

PERSONAL TRAITS OF THE LATE DR. MALAN.

A writer in the Western Episcopalian, produces from his diary the following sketch of the recently deceased Dr. C. Malan, as he found him at home: Monday, June 6th, 1858.—Called on Dr. Malan, Sr., in the A. M. Found him at home, and made a long and delightful conversation on various topics, mostly spiritual; among others, on "Assurance," where he is ever ready to combat and expose the misty and inconsequential spiritual logic; which so greatly prevails nowadays on the subject; on our own family matters, fears and hopes; and especially on the great awakening at Home. In this he seemed much interested, and was quite conversant with all I had to say about it. Upon my publishing some of his traits from home letters (of which I gave him from memory the substance), in the "Somaine Litteraire." Remembering my request to have the use of a Greek Concordance, which I wished to examine the usage of, he got it out, and a Greek Testament for me to use. Afterwards he showed me up into his workshop, sitting on the way, to his parlor-organ, and to some paintings from his hand, inquired if I painted. His workshop was a jewel of a place, with a fine running lathe, and crowded with every possible and conceivable tool, the majority of which, he informed me, he had made himself, pointing to his forge and anvil, and showing me several delicate rabbit-planes, saws, &c., &c., he had recently made, which bore his initials and the date. The room of his shop was piled with choice turning-woods, "well seasoned," as he remarked, for he had had "80 years." On the way down he led me into another room, where his lithographic establishment was growing, thought I. A stone, on which he had recently executed a little hymn—words and music composed by himself—for his school, lay in press. A large number of others arranged on a shelf, and piles of different little things written, read and struck off by himself, lay on a table. He picked out a dozen or so, and gave them to me. They were excellently executed, and some of them adorned with little cuts from his hand. Opposite his lithographic establishment stood a printing press! His last sight I laughed outright, remarked: "Well, Doctor, I don't think it matters much to you, if all the world should cast you off. You snap your fingers at it, and are indifferent." He laughed and assented. It was a little spice of pleasant pride in his way of showing off these matters, just enough of original sin to show that he wasn't yet a man. Really, the venerable old man does combine a marvelous number of accomplishments. He is a writer, Joiner, Turner, Smith and Painter; a Composer, Musician, Architect and Poet; a Lithographer and Printer; a Teacher, Preacher, Author, and knows not what, with the peculiar spiritual Art and Recreation of Hunter, superadded. Moreover, he is not let his own powers lie idle; his whole house is crammed with tools of his practical exercise. If he wants to experience his keen sagacity in scenting and running down his favorite chase, let him exhibit the utmost end of the most hair of a fox's tail, and he will know it! Well, in this "fox" world it is well there is some one of eye and scent, and firm of foot to hunt out the brood, and let in the broad light of Faith and Simplicity.

he dies, and his executor takes the liberty to destroy them. You may say, Litigate such cases; but, alas! litigation is expensive; the society who appeals to the law in such a case loses popularity, and the sympathies of the court and jury are always with the heirs. We might easily multiply cases of this kind; but let us content ourselves with adding one or two mere ebarisks on that have recently occurred. One is the Parish Will Case. Mr. P. left three codicils to his will, which were all contested by his brothers on the ground of undue influence and incapacity. In the second and third \$10,000 were bequeathed to the Bible Society, \$10,000 to the Orphan Asylum, \$10,000 to St. Luke's Hospital, and \$20,000 to the Eye Infirmary. The surrogate, after proceedings which extended through two years, admitted the will and first codicil, but rejected the other codicils, and his decision was affirmed by the Supreme Court. From this, in 1858, the widow appealed; in January, 1861, the case was argued before the Court of Appeals. The court being equally divided in opinion, ordered a reargument, when the judgment of the Supreme Court was finally affirmed. While the suit was pending Mrs. Parish died, and her next of kin became parties to the suit. The evidence fills three volumes, and is said to reveal a tissue of fact, experience, and motive rarely exceeded in works of fiction. A more remarkable case is that of the distinguished English artist Turner, who, by means of industry, self-denial, meanness, and genius, succeeded, notwithstanding his miserable excesses, in amassing \$700,000. "To his uncles and nephews, his housekeepers and executors, he made trifling bequests; while the bulk of his property was destined to found a charity for impoverished artists, to be called Turner's Gift, and thus to perpetuate his name and memory." His will, however, was so ungrammatical, intricate, and puzzling that it led to a lawsuit, the result of which was that the heir at law got the real estate, and the remainder was divided between the next of kin, after paying a legacy to the National Gallery, and another to the Royal Academy, and assigning a thousand pounds for a monument. We doubt the wisdom of him who boards his wealth with a view to bequeath it to some benevolent object when he dies. He deprives himself of unpeakable pleasure, sets his children and friends a bad example, and runs the risk of having all his good intentions frustrated, and his heirs injured by his surplus means. We doubt his piety also. He gives only when he dies; that is, he holds to his wealth as long as he can, and when death compels him to yield it he gives it to a good object, as if with a view to atone for his avarice, or secure a posthumous fame. Had Cornelius pursued this course the angel of God would hardly have said to him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." Had the good Samaritan adopted it, the poor man that he saved might have died by the road-side. We have apostolic directions in regard to giving week by week, according as the Lord hath prospered us; but we know of no apostolic directions about making legacies to benevolent and religious purposes. We would not deny that there may be cases in which they are proper, but as a general rule we believe men should dispose their bounty with their own hands. They will find it a discipline for heaven, both for him who gives and him who receives.—Christian Advocate.

