

Scrap from W.O.'s. pocket note-book: "Where is it"

Death.
CU5417/37.21

It is extraordinary how much interest he took in the subject of death and its phenomena. The note-book is quite full of references:

The apologue of man's life told by the heathen Northumbrian Thane. "A sparrow flies suddenly through the hall, entering through the other; and while it is inside it is not touched by the tempest, but that little space ended it slips from your sight passing from storm into storm: and so in some degree appears to be the life of man."

through one door and straight way passing out ~~xx~~

"Let me glide noiselessly forth;

With the key of softness unlock the locks.

Walt Whitman In the Imprisoned Soul.

"One moment here, the next she trod

The viewless mansion of her God."

J. H. Newman of his Mother.

"The ways of Death are soothing and serene."

W. E. Henley.

Death as a creditor, see Gomperz, vol.1. p.583.

In pencil writing is the following "The Inevitable Hour" - A Discourse on Death and Dying - by W. Osler, M.D."

It would seem therefore that he must long have contemplated an Essay on the subject, and it may account for his special and peculiar collection of books which he used to refer to as the Hell, Heaven and Death series. In some way too he seems to have connected it with dreams, which may account for the mixed notes on Death and Dreams, unless it is by chance due to their both being under D.

Dreams. An old Celtic idea that the soul in sleep went forth on its travels, and that it was dangerous to waken a man suddenly lest the absent soul should not be able to find its way back. Plummer, Vitae Sanct, Heb. I.177.

P.O.

Sweet day! so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky,
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night
For thou must die.

Herbert.

Landor, when asked what stanza or strophe he would rather have written quoted this of Herbert, and the stanza of Gray

"The boast of heraldry etc."

Death on the Stage. Palmer acting in Liverpool 1798 heard in the a.m. of the death of his son. He appeared some evenings later - in the 4th act, where the Stranger has to refer to his children in uttering the well-known words "There is another and a better world", expired.

"Life is a dream between two slumbers; sleep is death's twin brother; night is the shadow of death; death is the gate of life." G.A.T. Life of M. Angelo, ii.32.

M. Angelo used to say "if life gives us pleasure we ought not to expect displeasure from death seeing it is made by the hand of the same master".

Early Death: Richard Shute, student of Ch. Ch. obaet. 37 wrote shortly before he died "I think that man happiest who is taken while his hand is still warm at the plough, who has not lived long enough to feel his strength failing him and his work every day worse done." Hist. of Aristotelian writings, p.xv.

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Green's Letters, 1902.

Read Aug. 1902 at Pontapic.

John Richard

ed. John Richard, 1901

"What a grand friend Work is".

"Genius is the power of bending circumstances to our will.
Talent is a peculiar aptitude for a certain branch of study."

"For preaching you want general culture rather than special culture".

"Circumstances" spur as much as they hinder us; it is in the struggle day by day with them that we gain muscle for the real life fight."

"A single life need not be a selfish life, but it must be an incomplete one."

"It is the one advantage of being a sceptic that one is never very surprised or angry to find that one's opponents are in the right."

*Quoted in Chauvinism address.
1870.*

Death-bed utterances: "Sir Thos. More "Do not hurt my beard, that has never committed treason"; and Goethe "More light".

"The dullest men improve under the culture of the pen."

"My one way of getting right is that of sitting still." (1878)

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Notes on Euthanasia, Emerson; Green's Letters; ~~SixxKenneixxDigby~~
Spanish Letters of Don Antonio de Guevara; James Greunger, 1723-
1726;

Garth Dispensary;
Nathaniel Highmore;
Notes on Halley;
Hales;
Harvey; etc.

Many quotations from Browning.

Landors Iianthe.

Jowett.

Notes from one concerning W.E.B. Dubois

Note-books many of them contain early hints regarding his papers and precede unquestionably the scraps which are written out before the typewritten copy was taken. Many of these are probably written on trains as ideas come to him. He also has notes on books he is reading, e.g. English Traits by Emerson. There is a long note in one volume evidently preparatory for the address at the opening of the Whistar Institute with a long description of Leidy. This has been crossed out and I suppose must have been used.

All through them are hints about **voice**.

Voice. Lucian says that at Athens he got rid of his "barbarous Syrian speech and perfected himself in a pure Attic diction." See Classics for English Readers, Lucian, p.7.

He is also trying out titles of papers, e.g. The Leaven of Science, The Healing Art and so on.

Scraps from W.O.'s pocket note-book. 1 West Franklin St., Baltimore.
(Dated 1882 on fly-leaf)

Lamb's Poems.

Read viii.4.6.90.

'Tis man's worst deed
To let 'the things that have been ' run to waste
And in the unmeaning present suck the past.

Solitude: . . . "the days soft sleep" (Wife's Trial)

"for fear a second time
To wet a widow's eye."

"The error of a sickly mind
And troubled thoughts, clouding the purer well
And waters clear, of Reason."

"While I teach
Truths which transcend the searching schoolman's vein
And half had stagger'd that stout

"Free from self-seeking, envy low design
I have not found a whiter soul than thine."

"For she had studied Patience in the School of Ch-
Of Christ, much comfort she had there derived
And was a follower of the Nazarene."

