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Perdita.

REV. JAMES HEBBLETHWAITE.

THE sea coast of Bohemia
Is pleasant to the view
When singing larks spring from the grass
To fade into the blue,
And all the hawthorn hedges break
In wreaths of purest snow,
And yellow daffodils are out,
And roses half in blow.

The sea coast of Bohemia
Is sad as sad can be,
The prince has ta'en our flower of maids
Across the violet sea ;
Our Perdita has gone with him,
No more we dance the round
Upon the green in joyous play,
Or wake the tabor's sound.

The sea coast of Bohemia
Has many wonders seen,
The shepherd lass wed with a king,
The shepherd with a queen ;
But such a wonder as my love
Was never seen before,
It is my joy and sorrow now
To love her evermore.

The sea coast of Bohemia
Is haunted by a light
Of memory of lady's eyes,
And fame of gallant knight ;
The princes seek its charmèd strand,
But, ah, it was our knell
When o'er the sea our Perdita
Went with young Florizel !

The sea coast of Bohemia
Is not my resting place,
For with her waned from out the day
A beauty and a grace :
O had I kissed her on the lips
I would no longer weep,
But live by that until the day
I fall to shade and sleep.

—Bulletin.

The Gambling Habit.

The question which is now beginning to face us in very urgent fashion is the best means of discouraging a vice which threatens to be at least as destructive as drink. One thing at least is clear—gambling has come to the people from above, and it is from above that the remedy must begin. So soon as the upper classes began to consider it disgraceful to get drunk, the ancient failing of all northern nations began to abate ; and although we are still lamentably far from being a sober country, temperance has, unquestionably, made a progress which, a generation ago, seemed unlikely. It is, no doubt, a serious question how far it is possible to discountenance betting so long as horse-racing continues to be regarded by the highest in the land as "the sport of kings." An owner of race-horses may be—and we gladly recognise that he often is—the soul of honour, and he may never bet ; but no personal standard, however high, can make the race-course other than a fruitful source of evil. However pure the motives of highly placed persons, their action does, as a fact, encourage the gambling habit. Their possession of first-class four-legged gambling machines induces others to think that it is a fine and manly thing to have their little part in the sport of their "betters." But it is the desire to make money without working for it which lures the dupes of the bookmaker to their ruin, just as it is the anxiety of the middle-classes to get rich easily which encourages the fever of speculation. The modern craving for excitement, too, counts for much.

The life of the working man is monotonous. Despite the fabulous sums we have spent upon his education, his intellectual resources are small. The tout, the bookmaker, the tipster, and the sporting prophets of the newspapers offer him a ready means of excitement. No brains are needed for putting a shilling on a horse, and so he starts upon a course which but too often ends in the saddest way. The time has come for creating a much healthier and much more determined public opinion in reference to every form of gambling, and primarily to betting, but such a movement can only receive its proper impulse from those who at present set an example which their social position renders all the more deplorable. Legislation can do little, although it might very well do more, and we must look for the diminution of this, and its attendant vices, to the growth of a sense of responsibility which has both a moral and a practical side.

Guardian.

Atheism destroys Magnanimity. . . for take an example of a dog, and mark what a generosity and courage he will put on when he finds himself maintained by a man; who to him is instead of a God. . . . So man, when he resteth and assureth himself upon Divine Providence and favour, gathereth a force and faith which human nature in itself could not attain.

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Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

The past month has been particularly wintry. With one exception the Sundays have been cold and inclement. The attendances at church have been very poor. Our little hint, given on a previous occasion, relative to the offertories, we fear, has not been taken. We asked that each one, unable to be present at Church, should give the amount due on that especial Sunday, together with the coin usually presented, on the following week. If the offertories fall off at all, below the usual amount, the Wardens are at once hampered and unable to meet the claims upon them. In a word a wet Sunday means that our Church Extension is delayed because we depend much on the free-will offerings each week to pay the workmen. Don't, dear reader, forget this.

The Girls' Friendly Society, under the able guidance of Mrs Grieve, is doing wonderfully well. There are regular fortnightly meetings. On July 4th all assembled at Miss Thomas's school where, during work, Miss Horne gave a capital address on "Woman's Franchise." Two weeks later the members assembled in the evening at S. John's Rectory, when Dr. Parker gave a first-rate lecture on the subject of "Health." The remarks were especially meant for women and girls, and he managed to say much that is somewhat hard to say in a pleasant and helpful manner. All want the Dr. to speak again soon.

