

THE FORUM

By Rev. V. L. Eggleston.

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS YOUNG

The most beautiful thing Oliver Wendell Holmes ever said was on his last birthday. With his face wreathed in smiles he said: "I am eighty-five years young today."

There is a volume of meaning in these few words. They express the truth that Holmes lived and died a young man. In him the fountain of youth never dried up. It was as perennial spring, as pure and refreshing when he wrote his last lines as when, a youth of twenty, he burst into the poetic eloquence that lasted through two generations of ordinary life.

"Eighty-five years young," and why not? Why should the youth full spirit die within a man or a woman? Why should any element that goes to make up the cheerful, genial, sympathetic character fade out and give place to things gloomy, harsh and selfish?

It is only too true that with advancing years there is in many cases a mental and spiritual as well as physical withering and wilting and stiffening, a loss of human sympathy, a feeling that one has outlived everything he was interested in.

If this were always the case we should just have to submit to it as the common and inevitable lot of man. But it is by no means universal, and it is never necessary. The body must wither and decay but the spirit that dwells within it is to a wonderful extent independent of it.

Almost everyone can recall to mind instances of cheerful, hopeful, almost childlike age, people whom if we did not see them, and only heard them talk, we would take to be gay youths fit for the companionship of lads and lasses of twenty.

I sometimes wish it was not the custom to note and record birthdays, or to think anything about one's own age or that of others, but only to judge of every man and woman by his or her real character and manners.

Such a judgment would make some aged people seem as young as if they had found and bathed in the fabled fountain of youth, while it would relieve others of that feeling of sadness that comes over so many when age creeps on and the body begins to wither and to lose the freshness of youth.

Why should we dread old age? What does it imply? It means that one has lived long and learned much, at least it ought to mean that. It ought to point to a continual growth from youth up to the present time. It ought to mean every good thing and not anything bad.

Someone spoke to a young woman of the possibility of her living to fourscore years. "What and be gray?" she quickly exclaimed, as if the thought was very repulsive. I had never thought before that there was anything particularly bad about being gray. I had always felt such a respect for gray hairs that it had never occurred to me to dread the day when my head also should be streaked with silvery lines or completely whitened under the hand of time.

Are there those who fancy that youth and beauty are their only wealth and that when these fade they will be despised and neglected, and even despise themselves and their lot in life? Well, some such persons may be correct. Youth and beauty may be the only wealth they are capable of, but it cannot be so with the highest class of minds.

A tree has its day of beauty. It fades out in gay colors and challenges admiration, but soon its blossoms fade and fall. Then its true purpose becomes apparent. It was not created merely to be admired, but to be useful, and

those who pick and enjoy its branches because they are no longer clothed in purple and green. No, not for youth and beauty alone does the creative power perform its wonders, either in plant or animal life. Every stage of existence has its value, and the ripened harvest, the ripened mind, is the most glorious stage of all. I may even say that it is the most beautiful stage, for there is a moral beauty that exceeds the physical.

Look at such a character as that of Holmes at four score years. Was it not beautiful? I read, not long since, an account of a visit made to this old young poet, this old young man, by a little girl, and how the charming youth of eighty—delighted the child and ended by writing her name and his on the fly leaf of one of his books and presenting it to her. If that child lives to four score years she will think every day of that visit and of the charming man who never grew old.

There is, indeed, nothing like looking into the faces of children and entering into their feelings, their thoughts, their sports, to keep an old person young. Did anybody who delighted in the companionship of youth ever really grow old?

Let him who would remain young remember always that the world moves, morally as well as physically, and let him "keep up with the procession." Let him settle into no rut and crystallize into no set form, let him remain always mentally plastic, open to conviction on all new topics, ready to learn in all new methods, keeping step in the very front rank of progress.

Look at Gladstone, to the last hour of his political career, that covered sixty years, a leader of young men, the eloquent advocate of new ideas, the most liberal of politicians, the enemy of everything that had only age and custom to recommend it. The short years of earth cannot make such a spirit old.

We find everywhere people of both classes, the aged with minds as withered and worthless as their bodies, and the aged with youthful, happy souls smiling out through their wrinkles and proving by their words of wisdom and of love that the spirit still lives, and that it has attained to the higher form of beauty that dwells in and shines out from all things that are good and useful.

I believe that the will has something to do with the preservation of a youthful character. If we fancy ourselves ugly and repulsive because we are no longer young we are in danger of being really so, but if we smile on old father time he will smile on us. If we cherish the feelings and impulses of youth they will also cherish us and preserve us, so that should we round-out a full century of years we could each truly say: "I am a hundred years young today."

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Overdrafts, uncured	566 21
Total U. S. Bonds	25,000 00
Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned and pledged	33,150 00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent subscription)	1,500 00
Other cash and items	1,000 00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, New Jersey and St. Louis	\$81.58
Net amount due from other reserve agents in other reserve cities	9,359.18
Net amount due from banks and bankers other than included above	57 15
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank or other cash items	491 77
Fractional currency, nickels	128.05
Notes of other National Banks	188.50
Notes of Federal Reserve Bank in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank	50,323 74
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250 00
Total	\$319,107 26
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	25,000 00
Undivided profits	\$ 7,919 03
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	2,925 45
Reserves and other funds	5,693 58
Circulating notes outstanding	25,000 00
Dividends unpaid	37 00
Deposits and certificates of deposit subject to check 30 days or less	137,426 18
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	110,594 72
Cashier's checks outstanding	2 61
Total demand deposits, items \$3.34 to \$5.00, \$5.00 to \$10.00, \$10.00 to \$25.00, and \$25.00 to \$50.00	413 15
Other time deposits, items \$1.00 and under	\$413.15
Total	\$319,107 26

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I, F. W. Burrows, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Albany, Mar. 19—A bill to protect milk producers and those in the dairy business from unfair treatment by creameries and butter factories is being drafted by Assemblyman Fancher.

The measure is backed by farmers and dairymen in Western New York and one of its main features is a provision which requires the taking of two samples of every consignment of milk delivered or sold to a creamery. One of the samples is to be retained by the farmer or dairymen.

Assemblyman Fancher to-night said:

"At the present time milk samples are taken by the creamery, but the milk raiser has no sample of the milk delivered. In the event of trouble or dissatisfaction he naturally is in an unpleasant position in that he is unable to illustrate by the sample taken that charges against the quality of the milk he sold are unfounded."

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