

REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE JOHN B. GAYNOR.

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Since the death of this truly worthy man, venerable and devoted Methodist, and good citizen, I have often thought of committing to paper a few facts relative to his real character, which came under my own immediate notice during the forty years of my personal acquaintance with him.

The early religious history of Mr. John B. Gaynor was before I had a personal knowledge of him. He became the subject of divine impressions, and was awakened to serious thoughtfulness on religion, while attending the ministry of some of the early Methodist ministers who labored in St. John, N. B.

Being divinely awakened to a real consciousness of his spiritual danger, he was now anxious to know how he should approach his Maker in order to obtain the remission of his sins. His language was similar to that of the Prophet: "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God?"

His awakened mind naturally inquired: "How shall man be just with God? or what is the ground of a sinner's justification in His sight?" The doctrine of the Gospel informed him that justification is "not of works lest any man should boast."

Being thus influenced, he believed in Christ "with his heart unto righteousness." His faith in Christ was not a mere cold, lifeless, intellectual assent to the great doctrine of salvation through the Atonement; but an actual trust in Christ, or a scriptural appropriation of the merits of Jesus to his own mind by faith in Him.

No sooner did he thus come to God, through faith in the merits of Christ, than he experienced the renewal of his nature by the power of the Divine Spirit. He was born again, born from above, and brought out of spiritual

darkness into the marvellous light of the glorious Gospel of the ever blessed God. He felt the Gospel to be the power of God to the salvation of his soul. He was now assured, though not in the same powerful degree that some are, of his acceptance with God.

Having decided to live to the glory of God, he and his now saluted wife joined the Methodist Church, in St. John, N. B., and continued faithful members of the same, until called from the church militant to the church triumphant. For many, very many years, our departed and sainted brother adorned his Christian profession by a pious life, and an unblemished reputation.

Brother Gaynor was a true Methodist. This he demonstrated by cordially embracing and fully approving of its doctrines, discipline and usages. He highly respected its ministers, regularly and devoutly attended its services, and liberally sustained its pecuniary interests. He not only contributed largely for the erection of its churches and parsonages, etc., but regularly supported the stationed ministers. From my certain knowledge he gave every Sabbath morning, in addition to his regular subscriptions, a dollar, and even sometimes more, in the public collections, for the sustentation of the minister.

Such was his reputation with the public, for uprightness and integrity, that the Mayor of the city once said, "If there be an honest man in St. John, it is John Gaynor." I never became acquainted with a more conscientious and upright man in his dealings with others. He scrupulously attended to that sublime injunction: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

He was also intellectually a superior man. Persons partially acquainted with him might come to a different conclusion; but such as knew him well, and were competent to decide, could not but perceive that he was a correct theologian, and a careful student of history and the best standard authors in the English language. He not only read them, but had them so perfectly in his memory that he could repeat for hours passages from Johnson, Young, Milton, Paley, Wesley, Clarke, etc., etc., with readiness, and form his opinion of their respective merits with marvellous accuracy. In these respects I never knew his equal.

This pious and intelligent man lived to a good old age, adorning his profession through a long life. At length nature became exhausted, and after weeks of gradual decline, the weary wheels of life stood still. The Master called, and this good man could say, before his voice was silent in death, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

His death terminates nearly all the aged members of the church in St. John with whom I became acquainted in the Spring of 1830. Messrs. Ray, Gardner, Eaton, Lockhart, and others have passed over to the other side; while the brethren Collins, Knowles, Capt. Pritchard, and a few more, have come to the borders of that happy land, from which no travellers return.

A CUSTOMS SUIT.

A citizen of the United States, arriving home from a visit to Europe with his family, in the end of September, by a vessel, brought with him wearing apparel bought there for his and their use, to be worn here during the season then approaching, "not excessive in quantity for persons of their means, habits, and station in life," and their ordinary outfit for the winter. A part of the articles had not been worn, and duties were exacted by the collector on all those articles. In a suit brought in the United States Supreme Court to recover from the collector the duties so exacted of the Revised Statutes (now section 2503, by virtue of section 6 of the act

of March 3, 1883, chapter 121 [22 Stat. 521], exempting from duty "wearing apparel in actual use and other personal effects (not merchandise), * * * of persons arriving in the United States," the proper rule to be applied was to exempt from duty such of the articles as fulfilled the following conditions: (1) Wearing apparel owned by the passenger and in a condition to be worn at once without further manufacture; (2) brought with him as a passenger, and not for sale, or purchased or imported for other persons, or to be given away; (3) suitable for the season of the year which was immediately approaching at the time of arrival; (4) not exceeding in quantity or quality or value what the passenger was in the habit of ordinarily providing for himself and his family at that time, and keeping on hand for his and their reasonable wants, in view of their means and habits in life, even though such articles had not been actually worn.