On July 4th Mr M. E. Robinson, M.H.A., who has just returned from a trip to Canada, gave a delightful lecture, which was beautifully illustrated by lantern slides, on that wonderful new world. It was full

of interest. A small charge for admission was made which went to the funds of the Mission House. The attendance was large and the interest very keen and sustained.

On July 11 the members of the Y.P.C.U. gave a social. Mr Richardson brought down his splendid phonograph, and delighted all with its fine renderings of songs and pieces. We thank him warmly for his goodness in coming. The attendance was large, and the proceedings very varied and enjoyable. The lady secretary ought to be pleased with the success of the little venture—we were.

On July 12 the members of our Young Men's Club met those of Holy Trinity in the school-room of the latter to try issues in what is termed a "tournament"—a term borrowed from the age of chivalry, when the arena was filled with mounted and armed knights, whose encounters were hardly the mock "jousts" of later days. The trial by combat, an instance of which is so graphically described in Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," a book which every boy should read, was one phase of the mediaeval tournament. Report says our especial contest was bloodless, though feeling ran high. But as the bagatelle cue took the place of the pointed lance, and the well-dressed young man that of the "armoured troubadour" on his elegantly and richly caparisoned steed—whilst the air-gun did duty in the room of the old-fashioned but deadly battle-axe—no lives were actually lost, nor was an ambulance even needed. The battle nevertheless raged fiercely for upwards of three hours, and though neither side was wholly annihilated, yet it was found when the flag of truce was shown that the Trinity boys, who would ordinarily scorn to "point," had actually won in the encounter by

making 37 points, beating their opponents by a balance of seven. True Britishers can always take a defeat heroically as shewn by the manly way in which "our boys" cheered the winners.

On July 20 the members of our Young Women's Bible Class entertained the girls of the Industrial School. The evening was composed of a "magic lantern" exhibition, followed by a sumptuous supper at the school. The conditions were favourable and success the outcome. The visitors were pleased, and the children superlatively pleased with the little event.

July 25 was the Festival of S. James. This is the date set aside each year for special intercession for the New Guinea Mission. To mark this there was a celebration of H.C. at the Mission House at 10 a.m., and a Service of Intercession at 7.30 in the evening at S. John's, at each of which Mr Hebblethwaite gave an address. The night was cold and bleak, and the attendance not good, though 15/- were taken out of the boxes set to receive offerings. The Misses Grubb and Bushman had previously circulated the annual report of the Mission widely throughout the Diocese, and thus helped to make the work done at this unique centre generally well known.

Confirmation classes are now in full swing. All caring to join will find a full list of the various hours of meeting posted in the Church porch.

Once a year Miss Esme Roy and her tiny cousins Ray and Maurice Whitaker hold a bazaar in aid of some foreign mission work. It is quite a spontaneous effort, and represents much real hard work. This year the sum cleared was £1 2s. 4d., which was sent to the Rector for the

"black boys and girls" at the Melanesian Mission. If every family belonging to S. John's did likewise, or anything like it, we should send more to the Foreign Mission Field than the whole Diocese now contributes. Surely such devotion, on the part of these dear children, ought to stimulate others to do something also for God's work. May His blessing rest upon them all for their quite splendid little work.

We are reminded of the old saying *tempus fugit* by the fact of the hymns for the S.S. Festival having been selected. We are pleased to note that the standard for quality is being kept up. The selectors of hymns for "anniversaries" have rather a difficult task, for unless lively tunes are provided the children's interest, yes, and the congregation's too, is wanting, and in trying to please the ear some questionable music is selected, while the words are very often no better. That suitable hymns are to be found is proved by the selections for our Festival services during the past few years, and these have been an unqualified success. Amongst the names of composers this year are those of Gounod, Dykes, Sullivan, Barnby, Brown, Macfarren.

The S.S. Festival Services in S. John's will in all probability be held on October 16, when it is anticipated the Lord Bishop of Tasmania will be the preacher.

Notwithstanding the damp weather and the Charity Concert attraction, the third Lantern Entertainment drew a "packed house," admission having to be refused to a large number. The next entertainment will be on Wednesday, August 16, and the adult portion of the audience are reminded that admission for them is by ticket only, and the number of tickets is limited, as the children are

our first consideration at these entertainments. Limited space demands that we should enforce this rule in the future.

S. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE.