ment of captives, cleared a piece of land where he could execute the missionaries whom he should catch in Abbeokuta; that man suffered such a defeat as has no parallel in the history of Western Africa. The King of Dahomey's flight can only be compared with Napoleon's retreat from Moscow in 1812. The march to Abbeokuta took the Dahomians twenty-two days. They had to pass through a country which they themselves had converted into a wilderness. His troops marched in the night; they were tired when they approached Abbeokuta; they had already suffered severely from want of water; many of the prisoners stated that they had not eaten anything for the last twenty-four hours. The Lord had smitten him with blindness, and confounded his plans. He tried to inspire his troops with savage courage, in consideration that within a few hours they would be repaid for all their exertions, and would have plenty of food and water, and treasures inexhaustible. The King, however, was the first who fled to save his life. The retreating army was soon broken up, and many of their leaders being killed, great confusion ensued. Again and again they endeavored to check the pursuing Egbas, but this gave the latter every opportunity to make an attack in the flank, and the slaughter was the more frightful. Hundreds of Dahomians died of exhaustion. They had no rest, no food, no water, and thus perished miserably. The number of captives brought in for seven or eight days is immense, and cannot be much below three thousand, whilst the number of killed was far greater. They could not take their wounded with them. All of those perished in the way. The Egbas young men pursued the Dahomians closely day and night until they had crossed the river Yewa. The villagers on the way did apparently what they could in catching and killing the Dahomians. What a frightful judgment! It is remarkable that so many of the heathens, and especially the chiefs, in their public meetings, have publicly acknowledged that they owe this great victory to the prayers of the Christians. We told them last year how prayers were offered up at home day and night for this town, and now they acknowledge it openly. There is no boasting heard among the people, but a comparatively quiet and happy rejoicing. The Boshoran said in a public meeting to the people, "they had seen how their white men had kept to them, and how much they had the welfare of the town at heart," and then added, "let nobody say one word any more against them, from henceforth the town belongs to them."

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West Virginia—Proceeds of a festival given by the ladies of Philadelphia, Ohio co, \$423, Soldier's Aid Soc, Pewtown, Hancock co, per R Crangle, Esq, 100-523. Maryland—The Misses Bernie, Carroll, \$10. Ohio—Mrs Alfred Kelly, Columbus, \$30; Collected by Sarah G Whittle, Westminster, 5, 10. Indiana—Ladies' Chris Com, Maysville, Allen co, per A S Evans, \$54; collected by Miss Eliza J Barbour, Fort W, Adams, (to purchase onions for the 12th Ind regt), \$60, 95. Minnesota—Soldier's Friend, Minneapolis, Minn, \$10. Wisconsin—Methodist Societies, Springfield, \$24, 50, do do Westport, per C H Purple, Treas, 14, 50-39. Soldiers—Contributions received at Frederickburg, Va, per Rev A G McAuley: Col R Penn Smith, \$10, An Officer, 2, Edward C Ward, Co D 4th Vt, 2, Capt J B Smith, 30th Mass, 2, Capt Richards, 45th Pa, 5, A Keith, Sheldon, Vt, 5, N Spinner, N Y Dragoons, 2, F Bicknell, Eckford, Co F 63d N Y, 2, As H Denters, Co F 20th Ind, 9, 80-32, 80; S R Boshorn, Chaplain 126th Illinois regiment, 5, \$25, 352 43 Amount previously acknowledged, 646, 564 15 Total, \$571,916 68 JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer. The United States Christian Commission begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following additional stores up to July 4, 1864: Philadelphia—1 pkg, North Broad street ch; 1 pkg, Mrs Stoddart; 9 pgs, 5th Bap ch; 2 pgs, Miss Jackson; 1 pkg, Miss E Hickey; 8 doz bottles cologne, Mrs Montross; 1 box, 11th Bap ch; 1 pkg, 4th Presh ch; Daily pols Philadelphia "News"; 1 keg, Mary Whitehead; 1 pkg, Mrs Curran; 1 pkg, Hay T S Doolittle; 1 pkg, Mrs Hill; Fox Chase, 1 pkg, Ladies' Aid Soc. 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