

The Poet's Corner.

The Word With Power.

How shall the Word be preached with power? Not with elaborate care and toil. With washings of the midnight oil. With graceful gesture studied well. And full intonation syllable; With trope and simile, lending force To subdivisions of discourse, Or labored feeling framed to please— The word of power is not in these.

How shall the Word be preached with power? Not by a separate holiness Which stands aloof to wars and biases. Speaking as from a higher plane: Which common men may not attain; Which treats of sin and want and strife. As things outside the priestly life. And only draws anigh to chide. Holding a saintly robe aside.

How shall the Word be preached with power? Ah, needless to debate and plan. Heart answereth to heart in man; Out of the very life of each Must come the power to heal or teach. The life all eloquent may grieve. The brain may subtly work and weave. But if the heart take not its share, The word of power is wanting there.

How shall the Word be preached with power? Go, preacher, search thy soul, and mark Each weak, each weakness, every dark And painful dust where life and sin Have beset their hard impress in; Apply the balm, and test the cure. And heal thyself, and be thou sure That which helps thee has power again To help the souls of other men.

How shall the word be preached with power? Go ask the suffering and the poor, Go ask the beggar at thy door, Go to the sacred page and read What served the old time want and need; The clasping hand, the kindling eye. Virtue given out unobscuredly. The self made selfless hour by hour— In these is preached the Word with power! —(Congregationalist.)

Words of Wisdom.

Cautious age suspects the flattering form, and only credits what experience tells.

Good is never more effectually performed than when it is performed by slow degrees.

Afflictions are the rough touches and hard rubs that we get to polish us for use and for shining.

Life is a sleep. Old men have slept the longest; they only begin to awaken when it is time to die.

Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world, and the old man lives among graves.

It is better to sow a good heart with kindness than a field with corn, for the heart's harvest is perpetual.

The man who allows a doubt to come between him and his honesty has taken the first step towards evil.

The strongest heart will faint sometimes under the feeling that enemies are bitter and that friends know not half the sorrow.

If we did but know how little some enjoy of the great things that they possess, there would not be much envy in the world.

Liar operate like salt miners—they undermine the truth, but leave just so much standing as is necessary to support the edifice.

A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than this, that when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent.

Wise men mingle mirth with their cares, as a help either to forget—or to overcome them; but to resort to intoxication for the ease of one's mind, is to cure melancholy by madness.

The desires that only have a bodily end and aim, that are unconnected with the high, holy, and noble purpose of a pure, true, and good life, are false desires, and should be slain.

We are more in danger from the seductions of our hearts than from any outward assaults. Through self-love and pride the enemy enters, and by his satirical lulls the stern voice of conscience that speaks audibly to the listening ear.

No language can express the power and beauty and heroism and majesty of a mother's love. It shrinks not where men cower, and grows stronger where men faint, and over the waste of worldly fortune sends the radiance of its quenchless fidelity like a star in heaven.

The willow which bends to the tempest often escapes better than the oak, which resists it; in great calamities, it sometimes happens that light and frivolous spirits recover their elasticity and presence of mind sooner than those of a loftier character.

To be ambitious of true honor, of the true glory and perfection of our natures, is the very principle and incentive of virtue; but to be ambitious of titles, of place, of ceremonial respects and civil pagentry, is as vain and little as the things are which we court.

How often a new affection makes a new man! The sordid, cowering soul turns heroic. The frivolous girl becomes the steadfast martyr of patience and ministration, transfigured by deathless love. The career of bounding impulses turns into an anthem of sacred deeds.

Finding how short-lived is everything terrestrial, should we on that account be sad and desponding? On the contrary, we should learn to make the most of the passing hour. We should also acquire the habit of adapting ourselves to the fluctuating conditions in which we are placed, and of compelling event toward circumstances to minister to our enjoyment.

It is almost every man's privilege, and it becomes his duty, to live within his means; not up to, but within them. Wealth does not make the man, and should never be taken into account in our judgment of men; but competence should always be secured when it can be so only a tolerable extent. It should be secured, not so much for others, as to secure to us the consciousness of independence, and the constant satisfaction which is received from its acquirement and possession.

Household Hints.

When very thick frosting is to cover the top of a large cake, dissolve a heaping teaspoonful of gelatine in hot water (use just as little water as possible), while hot rub it over the cake, then put on the frosting. If this precaution is not taken the sugar when hard is almost certain to crackle off, and the cake might as well not be frosted at all.

The following recipe for ladies' fingers is an excellent one.—Take one pound of pulverized sugar, one dozen eggs, three-quarters of a pound of flour. Beat the yolks and sugar to a cream, then beat the whites, and lastly stir in the flour; flavor with lemon. Bake in long, small tins made expressly for these little cakes or you may drop them on white writing paper; they are likely in this case, however, to look irregular about the edge. Be careful not to put too much dough in the tin, it will rise to a good height. Have the oven hot and success is certain.