Our special record for July is as follows :--

On the 3rd came a big tea to the members of the Girls' Sewing Class. On such occasions there are no absentees, and nothing edible left, it is said, after they depart. This speaks volumes for the appetites of the girls, and for the "goodness" of fare. This especial organisation is doing much real and helpful work. An occasional tea helps to keep our large forces well together.

On the 5th was held a "Service of Song" by the choir. It went very well. The room, too, notwithstanding the ruinously heavy charge of 3d. at the door for admission, was filled. On the 26th it was repeated, and as the fee for entrance was reduced to a penny, the crowd overwhelmed us. Better than an empty hall. Miss Dobson was the moving spirit, and deserves much praise for the way in which she worked up her forces.

On the 7th came our choir social. It was a very necessary "pick-me-up" after a very busy month, for in addition to the "Service of Song," the ambitious efforts on Sunday had quite worn out our "troops," and so a social had to come off to recruit a bit. The exhaustion referred to was wholly dissipated by the evening in question, where cooks, musicians, and artistes vied with each other in the production of their best. "Alas! that such evenings should ever end" was the outspoken expression of one juvenile member, and echo answered, "never end," or "too good to end."

The Soup Kitchen has had such a tremendous run upon its resources that frequently many have had to go away without any. We are unable to increase the supply in our present building, and long for the new Mission House where developments must come.

Sister Charlotte pleads for old clothes, boots, and other "cast-offs" for the poor this bitter weather. Parcels can be sent for. Books and illustrated papers are always welcome. Don't forget the needy!

S. John's.

BAPTISMS.

- July 5—Clarice Beatrice Hall
Sheila May Barnett
Milicent Mary Castley
John Henry Morgan
May 12—Elvyn Ainsley Brumby
" 19—William Roy Stuart
Harold George Cox
Edith Joyce Heard
" 29—Trevor Blake Brownrigg
Sheila Marjorie Cooley
Robert Lewis George Thompson
Amy Clorine Holmes
Thelma Joyce Richards
Unice May Whittle.

MARRIAGES.

- July 5—Albert Mainsbridge to Marion Cleaver
Henry James McKay to Mabel Margaret Rice
July 12—Charles Fleetwood Shawe to Beatrice Butler Macmichael Hill.
July 13—Alfred Kenneth Watts to Bertha Blanche Beatrice Faulkner.

BURIALS.

- June 15—Rebecca Green
" 18—John Rankin
" 16—Margaret Pearl Brown
" 24—William George Cobern.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

July 2nd—We were all pleased to see Mr Atkinson back. He preached on this morning for the first time since his marriage, and looked as though everything had been very kind to him, better indeed than we have ever seen him look before. Mrs Atkinson is already making many friends in the parish.

In a week or two now Confirmation classes will be started, and invitations have been issued during service on Sundays to any intending candidates to send in their names to the clergy. This year Confirmation will be a little later than usual, not indeed until early in December.

We are to have a visit from our Bishop in August. On Sunday, the 13th, he is to preach in the evening in Holy Trinity, and as it happens to be the Sunday when we have our Quarterly Collections for the Building Fund, we hope to see a full Church, and a large offering for the purpose. Just now we are in need of more help in this direction, as the subscription list is not looking so well this year owing to some subscribers having left the parish, and others withdrawing. Surely no one supposes we are not in need now. We have our Church truly, but the desire to pay the debt upon it should be as great as the desire in the first place to possess it. Are there not some who will take the place of those who have left us, and become subscribers of the fund for this purpose. No sum is too small. It is the many giving that makes the best help in the end. At any rate please remember the 13th August, and put by a little for it.

On August the 10th the Bishop is to give a lecture entitled "Music and its place in modern civilization," in aid of our Choir Fund. Every

member of Holy Trinity should buy a ticket for this, while many outside our own parish are sure to be attracted by the subject. It will be in the Mechanics, and His Worship the Mayor will preside.

The Young Men's Club.—On July 5th the Club gave an entertainment, and instead of, as at first arranged, taking the proceeds for its own use, it gave them to the newly-formed Club at the Trinity Mission Hall, Inveresk. This is an evidence of the willingness of this now large band of young fellows to help the work of the parish in some way. The entertainment was a very good one, and the attendance fair.

July 12—The new club at S. John's paid us a visit, when the competition for victory between the two clubs was very keen, and towards the close, when both clubs had 27 points, there was some little excitement. However, Trinity Club came out victorious in the end. We were all pleased to see S. John's Club, and look forward to our return visit to them later in the season.

