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## Beauty.

"Beauty", says our lexicographer, "is that which pleases the eye." Homer calls it a "glorious gift of nature;" Socrates, "a short lived tyranny"; and Theophrastus, "a silent cheat".

The poet may treat it as evanescent, the philosopher may mystify its meaning, the cynic may regard it as vanity of vanities, but after all is said and written, it is beauty that moves the world. Whether in art, or character, or manners, or nature, it exerts the same insuperable influence over man.

Before the magic power of beauty kings have become captive and many a Samson has been fooled. According to a certain writer, Rome had not perished if the nose of Cleopatra had been less perfect. The cheat has controlled princes' purses; has brought millionaires to the rank of poverty; has humbled the proud and inflated the poor.

This, and more, has been accomplished by beauty—physical beauty, external and skin deep. What a tyrant! What a cheat! In this sense it is like a flower called the imperial crown: inviting in appearance, most beautiful is it to behold, but approach it if you dare, and instantly you are smitten by its unpleasant odor.

JOHN F. VANDERHORST, Theolog. '06.

## Y. P. S. C. E. Notes.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock the Y. P. S. C. E. observed Endeavor Day in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. A very interesting program was rendered, consisting of the following numbers:

Solo ..... Miss Pearl Barnes  
 Paper, "The Relation of the Christian Endeavor  
 to the Individual" ..... Miss E. Bibb  
 Cornet Solo ..... Mr. R. Giles  
 Paper, "What We Owe to the Endeavor."  
 ..... Miss E. Hedgman  
 Instrumental Solo ..... Miss B. A. Baxter

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Dr. Fishburn, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church. His theme was "I have written unto you young men because you are strong." [1 John 2:14.] Among other things he said: "Some pastors claim the church is losing its hold upon the young people. This should not be so, and if it is, the fault lies more with the preacher than with the young. The preacher does not address himself to the special needs of the young. Jesus Christ had power with them because he appealed to their wants. The young people do not wish to know about heaven so much as they wish to know about the

earth—not how to die, but how to live. They wish to know how to shun the temptations of our social life and how to apply the principles of Christianity to the practical affairs of daily life. These are some of the crying needs of the young. The failure of the preacher to supply these results in their estrangement."

The address was very inspiring. After a mandolin solo by the President of the Society, Mr. J. J. Derrieks, the meetings were closed.

President Roosevelt has written an autograph letter to Frederic Mistral, the provençal poet, who was recently awarded the Nobel prize for literature. The letter acknowledges the receipt of a volume of Mistral's poems, and then warmly approves the poet's teachings as applied to busy American life. The letter says in part:

"You are teaching a lesson that none more need to learn than we of the West, we of this eager, restless, wealth-seeking nation, the lesson that after a certain not very high level of material well being has been reached then things that really count in life are things of the spirit. Factories and railroads are good up to a certain point, but courage and endurance, love of wife and child, love of home and country, love of lover for sweetheart, love of beauty in man's work and in nature, love of emulation of daring and lofty endeavor are the homely workaday virtues and heroic virtues. These are better still, and if they are lacking no piled up riches, no roaring, clanging industrialism, no feverish and many-sided activity shall avail either individual or nation. I do not undervalue these things of a nation's body. I only desire that they shall not make us forget that besides the nation's body there is also the nation's soul."

The Arkansas General Assembly has, by a vote of 54 to 26, indefinitely postponed the Burgess bill providing for separation of school taxes on racial lines. The object of the bill was to make negro public schools depend upon taxes paid by negroes. In his message to the Assembly Gov. Davis urged the passage of such a bill.

## Rogestvensky.

A Missouri bard kindly revises the old couplet concerning the King of France and his twice ten thousand men, so that we are able to say that

"The Russian ships and Rogestvensky  
 Sailed out to sea and back u wentsky."

The college professor who died of an overwork must have been trying to discover some method of making the college authorities believe that a mere professor of science is worth as much salary as a football coach,

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## Interesting Thoughts.

High places in Christ's kingdom are not official places. It was rank and position that James and John were thinking of. But Jesus showed them that these were not the places nearest to him. Nothing is more unseemly than to see men scrambling for official places in church organizations. Instead of indicating a place near Christ, it shows that one is probably quite a distance away from Him."

Character is what a man is. It is the only thing we can carry out of this world into the next. A very eminent writer has said "Character is what a man is after all that he has been stripped off." Therefore the only real success is the building of a life that we may take into the long hereafter.

