FAITH AND SCIENCE.

They seem apart, that reflects cold:
In different worlds appear:
And while the men of men they share,
Have scarcely other here.

A golden ramp the one displays,
Of light and cross and know;
The other walks 'neath starry rays,
Of his science and its foes.

The cross of one upons the wine,
To warm, and weigh, and strong
The other lifts experiment wine,
And cry: "Behold, Lord!

Both vestmen of celestial vein,
To each in evidence given,
To assure that immortal Earth,
To Faith the one of Heaven.

—Spectator.

FROM A CONVICT'S VIEW

An Ex-Convict Tells of Unsuccessful Efforts to Lead an Honest Life.

Among a number of depressed looking characters who were arraigned in the Tombs police court for vagrancy on various charges, from burglary to felonious assault, I noticed particularly one refined looking young fellow who, despite his ragged attire, appeared to be out of place in the prisoners' pen.

His features were delicate and clearly defined, with none of the coarse, servile appearance that is usually seen of the cold characteristics of a criminal countenance. His eyes were large and clear, his forehead high, while his chin and mouth denoted high spirit and an abnormally sensitive disposition.

He occupied a seat so far distant from his fellow unfortunates in crime as the forty court officers would permit. His eyes were cast on the floor, and from his deferred appearance it was obvious that he felt keenly his position.

I engaged him in conversation, and years will not remove from memory the fierce interest with which he recounted his unsuccessful attempts to secure honorable employment after the first conviction for some trifling crime.

"My name," said he, in answer to my question, "what do you want with it? To publish it so that those who have sent me here this time will know how well their policy did its work?

"Well, Thomas will do—Charles Thomas. That is what I am called now. It is not my own name. I have a few relatives and I respect them. They have moved from where they lived when I was first sent away—gone to a new home to escape my shame—that is why I'm Thomas."

There is no criminal so hardened but what he will cherish somewhere behind his rough exterior a tender thought of a past association—a friend, perhaps, or probably a sister. For that reason when Thomas turned away to read I remained silent. I thought I distinguished a suspicious moisture in his eyes, but I may have been mistaken.

"It is very easy to start," he continued, "but once started you cannot stop. People will not let you.

"With a crowd of companions one day I drank more than I could stand. A quarrel followed and I stabbed one fellow with my penknife. I was arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced to Sing Sing for three years.

"That was enough for me, and when I came back I tried to start over again. I secured employment as a driver. I had been a clerk in a building material dealer's yard on West Thirteenth street. I had no trouble, worked hard and was complimented by my employer. Then I noticed that my associates began to avoid me. Two or three would get together, point at me and talk about me in an undertone.

"Finally, one day the proprietor came to me and said, 'Thomas, I have no fault to find with you; you have worked faithfully and hard, but the other men say you have been a convict and that they will leave if you don't. I will have to discharge you, although I am sorry.' He gave me two weeks' wages and I had to leave.

"I tried again with a like result. Then, in desperation, I robbed a store and was sent away again.

"You wanted to know, sister, how I got home; well, that's how.

"I'm going to Sing Sing for burglary, and when I get out I'll probably go back for the same crime. Nobody cares, and—I don't.

"A man who has not been unfortunate won't work with me. I could not get married even if I tried to settle down and be respectable. No self respecting woman would have me.

"Do where I'm not known? Yes, I could do that, but a man can't succeed when he is acting a lie. It would be found out and I would have to go to another place—where I'm not known."

"Thomas!" shouted a court officer.

"Here," replied the unfortunate.

"You are charged with burglary," said the justice as he approached the bar. "Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty."

"Remanded for sentence."

Thomas was led away to a cell in the prison beneath the floor of the court.—New York Herald.

Doctors Differ About Gray Hair.

