

more unruly than when they left their parents to spend an hour in worshipful study of the word of God!

Sabbath-evening services are too often chosen by young people to carry on flirtations between the sexes: the week night prayer meeting is only saved from disturbance because it is a less popular resort for the frivolous and giddy. Many of these sinners against decent manners are younger members of the church, some of them recently received; others are children of christian parents. The serious mistake of pastors, officers of churches and sabbath schools is that they tamely submit to the disgrace thus put upon them and the religion they profess. Sometimes this is owing to something worse than mere inadvertence. The ambition for large membership, the supreme desire to please, the fear of giving offense, and, in some cases, a want of proper self respect, render abortive individual efforts to pastors or single officers to assert the honor of God in his house and ordinances. There is a coaxing, beseeching style of treatment which inevitably increases the evil complained of. Better the titling man with a creek in his shoes that sent a shudder through the heart of his evil doer. Better the distant, reserved, and even stern manner of the old divines. Better expulsions, or, if these excite no fear, other punishments that imply disgrace to the offender and unpopularity to the executor of justice, than the increasing flood-tide of irreverence which fears not God nor regards man.

A reverent spirit lies at the very root of Christianity. Indeed, no true religion can exist without it. Satan has often wisely chosen for his companions men like Thomas Paine and Robert Ingersoll, whose sneers insure a laugh at things sacred, solemn, and eternal. But shall the ministers and teachers of religion follow the same bad road? If our character and manners, as seen in our worship, possess no dignity, if familiarity has even in us bred contempt, who can blame those who hate Christianity and its God, for venting their spleen in ribald ridicule of belief and believers? We ought to turn to the lessons of holy fear that abound in the tabernacle and temple worship. We ought to take counsel of the reverent spirit with which all men approached the man Jesus Christ. We need to read again the unsparring denunciations of irreverent worship written by Paul to the Corinthians. It would do us good to look once more into the noble but stern faces of Cromwell, Milton, and John Knox; to stand with Cushman and Carver in the "Common House" of Plymouth, and with uncovered heads and bowed hearts listen to the name and word of God. Nay, the hush of a great mediæval cathedral, with its kneeling forms and dim light, is educationally, morally, better than the other extreme of garish, noisy, irreverent caricature of divine worship.

THE RELATION OF THOUGHT TO CHARACTER.

BY THE REV. SAMUEL M'KEAN, D.D.

Reputation is made by words and deeds, but character is formed by thoughts. A man may not really be what his speaking or acting make him seem to be, but "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." The power of thought is wonderful. We may retire within the realm of our own souls and commune with subjects almost unlimited in number and variety. And we may confine our meditations to our own consciousness, so that they shall be hidden from the view of others.

But whatever they may be, however trivial or important, hidden or revealed, they effect more or less the character and give tone to the life. 'Tis true that the occasional thinking upon a given subject may affect us but slightly; so slightly that we may be unconscious of its influence, but it will surely have some bearing upon our lives for good or for evil. But when the thoughts are much occupied with given subjects, the effect upon the life is very marked; so much so, that often the mental processes are clearly indicated by the external acts.

Nearly every mind has its favorite line of thought, and with each mind it is the line of thought most indulged which gives the leading features to the character and makes the man. Scientists seldom excel in many departments of science. They have their specialties to which they give their best energies. The thoughts of one are occupied with the earth—its physical features, the substances which compose it, their formations, positions and relations to each other. These thoughts make him a geologist. The thoughts of another ascend to the heavens. He is constantly prying into the mysteries connected with worlds already discovered, and is in the lookout for the undiscovered. His thoughts make him an astronomer.

The man of discovery and inventions first thinks and then acts. The great inventions given to the world have all been formed in the inventor's mind before they were wrought out by the hand of the workman. Watt's thought, studied and plained long and well on the steam en-

gine. At length it was constructed in his mind, with its cylinder, piston, valves and all its component parts, then it assumed form in the workshop and was applied to its various uses, and he who had produced it from his own mind was hailed as one of the world's greatest discoverers.

The moral character is shaped by the moral reflections. The conduct may be so guarded that it becomes difficult to decide what the real character is. It may seem to indicate a worthy life while the secret thoughts are all flowing in an impure channel. But in all such cases a man is as he thinks rather than as he seems to be. His thoughts make his life impure; and will in the end, be likely to manifest themselves in his conduct. The danger begins when vice is first thought about with pleasure, and desires, though faint, are cherished to indulge it. These thoughts become more powerful, the desires more pressing the longer they are entertained, until at length the forbidden fruit is plucked and eaten.

We are not infrequently startled by the announcement of a great crime committed by one who has had the confidence of the public. But when the history of the crime is known, we find that it was preceded by a line of thought which led gradually up to it. The evil things were brought forth from the evil treasures of the heart.

A pure life is the exponent of pure thinking. A man is not a Christian simply because he talks or acts like a Christian, but because he thinks like a Christian. He who would live a holy life must withdraw his mind from that which is impure, and meditate on holy things. His thoughts should be so in harmony with the divine will that he can confidently cry to God, "Oh, how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day."

"NO TIME."

"I have no time to devote to my children," says the business man with a sigh, for he really feels the privation of their society keenly. But the excuse is an insufficient one; he should make time—let other things go, for no duty is more important than that he owes his offspring. Parents should never fail to give the child such sympathy in its little matters of life as will produce in its confiding mind that trust and faith which is a necessary element in paternal influence. Filial affection is a great safeguard against evil influences, as well as a great civilizer to its possessor. Do not forget, that the childish mind in process of development absolutely needs the cheerful and happy influences which are produced by amusements as surely as the plant needs sun and light for its proper growth.

And who can be better persons to afford recreation than both parents?—Too frequently does the stately father, filled with the cares and responsibilities of life, forget that his little one is yearning for that familiar love which induces a game or a romp between them. The father's entrance after a day's labor should be a cause for rejoicing, and the signal for a merry game which would benefit him as much as the little ones.—New York Witness.

NO MORE NUNS: NONE.

The law in Italy allows friars and nuns to die out peaceably, but interdicts the making of new ones. In defiance of this law, the Abbess and nuns of the convent at Sulmona tried to make Miss Amalia Frati a nun. The chapel was full of invited guests. Mass had been finished and the ceremony of investiture was about to begin, when, with the suddenness of lightning in a blue sky, a door was flung wide open, and in came the Procurator of the King, the Colonel of the Carabineers, the Procurator's Secretary and the Delegate of Police. Advancing fearlessly to the altar, and ascending its steps, the Procurator shouted: "The function is at an end. In the name of the law I dissolve the meeting, religious orders being forbidden in Italy." The words were scarcely spoken, when the Delegate of Police ordered the people home. The command was obeyed in silence. Soon afterward the nuns received notice to leave Sulmona within twenty-four hours.

"Let us congratulate ourselves," says the Rome Opinions, "that this time, the rigidity of the authorities was not in vain." And let us thank God, too, that the right arm of Popery in Italy is broken and the law delivers the people from the incubus of friars, monks and nuns. The world does move, and Italy must move with it.—N. Y. Observer.

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