CHINESE IN NEW YORK.

The first anniversary entertainment of the Chinese Sunday-schools connected with the churches of New York and Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Chinese Sunday-School Union, was held at the Broadway Tabernacle, this city, on Monday evening, May 12. It was an occasion to attract and delight those interested in real missionary work, and the great audience-room was filled to its utmost capacity. The work, begun in 1868, had grown to 14 schools in New York and 8 in Brooklyn, with an average attendance of 500 scholars, requiring many teachers, and an enrollment of 40 or 50 communicants. The array was imposing, and the advancement exhibited in the mastery of English, the memorization of Scripture, and the appreciation of Christianity, drew forth enthusiastic applause. The Chinese consul of the city was present, and spoke through an interpreter. Two Chinamen made addresses in good English. The address of the Rev. Dr. L. S. Baldwin was a capital presentation of the wrongs and claims of the Chinese. The Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor made an impressive address. The meeting has greatly helped to lift the Christian work among our Chinese into prominence.—N. Y. Adv.

A SERIOUS BLOW.—The Independent mentioned, some six months ago, the very sad case of the quarrel in Calcutta between Mr. Hastie, a young and very hot-headed missionary of the Church of Scotland, and Miss Pigot, a lady in charge of a girls' school connected with the same mission. Mr. Hastie brought the most astounding charges against Miss Pigot and not a few others, and the case coming before the courts, Justice Norris presiding, a shocking mass of testimony was presented, and judgment given by the Justice in favor of Mr. Hastie, thus accrediting the charges. This was spoken of as the worst blow Christian missions had ever sustained in India. But public sentiment did not go with the verdict, and on appeal to the high court, Miss Pigot was secured a reversal; and substantial damages for slander were awarded to Miss Pigot. Mr. Hastie did a wanton injury not to a worthy woman only, but to the cause of Christianity. He has been properly condemned, and the Mission Board has recalled him to Scotland.

MRS. BARBAULD AND WORDSWORTH.—The last verse of Mrs. Barbauld's poem on "Lute" has a delightful freshness in its expression, and a bright hope. They are probably among the very last lines which fell from her pen.

Life! we've been long together, Through pleasant and through cloudy weather; 'Tis hard to part when friends are dear, Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh a tear; Then steal away, give little warning, Choose thine own time; Say not good night, but in some brighter clime Bid me Good morning!

It was Crabbe Robinson who gave the volumes in which these verses were published to Miss Wordsworth, the sister of the poet. When Wordsworth next met Robinson he said to him, "Repeat me that stanza by Mrs. Barbauld." Robinson did so. Then he requested him to repeat it again, until he learned it by heart. Then he walked up and down the sitting-room at Rydal repeating it himself, and ended by muttering, "I am not in the habit of grudging people their good things, but I wish I had written those lines!"—Leisure Hour.

The Atlantic, we are told, if drained, would be a vast plain, with a mountain ridge in the middle, running parallel with the American coast. Another range crosses it from Newfoundland to Ireland, on the top of which lies a submarine cable. The ocean is thus divided into three great basins, no longer 'unfathomable depths.' The tops of these sea mountains are two miles below a ship, and the basins fifteen miles. The

mountains are whiter for a thousand miles by a tiny, creamy shell. The depths are red in color, heaped with volcanic matter. Through its black, motionless water of these abysses move gigantic, abnormal creatures which never rise to the upper currents.

BREVITIES.

Inquisitive people are the funnels of conversation. They do not take in anything for their own use, but merely pass it to another.—Sir R. Steele.

A New York telegram says that a girl has been arrested while disguised as an old woman. The old woman disguised as a girl is still at large.—Ex.

Joaquin Miller says that all true modern poets are devout Christians. Perhaps so, but all devout Christians are not true modern poets by a good deal.

Let us take care how we speak to those who have "fallen on life's field." Help them up, not heap scorn upon them. We did not see the conflict. We do not know the scars.

Isn't it about time to look for some careless man to take command of ocean steamers. All that have been lost this year were captained by very "careful men."—Boston Post.