July 19—The Hagley Club made the return visit. Twenty-two members arrived, and were entertained at tea in the club-room, and a little later the tournaments commenced. Great interest was taken by members of both clubs, and a number of visitors from the Girls' Club, which provided tea and supper. In the end the Trinity Club scored another win. The Hagley Club left for home about 11 o'clock, after the Secretary, in reply to our President's remarks, expressed himself as more than pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

July 17—The choir boys had their annual social. It began with tea at 6 o'clock, after which a number of ladies came in and the boys had a

real good evening with the different round games indulged in. Supper time came all too soon, and the lads, none too ready to go, left, with three cheers for Miss K. Richardson and the ladies present.

July 26—A meeting was held in the Rectory in the evening having for its object the formation of a branch in this parish of the Girls' Friendly Society. Mrs Grieve gave a very full explanation of the society's objects and methods. Miss Lodder read a paper on the changed conditions of the society. Several of those present handed in their names as candidates, and it was decided to hold another meeting a week later. We may have more to report about this in our next.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

In spite of the bleak cold weather of last month, the congregations have been larger than usual at all services both Sunday and week-day. The number of scholars at the Sunday school is increasing also. One of the teachers, however, Miss Katie Dean, has been laid aside with a severe attack of rheumatic fever. We are glad to hear that she is getting well again, and are hoping to see her back with her class shortly.

Confirmation classes will begin during the second week in this month, and we would like any who are anxious of joining to do so as soon as possible.

Our old friend, Mr T. W. Massey, has been enjoying a well-deserved holiday in Melbourne, having spent the whole of July across the Straits. He went away with everyone's good wishes that he should have a pleasant trip and holiday, and we hope he has thoroughly enjoyed himself. Mrs

Massey accompanied her husband, and our good wishes extend to her too.

On July 11 a most enjoyable social was given by the congregation of S. George's as a mark of welcome to Mrs Atkinson. The school-room was well filled, and games and music made the time pass merrily. The Rector, on behalf of S. George's congregation, in a happy speech welcomed Mrs Atkinson to Tasmania, and to Launceston in particular, and hoped that she would find a warm place in her heart for that part of the parish and its interests. The Rev. H. B. Atkinson thanked the Rector and the parishioners for their warm and affectionate welcome to his wife, and hoped that it might long be allowed them to work together, and be of assistance the one to the other in doing God's work in that part of Holy Trinity Parish. Mrs Atkinson has taken over the second class boys at Sunday-school.

We would remind all members of the congregation to remember to make a note of any whom they know as likely to become confirmation candidates, and to report the same to the clergy.

TRINITY MISSION HALL,
INVERESK.

July 14—The monthly meeting of the C. E. Temperance Society was held, the Rector presiding, and also giving the special address of the evening. There was a very good attendance, and several pretty songs and recitations were given by the members.

The Lad's Club is being well attended, and already shows how much need there was for such an institution. It meets every Tuesday

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night. As a result of the concert given by the Trinity Young Men's Club in its aid, the Inveresk Club has been able to purchase a second-hand bagatelle board.

July 28—The Annual Choir Social was held, and was a most enjoyable function. The young people of the choir, to the number of about 25, assembled at 7.30 o'clock in the Hall, and very soon different games were in full swing and merriment the order of the hour. About 10 o'clock all sat down to a good supper, and shortly afterwards the gathering broke up with cheers for several concerned. We hope in our next issue to report the completion of the room now being built on to the Hall, and we should like to be able to acknowledge a little more help towards its cost.

NEWNHAM AND MOWBRAY.

July 21—An entertainment was given by the Trinity Young Men's Club in aid of the Newnham Church Building Fund. Unfortunately a very wet day was responsible for but a small attendance. Those who were there thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and it is hoped that a little later the club will again come forward and help us. Mr C. Rosevear had got the programme together, and it was a good one. We are now engaged getting a transfer of the land recently purchased, and when that is settled we shall have to make building arrangements. Perhaps during the summer a Produce Fair to further this object.



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S. PAUL'S PARISH.