Some authorities seem to regard the graying of the hair as a mechanical and incidental phenomena due to defective functions, and others regard it as an organic or chemical process. The location and character of the coloring substance in the hair is also a question about which authorities differ greatly. Watts' "Dictionary of Chemistry," also Dr. Richat and Dr. Draper, have advanced the view that the color is in the central portion of the hair, while, on the other hand, Dr. Carter asserts quite the reverse, that the peripheral portion contains the color. Other authorities, as Drs. Carpenter, Todd and Bertman, state that the pigmentary granules are sometimes in one part and sometimes in another of the hair shaft, while "Kölliker supposes that the dark pigment of the medulla are nothing more than the globules of air in the air cells."—Hyland C. Kirk in New York Times.

Impostors.

A doctor who was called for his professional rather than for his curse was called to prescribe one day for a man who was ill, and gave the same medicine. The next day he was called to see the patient.

"How is he today?" he asked a servant at the door.

"He's dead, sir—that's how to is," said the servant.

"He is, eh?" said the doctor indignantly. "Well, that's always the way. People expect our medicine to work wonders and then they get in a hurry and don't give it time to prove what it can do."—Exchange.

The Expositor Hall.

There is one expositor room issued by Uncle Sam. It is the half dollar, and it has a tendency to work its way back into the treasury vaults, where it isn't wanted. As money nobody objects to the half, but the popular fancy is for the same value in another form. That is, the average citizen prefers to have two quarters. They are a little more convenient. If he wants to pay out half a dollar he can use the half or the two quarters with equal convenience, but if twenty-five cents is to be paid out the quarter is for the popular coin.

This may not seem to be a very important matter, but it results in the loss of a little by little the halves find their way back to the government vaults and there they stay, like poor relations. In fact, so far as coming to see in the grand jury, the half dollar is the prodigal son of the mint.

A very large proportion of the $20,000,000 of fractional silver on hand at Washington is made up of halves. This is the lot which Secretary Foster was so anxious to get rid of, and about which he talked with the New York bankers when he made his visit here. Plans for the manifested are will doubtless be take the secretary's load off his shoulders.

It is probable that a good many of the halves cured up in Washington will be coined into quarters and dimes. In that way they will be more convenient for popular use.

Of course lots of halves are used, and will continue to be used. Their coinage will be kept up, and nobody will have any more difficulty in getting them than at present. But the proportion of other coins will be increased because the people like them better.

The New York subtreasury has 19 sacks of halves on hand, and the other day it tried to work off some of them. It was a day when pension checks were being paid, and nearly every one was cashed partly in halves. Before the close of the day a good many of the halves were back in the subtreasury. And they are there yet.—New York Times.

To Set Stray Letters Aright.

The dead letter office of the postoffice department has just published a large volume of nearly 600 pages which is expected to reduce the number of letters which go to the dead letter office because of imperfect addresses. The volume is entitled "A Street Directory of the Principal Cities in the United States." A great deal of time and patient attention to details have been expended upon the collection and systematic arrangement of the contents of the book.

All the streets, avenues, squares, "lanes," roads, etc., of the same name in the nearly 500 free delivery offices of this country are grouped and so displayed as to facilitate search. The highest and lowest numbers on each of these streets are given to assist postmasters in correcting imperfect addresses where the street named is found in more than one town. This directory is furnished to postmasters at the free delivery offices for use in perfecting the addresses of such letters and parcels as may reach their offices, though manifestly intended for delivery elsewhere.—Washington Star.

A Museum of Decorative Art.

It is proposed to establish in the lower part of New York city a museum of decorative art, where artisans and designers for the various manufactures can find specimens of the best work of all ages, together with suggestive books, charts, designs, etc., that will help them to produce something out of the beaten track. It is proposed to connect with the museum a school that will teach drawing and give instructions by lectures and recitations. Such a museum as this would contain models of the best work, goldsmith's work, enamels, ivory, leather, and wood carving, silverware, art work in iron, bronze, brass and other metals, mosaics, and designs in silks, cretonne and other textile fabrics, wall paper, painted tapestry, etc.—In fact, examples of every possible form of art as applied to the industries. Speaking of industrial museums, we wish to note that a very complete little museum of industries exists in the Pratt institute, Brooklyn, being created as a part of that beneficent enterprise.—Decorator and Furnisher.

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