

The Lesson Coin Thoughts

I

Sins are never single; Manasseh multiplied his sins.

Every evil deed is done "in the sight of the Lord."

The results of sin are none the less sure because they are sometimes slow.

"Creeping paralysis" finds the last fiber of the nervous system at last.

The only shadow that ever fell across the face of God was the shadow cast by sin.

Nothing but sin can keep the heart from its heavenly inheritance.

II

No matter how much a man may wish it, light and darkness cannot dwell together.

If all the scientists of the world were to resolve to have it so, heat and cold can never be compatible.

Enfolded with every good is the possibility of evil.

All the engineer needs to do to go backward is to reverse his engine; all wrong is the reversal of right.

The engines of wrong are the engines of right reversed.

III

Sinners and saints start from the same point, but in opposite directions.

Good and evil always travel with their backs toward each other.

Sin is like a ball of rubber flung against a wall, in that it flies back to the hand that flung it.

As a man, by electric processes, may write his name at the other end of a wire several miles in length, so the sinner of to-day may write his sin into future generations.

IV

Sin dulls the intellect, deadens the sensibilities, and paralyzes the will.

Sin burns the mansion in an hour which it took the architect a year to build.

The Lesson Heart Talk

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Manasseh is one of thousands, yes, ten thousand times ten thousand, who have proved in experience the truth, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon"—or "multiply to pardon." So gracious, so loving, so forgiving is God. Pardon does not satisfy him; he multiplies it to righteousness, joy, and peace. When the prodigal comes home the Father does not

Sin scatters and wastes in a moment the gathered treasures of a century.

None but God could make the optic nerve, yet one blow from the hoof of a beast can ruin it forever.

V

Repentance of sin is not remorse, else Judas had returned to God.

There is nothing which is really redemptive in remorse.

A man may forget his sin, but it is never gone till God forgives it.

Since death is degeneration, there is nothing regenerative in death.

When a man really *repents* toward God he really *returns* toward God.

The penitent *may* shed tears, or not, but he must *forsake* sin.

He is not sorry simply because his aim has hurt him, but because it has hurt God.

VI

The darkest sins sometimes approach us as "angels of light."

The possibility of a shadow is in the sunlight itself.

Persistence in evil-doing lessens the possibilities of well-doing.

The wickedness that was *evolved* by Manasseh, the man, was *involved* in Manasseh, the boy.

The nature of the full-grown *python* is in the *python egg*.

VII

The more Manasseh built up the bad the more he tore down the good.

The man who is always building up the good is always tearing down the bad.

He who enlarges the world's good lessens the world's evil.

Every good thing has some vital relation to all good things.

Every wrong is a part of the sum of all wrong.

give him the place of a servant. He puts him back in the place where by birth he belongs. He brings forth the best robe, and puts the symbol of royalty and love upon his finger. There is nothing left to remind him of the shame of the old life, for that would darken hope and hinder progress. The past is blotted out. God does not wish the forgiven sinner to be looking for sins which he has cast behind his back. God is between him and his sins; he has no occasion to look beyond God. Nothing is so