

EFFECT OF HEREDITY.

Its Mental, Moral and Physical Influence on All Mankind. THE VIEWS OF REV. J. M. MERCER. Means by Which Humanity May Rise to a Higher Standard. SINS OF FATHERS VISITED ON SONS

At the meeting of the Pittsburgh Presbytery at Wilkesburg this week the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. M. Mercer, delivered an interesting sermon on "Hereditv."

Visiting the iniquities of fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.—Ex. According to an eminent New York divine, the age is drifting towards fatalism.

There is a difference, as the New York brother contends, between the falling of an apple and the crime of man; between the blossoming of a plant and the affection of the heart. Hereditv does not teach that the philanthropist is good simply because his grandmother was fond of children.

Hereditv cannot be destroyed, for as a law it is immutable; but by taking advantage of this unchangeable law man can rise to a higher level, physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually. "Visiting the iniquities of fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation."

It means more also than all that is involved in the doctrine of "Original Sin." This portion of God's word teaches that some children start life not only inclined toward sin in general, but sin in particular.

Physical and Mental Hereditv. Nothing is more common than the belief in this doctrine as it touches the physical sphere. Physical hereditv is a powerful factor in life insurance business.

Facts indicate the presence of the same law in the mental sphere. There probably never lived any distinguished person whose parents were both fools.

Hereditv in the Spiritual World. We find this same principle in the "moral" and "radical" differ. They differ from birth. A lovely disposition can be inherited.

Education primarily is to draw forth. A person may hear a recitation and not be "educating" a scholar. To be a true educator is to successfully draw forth the powers of the mind.

Hereditv and Training of Children. Solomon says to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

It is right that every child should attend Sabbath school, etc., and should obey their parents, etc., but this is not what Solomon meant. A child's peculiar tastes and inclinations should be consulted; and when these are known the training should be accordingly.

Influence in Social Intercourse. An old lady, seeing a great many soldiers passing her home, said: "I don't suppose they all have names."

Let us know men one by one. To know a man's nationality, is to know much as to inherited views and opinions on many subjects. Nothing will take the place of house visitation on the part of a pastor.

Counteracting Effects of Environment. Our schools for the idiotic prove conclusively that one is not doomed by hereditv absolutely. The reformatory schools prove likewise that environment can counteract hereditv to a degree.

Responsibilities of Parentage. Hereditv teaches the tremendous responsibilities attached to parentage. We may well pray that the time may hasten when nations may be well born as well as possess a favorable environment.

Teaches All to Be on Their Guard. Let us learn finally in the light of the doctrine of hereditv, that if man knew his fellow man better, he would be more charitable and less critical.

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