Rubinstein the musician always closes his eyes when he plays. He says he doesn't wish to see how many rude people there are who are not paying attention to his music.

It was a quaint and singularly wise remark of a modern essayist that no one's example is so dangerous to us as our own, for when we have done a certain thing once, it is so much easier to do it again.—Anon.

The way the value of raw material increases when manufactured is exemplified in the case of seal skin acquies. The Alaska seal hunters get forty cents each for the skins; the fur company gets \$24 each for them in London, and when made into acquies they are worth from \$200 to \$500 each.

During the active period of their lives men who live in peace are more popular than any of their fellow-men, yet these favored beings are almost sure to be forgotten in their hours of trouble. Human nature can be detestably mean to those who touch only its self-loving side.—N. Y. Herald.

At Monte Carlo it is the custom to fill the pockets of suicides with bank notes so that it may be seen that they did not kill themselves on account of losses. They tried this trick on a presumably dead Irishman a short time ago; but he was not dead at all, and skipped off with the money in the most lively style.

When a young woman trips lightly into the parlor, and explains her delayed appearance by remarking that she had been "helping mamma wipe the dishes," it is pretty hard to refrain from proposing on the spot; but go slow, my boy, go slow. She may be fooling three.—Philadelphia Call.

A witty lady says of the people of a famous New England town: "They are very pleasant, very intellectual, very delightful in a distant sort of way, and talk to you like so many books; but when you approach them socially, they all cling to their general legal trees as though they were frightened."

There never was a stricter temperance pledge than that of Solomon's. We think it sufficient to say, "Drink not," but he said, "Look not on the wine." The color, the sparkle, the very sight of the intoxicating draught is enough to awaken the appetite in some men so that it becomes necessary for them to make a covenant even with their eyes.

Some years ago Sir Garnet Wolseley, then plain Mr. Wolseley, was introduced to George Eliot. She wrote of him a sentence, which Sir Garnet has copied into a diary (where he recently allowed a friend to see it): "One of those men who have the power to command by means of gentleness of character, calmness of bearing, and inflexibility of resolution."

A gentleman who observed Johnnie carefully taking the census of a company assembled in the parlor awaiting a call to supper inquired: "What is the matter, Johnnie?" "Why," returned the urechin, with a troubled air, "here's nine of us, counting me, and mamma has gone and cut the two pies into quarters, and they only makes eight pieces."

The great composer, Felix Mendelssohn, who died in 1847, was the grandson of the celebrated philosopher, Moses Mendelssohn. His father, a Berlin banker, used to say, "I should like to know who I am. When I was young they used to call me the son of Moses Mendelssohn, and now that I am old I'm only called the father of Felix Mendelssohn."

The late Duke of Buccleuch some years ago found himself in a railway carriage with the then Duke of Northumberland and a commercial traveller. The two noblemen began talking, the "drummer" joined in, without any idea who his companions were, and for some time the conversation continued, general and general. Northumberland got out at last, at Alnwick, and rode away from the station in a showy coach. "That must be a swell," remarked the drummer, "looking after him; do you know who he is?" "Yes," said the Duke of Northumberland, said Buccleuch, "and yet they say," cried the other, "that our nobility is naughty! Why, he talked to two poor snobs like you and me as though we had been his pals!" Buccleuch kept quiet, but with difficulty. The Duke is dead, aged seventy-eight years. He was one of the wealthiest men in Scotland, owning no less than 400,000 acres of land, from which he derived an annual rental of \$1,150,000.

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Prof. Sir W. Thomson, in a recent lecture, stated that the magnetic pole is now near Boothia Felix, more than 1,600 miles west of the geographical pole.

The letters R. S. V. P., which means in English, "reply, if you please," are now superseded by the sentence: "The favor of an answer is requested."

REMARKABLE RESTORATION. Mrs. A. O'Brien, 372 Exchange St., Buffalo, was supposed to be dying with consumption and abandoned by her physician. She suffered terribly and was reduced in flesh to ninety pounds. In this condition she resorted to Burdock Blood Bitters, and now enjoys perfect health and weighs one hundred and forty-six. She will gladly answer enquiring sufferers on receipt of U. S. postage stamp.

Cotton raising, which a short time ago promised to become a flourishing agricultural industry in California, has not proved as profitable as was expected. John Chinaman is not equal to Sambo in the labor of picking the fleecy staple.

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