We are hoping that now the month of July has passed to have some fine Sundays again, the cold and wet ones we have had lately seriously affect our congregations, and we often wonder if those who are absent remember that they and their offerings are missed when they are unable to be present, as usual, in God's House of Prayer. When we hear the Churchwardens lamenting the deficit in the usual collection at the offertories, is it too much to ask that one and all will put away their weekly offering, and bring it with them on the following Sunday, that the funds of the Church may thus be strengthened instead of weakened.

Our children are busy practising for the demonstration in aid of "The Home Mission Union," and we hope everything will pass off successfully. We must thank the parents for so kindly allowing their children to come to so many practices on very often cold and cheerless evenings, but we trust they will be rewarded when the 9th of August arrives, and they can see for themselves the result of the many hours of work; will they also help by allowing their children to sell tickets in aid of this good object. The music of the "Queen Ann Fan Song" is pretty and bright, and in the choruses when all the young folks, children, and ladies—51 in number—are doing the actions with their fans, the effect is most charming. We hope to see a large attendance from the three Anglican parishes in the Albert Hall on that occasion.

We still are short of teachers for our Sunday-school, and will gladly welcome any who will come and help in this most important work.

Confirmation classes are now being formed, and the Rector will be glad to receive the names of those wishing to attend, as work in this most important branch of church life will shortly be commenced, and we beg all who have missed the opportunity of coming to the apostolic rite of "laying on of hands," to avail themselves of the present opportunity.

We are glad to see Mrs Weavell out again after being laid up for some time.

We also heartily congratulate Mr and Mrs W. B. Tregurtha who last week celebrated their "silver wedding," and trust they may be spared to reach the "jubilee."

THE BLESSED LIFE.

BISHOP GORE.

We cannot begin to think about life without seeing that there are certain conditions which a man's life must have if we are to be able to congratulate him on being alive. What sort of life is worth living?

What sort of life possesses the characteristics which make it blessed—what sort of life can you congratulate a man, thoroughly and heartily, upon living?

Christ lays the blessed life open to all. And why? Because He takes a man at once up to God: He centres his life on God as a foundation. Again, as a consequence of this, He calculates life—as a life lived in God must be calculated—on the scale of eternity. Grant these two things—that each human life may be based on God and calculated on the scale of eternity—and you get rid of all the limitations which made Aristotle declare that neither the slave, nor the diseased, nor the poor, nor those who die young, can live the blessed

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life. Thus our Lord has described the character of true blessedness as belonging to man as man, to all men if they will have it, simply by the recognition of their true relation to God. From that point of view all accidents of life fade away into insignificance. They give, indeed, its special character to each life, and the conditions of its probation, but they cannot touch its true blessedness.

We can go one step farther. If you take the latter parts of the beatitudes, you will find in them a more detailed account of the blessed life. The end of each beatitude tells us what our Lord meant by blessedness. "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven; they shall be comforted; they shall inherit the earth; they shall be filled; they shall obtain mercy; they shall see God; they shall be called sons of God." All the last six of these seven ex-

pressions may be said simply to expand the first. They amplify the idea of membership in the kingdom of heaven. Membership in the kingdom is a life of perfect relationship with man and nature based on perfect fellowship with God. That is true blessedness, and that is open to all. Therein is consolation after all troubles; there is the freedom to move about with a sense of heirship in God's world, as in our legitimate heritage and with no fear of being turned out; there is the satisfaction of all legitimate aspiration; there is gracious acceptance at all hands; there is the vision of all truth and beauty and goodness, in God; there is final and full recognition. That is true blessedness. That is the life which our Lord promises to every one who will simply put himself in the right relation to God.

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"Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost
is come upon you.—ACTS i., 8.

beatitudes as a whole, and it concerns their order. Our Lord begins with strong paradoxes: Blessed are the poor—the mourners—the meek. That is to say in other words, He first describes the true character by its contrast to the character of the world. We frequently have occasion to use the expression "the world." Let me, therefore, once for all explain what I understand by it when it is used in a bad sense. It means, of course, not God's creation of such, which was pronounced very good. When "the world" is spoken of in a bad sense—the worldly world—you may define it in this way: it is human society organising itself apart from God. That is what in the Bible is meant by "the world." Well, the world notoriously clutches at all the gold it can get. The world avoids all the pain and suffering it possibly can, avoids it with a calculating selfishness. The world shrinks from nothing so much as from humiliation, and says "Assert yourself and your rights as much as you can." Our Lord then describes the true blessedness, first of all negatively in the first three beatitudes by strong and marked contrasts to the character of the world: blessed are the poor, blessed are the meek, blessed are the mourners. Then He goes on to give its positive characteristics: its strong spiritual appetite for righteousness; its active and vigorous compassionateness; its single-mindedness or purity of heart; the deliberate aim it has to promote the kingdom of peace. Then, in the last beatitude, He answers the question how is such a character likely to find itself in such a world.

"Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

If we believe in the spirit of God we must be prepared to hand our wills over to his guidance and direction. It is futile to expect His power to work within us if we retain desires that are alien to His Mind, or ambitions that are foreign to His Will. We must depend upon it that if we are to share His Power we must cleanse ourselves habitually and honestly under His inspiration. Self-surrender—it is needless to enlarge upon the necessity of that condition. There is the condition of prayer. We know that of all the gifts promised us by God the one to which a sure answer to prayer is specially annexed is the gift of the Holy Ghost: "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." We must habitually wait in expectancy upon this Spirit of God. There are at the present moment signs—are there not?—that the Spirit of God is close at hand waiting not only to arouse within us the sense of our need of Him, but also to supply it. I need not ask you to remember the experience among the hills and mining villages of Wales, or the experience of the Bishop of London, finding everywhere in the West-end, which we are apt so entirely to misjudge, the tokens of a real opening out, in a sense of want, of the spirit of men for the Spirit of God, that the Holy Week of this year was marked by special devotion and earnestness. These things in themselves may be small, nothing more, perhaps, than clouds of the size of a man's hand; but to those who look up with the prophetic eye of faith they may be the signs of an abundance of rain.

“WHATSOEVER IS OF GOOD
REPORT.”

BY CANON LIDDON.

It is, as it appears to me, impossible not to recognise in the founder of Buddhism one of the most interesting and beautiful figures which are to be found in the annals of Paganism. Here is a young man, born in a happy time, born of a just and generous father and loving mother, cradled in wealth and luxury, welcomed to life by all that it has best to offer in the way of outward advantages, the heir of a noble name, the heir of a throne. He is virtuous; he is intelligent; he is good-looking; he is popular; he marries a young wife who is also pre-eminently beautiful and good; life opens on him, as far as outward blessings go, with all the glow and splendour of an Eastern morning. But his happiness is poisoned by the spectacle of sufferings around him, which are too great, too many, too rooted in the fixed conditions of human life, to admit of his relieving them; and his sense of these sufferings is heightened by his inherited belief in the transmigration of souls from body to body, a doctrine which, while making existence a curse, makes escape from it, if possible, a blessing. His thoughts, his studies, his enthusiasms are thus grounded in a most unselfish and generous impulse; and when he renounces his home and his crown, his wealth and his power, to become a beggar and a solitary, to meditate, amid self-imposed hardships, upon the ultimate secrets of human destiny, we do better perhaps in admiring the loftiness of his motive than in wondering at the results of his career. Clearly he was a character to which power over the outward circumstances of his fellows was of little account in comparison with power to elevate, perhaps to

govern, hearts and minds; he belonged to that higher order of men who think more of the charities of life than of its outward advantages; more of independence of conscience than of easy circumstances; more of the happiness of multitudes than of personal privileges and position; more of the future destinies of man than of the splendid but transient present. If in his efforts to admit all to the knowledge which Brahminism reserved for a favoured few, and to modify the consequences of a doctrine which, perhaps inevitably, he never thought of questioning, he became the victim of a self-deluding and stupefying ecstasy, and the author of a creed which is a thinly disguised atheism, this must not blind us to his real titles to respectful sympathy. If we measure his failure in the light of a revelation of absolute Truth which he never heard of, we must admit that his love of such truth as he hoped to win, and the sacrifices he so cheerfully and unflinchingly made in order to attain it, are Christian at least as well as Pagan virtues, and that it may be impossible for honest Christians to think over the career of this heathen prince without some keen feeling of humiliation and shame.

In truth, from age to age, Tyre and Sidon are rebuking the indifference of Capernaum to its awful privileges; and Sakya-Mouni (Buddha) is not the last Pagan who might read a useful lesson to the children of the Church:

Give me grace enough
Even in their first beginnings to detect
The endeavours which the proud heart still
is making
To cut itself from off the common root,
To set itself upon a private base,
To have wherein to glory of its own,
Beside the common glory of the kind!
Each such attempt in all its hateful pride
And meanness, give me to detect and loathe—
A man, and claiming fellowship with men!

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