medicine. A justifiable prejudice exists toward quack doctors, but is it right that the prejudice should extend towards all the doctors who are earnestly and intelligently trying to do their duty? Because Warner's Safe Cure saved my

life before is because a proprietary medicine, is it reasonable to suppose that it will not cure others and keep still more from sickness now that it is sold with a government stamp on the wrapper? Such a theory would be childish."

The doctor then paid some high compliments to modern science, and closed his lecture as follows:—

"How to restore the health when broken and how to keep the body perfect and free from disease must ever be man's highest study. That one of the greatest revelations of the present day has been made in ascertaining the true seal of health to be in the kidneys and liver all scientists now admit, and I can but feel that the discovery which I have been permitted to make, and which I have described to you, is destined to prove the greatest, best and most reliable friend to those who suffer and long for happiness, as well as to those who desire to keep the joys they now possess."

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