"The Tears of Jesus" is the title of the third in a series of gospel poems by Clement C. Gill.

Last meeting of the Theological Literary was taken up with election of officers. They are as follows:

V. E. Johnson, President; Thomas G. Clark, Vice President; J. R. Walters, Secretary; James Derricks, Chaplain; J. F. Vanderhost, Treasurer; Edward Fitzgerald, Librarian; and P. Penick Sergeant-at Arms.

## Bethel Literary.

Last Tuesday, at the Bethel Literary and Historical Association Congressman Watson, of Ohio, gave a very interesting lecture on "Abraham Lincoln as a Lawyer". The lecture was full of wit and humor, and so vividly pictured Lincoln's life before the bar, with its many laugh-

able as well as pathetic scenes, one had only to close his eyes and see the panorama of events pass fleeting by. You could have been lost in reverie or have found entertainment in your own imagination but for the fear of losing one morsel of the rich liberal thoughts so generously distributed by the speaker. Mr. Watson did not class Lincoln with Webster and other leading lawyers of the nation. There were many who knew more law than he, but none who could impress a jury as well. The secret of his power was in his conscientious defense of justice and truth. He always stood for what he thought was right, and this is the great test of manliness, of uprightness of character. All students who can spare the time should take advantage of every opportunity to hear some of the most able and liberal minded men of both races.

## THE REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA

By CLEMENT C. GILL, Theolog.

### ARTICLE III.

Another week of petty riots in a few Russian cities has passed without the least improvement in the general situation. The Czar is reported to have received a deputation supposed to have represented the workingmen, but subsequent reports say that these latter "resent the declaration that the delegates represented them" and insist that "they were government overseers." Another report gives it that the Czar is inclined toward reforms which would give substantial benefits to the people, but that certain members of the bureaucracy oppose his plans, and that a change for the better in the conditions is as far off as ever. This elicits no surprise from those aware of the methods generally adopted by the Czar's advisers in dealing with measures which propose to bestow advantages on the people; but we will leave the situation in Russia for a time and note the influence which it exerts elsewhere.

It is interesting to note that no sooner than the outbreak occurred in St. Petersburg and extended to other cities of the Czar's empire, orders were issued to the commander-in-chief of the Russian forces at the seat of war to attack the enemy. Obeying instructions, General Kuropatkin crossed the Hun and attacked the Japanese position. Repulsed with a loss of 13,000 men, the Russian general retreated in disorderly fashion across the river and endeavored to collect the scattered forces of his right wing. Closely following the news of this disaster to the Russian army, comes the report that the German Emperor seeks the joint services of the British government in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. It is even hinted that the United States may be asked to take the initiatory in offering the peace proposal. The European governments keep a suspicious eye on Germany and much as they desire peace are doubtless quite awake to what may possibly be the Kaiser's game. That shrewd concern, the British government, may not be expected to be the tool of German diplomatic subtlety. The United States, free from "entangling alliances," may, perhaps, be better suited to offices of mediation. We shall watch the progress of this movement with keen and, perhaps, increasing interest.

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**Thoughts for Ministers.**

The reason many ministers fail to succeed in the work of the ministry is because they have no convictions. They drift with the tide. They go into communities and fall in with old customs—it makes no difference if they are expedient or inexpedient, right or wrong. The way for a minister to do is to find out as nearly as possible what is right and do that. This is one of the great problems that the colored minister must face, and he must tremble as it were when he thinks of the responsibility which rests upon him. But how many think of this responsibility? There is too much of a tendency to please the people and not God. But while there are needed reforms in every direction they can not be brought about in a day. It takes time, and tact. Let him first get the love and confidence of his people, and he will find it far more easy to impress them with a sense of right. Let his whole mind, heart and soul be consecrated to his work, and God will crown his efforts with success. Forward! is the watchword of the Christian ministry. Not one inch backward can he afford to retreat. Though he may sow the seed and another reap, he will not lose his reward.

—MANONEY, '05.

**His Oratory.**

I knew a politician once;  
He was a business man.  
He said, "I'm going to adopt  
A systematic plan.  
That money talks I've often heard;  
I'll make the rule my own.  
And strive to get sufficient cash  
To make a megaphone"  
And often when debate was warm,  
As warm as it could be,  
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