A delicious pudding, so light as to be sometimes called "puff pudding," is made thus:—Measure eight tablespoonfuls of flour, put it in an earthen dish and warm it in the oven, then stir in one pint of sweet milk, three well beaten eggs, one teaspoonful of salt; beat the yolks and whites separately. Take six or seven teacups and butter them well, and fill about two-thirds full of the mixture. Bake in a "snick" oven for twenty minutes. For the sauce have one cup of hot water, six tablespoonfuls of sugar; let this come to a boil, then add one egg, stir constantly, add a piece of butter the size of an egg, and flavor with lemon, vanilla or nutmeg. If you prefer a sour sauce add a tablespoonful of vinegar.

The Charm of Reciprocity.

It is perfectly true that familiarity breeds contempt. Be not too anxious, therefore, to give yourself away to wear your heart upon your sleeve. It is not only unwise, it is wrong to make your secret soul common property; for you bring the delicate things of the heart into contempt by exposing them to those who cannot understand them.

Nor, again, should you claim too much openness as a duty due to you from your child, your friend, your wife, or your husband. Much of the charm of life is ruined by exacting demands of confidence. Respect the natural modesty of the soul; its more delicate flowers of feeling close their petals when they are touched too rudely. Wait with cautious love—with eager interest—for the time when, all being harmonious, the revelation will come of its own accord, unlearned. The expectation has its charm, for as long as life has something to learn, life is interesting; as long as a friend has something to give, friendship is delightful.

To wish to destroy all mystery in those we love, to have everything revealed, are unconsciously killing their own happiness. It is unwise to be with those who have many things to say to us which we cannot bear now. It is unwise to live with those who sometimes speak to us in parables.—If we love them, Love needs some indefiniteness in order to keep its charm. Respect, which saves love from the familiarity which degrades it, is kept vivid when we feel that there is a mystery in those we love, which comes of depth of character.

Remember that in violating your own reserve, or that of another, you destroy that sensitiveness of character, which makes so much of the beauty of character which is not common and to make it a cruel thing to spoil it.

Personalities.

There is really nothing to be gained by making personal attacks on the members of the Mowat Ministry, and it is a wonder that Sir John Macdonald permits his leading organ to continue its diabolical tirades. There is not a day that one or other of the members of the Mowat Ministry are not reviled in the most reprehensible terms. Whatever people's opinions may be as to the merits or demerits of Mowat's legislation or his attitude towards any given public question, no one will be led into believing that he is either a knave or a fool, or as the *Mail* calls him, "a mischievous impostor." He was sustained at the last elections in Ontario by an overwhelming majority of the electors, and to call him an impostor is to insult the intelligence of every man who helped to maintain him in power. It is extremely doubtful that the stop-bucket campaign entered by the *Mail* will bring the Opposition into power.—[Telegraph.]

A Keen Thrust.

As illustrating the universal homage paid to wealth, a good story comes to us of two ladies, who met upon a recent social occasion. They had been in the habit of meeting upon the same occasion for several years, and—passing on. This time they met and chatted most affably. Said number one to number two: "How well you are looking, Mrs. Blank. I think I have never seen you look so well." "Oh, yes," said lady number two, "but I think I shall be even better looking next year if my husband's income keeps on increasing. Rich ladies are always handsome." And she spoke so laughingly that it was not until she had passed on that the very complimentary lady was fully aware of the implied rebuke.

The *Christian Guardian*, the official organ of the Methodist Church of Canada, last week published the following card:—"As the person referred to in the following, from the *N. Y. Christian Advocate*, is said to be honoring Canada with a visit, we insert it for the benefit of our readers: One Max L. Rossvally, professing to be a converted Jew, is travelling through the country and exhibiting certificates from myself and other clergymen endorsing from myself and other clergymen endorsing a member of the M. E. Church, and has by his conduct in Columbus, O., Danbury, Con., and other places, proved himself to be unworthy of the confidence of the Church of Christ.

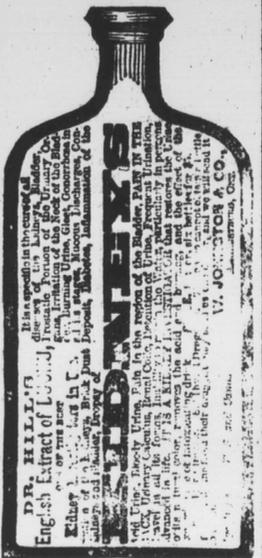
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