

Saturday Night Talks
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PATERNAL LOVE EXEMPLIFIED.

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A group of soldiers, after the battle of Gettysburg, were rambling over that bloody field, when, off on the outskirts, seated with his back to a tree, they discovered a soldier, dead. His eyes were riveted upon some object held tightly clasped in his hands. As they drew near his side they saw that what he held in the icy fingers of death was an ambrotype of two small children.

And the strong men, who had become hardened through long years of carnage and bloodshed, were broken down at the sight of that man whose heart was so tender under its rough exterior, who, when he found his life-blood ebbing away and no human help near, crawled to that secluded spot and resting himself against a tree, drew forth from its bidding place the picture of his little loves, and gazed upon it until the light went out of his eyes forever.

There were six men in the group and they stood about that silent form and wept together. They were thinking of the wives and babies they had left at home, and wondering if the cruel war would leave their companions desolate and their children orphans. Not a word was spoken, but as if they understood each other's thoughts, they dug a grave, and laid the poor fellow to rest with his children's picture clasped over his silent heart. And on the tree against which he was sitting they inscribed the words, "Somebody's Father. July 3, 1863."

A Misconception.

There is a popular misconception that the tender love of parentage is all wrapped up in the mother. That it is she whose heart troods over her children and whose thoughts are ever upon their personal welfare. But that is not true. A true father's heart is as tender as a mother's, and he lives in his offspring as really as does the companion of his fireside. He may have more control of his emotions, the daily contact with the world may have sharpened his voice and put a challenge into his eye, and shut his jaws with a pressure more rigid.

But follow that man to the privacy of his home. See him after the shades are drawn and the lights are kindled. Watch him when the time comes for the evening romp with the baby, when the children, many or few, climb upon his knee, ride upon his shoulder, touse his gray hair, and listen to the care-free merry laughter of that man of business, and you will be convinced that there are fountains of love in the paternal heart, as deep, and sweet, and inexhaustible as any that bubble up in the breast of womanhood.

A Father's Idol.

Where will you find in all history a love more tender and expressive than that which David had for Absalom. He was the idol of his father's heart, upon him had been lavished all that wealth of a king could procure and, though the youthful prince turned out to be a vain, conceited, traitorous puppy, the father never gave him up. Though he led the secession movement, stole the hearts of the people, raised an army to fight against his own father and drive him from the throne, David could not forget that Absalom was his son, and when the armies met in deadly combat, the indulgent parent pleaded with his soldiers to do no harm to the rebel if he should be captured. And when the news was brought to the king that Absalom, the traitor, had fallen, the father got the better of the ruler, and his heart broke. And, as the monarch fled to some secluded spot in which to pour out his grief, the whole army heard him wail, "O, Absalom! O, my son, my son, Absalom! Would God I had died for thee. O, Absalom, my son, my son!"

Since the world began it has been true that fatherhood implies affection. This is the reason men make slaves of themselves, chained by their own hands to the desk or the machine—that they may win for their children an easier life.

They do not toil for their own pleasure or gratification, but that they may add to the pleasure and gratification of their children. The father may not say much about it, but he holds his head a little higher when his boy wins a prize, and he attempts to hide his emotion in the folds of a pocket handkerchief when his girl reads her essay amid the applause of her classmates.

God's Fatherhood.

In order to drive this truth home, the sacred writings abound with paternal references. The old Hebrew writers had a great deal to say about the Fatherhood of God. Sometimes He was represented as a ruler, sometimes as a Creator, sometimes as a Judge, but oftener as a father, brooding with tender love over the human family as His children. And in the great and indelibly-reaching prayer of the Messiah, we are taught to say, not "Our King! Our Ruler! Our Judge!" but "Our Father." While the pearl of all the parables of the Bible is that of the Prodigal Son, the whole import of which is, not the wickedness of the wanderer, but the waiting, longing, pardoning love of the father.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, '08

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The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to pass upon exceptions to the final account of A. Z. McHenry, administrator, and to make distribution of the fund found to be in the administrator's hands, and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, November 11, 1908 at 10 o'clock a. m., to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in the fund in the hands of the administrator of said deceased will appear and prove the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

A. N. YOST, Auditor. 10-15-4t.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by John A. Moran, of Centralia, Pa., a registered student at law in the office of William Christman, of the Columbia county bar, Bloomsburg, Pa., and the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa., that he will, on or before the 17th day of November, 1908, file his credentials with, and make application to, the State Board of Law Examiners, to be examined by said Board on the 8th and 9th days of December, 1908, for admission to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. 10-22-4t.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company for the election of a President, Board of Directors and Treasurer and the transaction of the general business of the company will be held at the office of the Company in the Ent Building, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, the 23rd day of November A. D. 1908, at two o'clock in the afternoon. N. U. FUNK, Secy. 10-29-4t.

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