"For wounds like his Christ is the only cure."

"A palsy-smitten, childish old, old man
A semblance most forlorn of what he was."

"bear me on
To the not unpeaceful evening of a day
Made black by moving storms."

"Did with their desperate hands anticipate
The too too slow relief of lingering fate"
(in suicide)

"Wounds which love had made her feel
Love alone had power to deal..

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John Donne - Life by Jessop.

Read July 1899.

Get his Biathanatos 1664, published by his rascally son;
written between 1606 and 1608.

His valediction.

His vision in Paris of his wife's death (p.81).

His curious illness "withdraws and pulls the mouth", p.96.

Get his Devotions - curious account daily of his illness and his
physicians.

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Landor, Letters and Unpublished
writings (Wheeler, 1897)

Read at Swanage, July 1899.

His innumerable cedars planted in his Welsh Estate chiefly from
Lebanon cones - proved a failure. His great love of cedars.

Lamb. On his death Landor wrote . . .

"Cordial old man! What youth was in thy years"
(Wheeler, 178)

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Digby, Sir Kenelm, 1603-1665.
Life of by T.L.

Read Swanage, August 1899.

Called the Arch-amateur of all history and (blank)

His sympathetic powder - said to have been obtained from "a
religious Carmelite who came from the Indies and Persia to Florence."

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Erasmus. Life by Froude.

S.S. St. Paul Aug. 19, 1900

Many notes.

Advice to students, p.65 excellent. Read the best of books - the important thing is not how much you know, but the quality of what you know - never work at night; it chills the brain and hurts the health. Remember above all things that nothing passes away so rapidly as youth, E.P. 79.

The Colloquies - pictures of England in them very good.

Do not repent of having married a widow, if you buy a horse you buy one broken in already. Sir Thomas More said, ~~to be~~ - often. that if he was to marry a hundred wives he would never take a maid.

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July 1900.

Donne's Biathannatos. p. 22. 4 sets of readers.

Sponges which attract all without distinguishing; houre-glasses which receive and pour out as fast; Bagges which only retain the dregges of the spices and let the wine escape; and sives which retain the best only.

None brings now the metal to the test nor touch but only to the balance.

p. 45, Wayside fruit. Some need the counsel of Chrysostom. "Depart from the highway and transplant thyself in some enclosed ground, for it is hard for a tree which stands by the wayside to keep her fruit till it be ripe."

p. 58, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. That great successive Trinity of humane wisédome.

p. 73. Sexagenarii were by the laws of wise states precipitated from a bridge. In Rome men of that age were not admitted to the suffrage, and they were called Deponati because the way to the Senate was per pontem and they from age were not permitted to come hither.

p. 103. "Death therefore is an act of God's justice, and when He is pleased to inflict it He may choose his officer and constitute myselfe as well as any other."

Many other quotations.

1502 Walnut Street note-book.

*See notebook
1895 Jan*

Stories.

*Used
Chap. X, p. 82*

The night before a Fellow is elected at All Souls, he is asked to dine in Hall and cherries are had for dessert and one of the important qualifications for the Fellowship is found in the way in which the man removes the stones from his mouth.

Before the Univ. of Pen. would settle upon my appointment, Weir Mitchell was requested to see me in Europe where I was at the time. He asked me to dinner in London as on important list. Mrs. Mitchell decided that I was a suitable

"Compromise" remarked Lincoln at one of his Cabinet meetings during the Civil War, is a wonderful word. I had a neighbour in Illinois who quarrelled with his wife for six months about the colour their house should be painted, the man wishing the colour white, the woman brown. One morning he came to me and in a triumphant voice said "Abe, wife and me have settled our quarrel." "How?" questioned I. "Compromise" he answered, "The house is to be painted brown."

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Read on New York S.S. ^{Wing} May 15-18 1903.

Goethe's Poems.

- p. 3 Passions ?
 Impulse of the heart's emotion.
 " 7 A halcyon quiet would come over the waves of life.
 " 12 Gave all - Love's perfect gift, her glorious self to me!
 " 14 Slumber and sleep "sleep was deepened into Death".
 " 24 The Bride of Corinth - beautiful.
 " 29 Ached for joys she must deny.
 " 39 God and the Byaderé?
 So when kindness fills the bosom
 Love is never far away.
 " 69 The fairest flower.
 " 74 The Pariah:
 "Feels she straight a new sensation
 Thrill throughout her inmost being."
 "162 The Musa?
 "And the morning's lazy leisure
 Ushered in a useless day.

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Aristotle's Ethics (A.L.Humphreys, 1902)

Read Guernsey, July 1903.

- vol.6 Young men not fit students of philosophy. "They will hear as though they heard not and to no profit".
" "Those who are young in character as well as in years".
- 30 "Soo too in life (like the Olympic Games) it is those who not only have the virtues, but who manifest them, who regally win the prizes."
- 31 "Noblest is that which is most just, and best is health and pleasantest - the obtaining of one's desires."
- 39 "A truly good man, four-square without a flaw."
- 124 "In the case of our habits we are only masters of the beginning, their growth by gradual stages being imperceptible like the growth of disease."

And many other quotations.

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Dec. 26th 1903.

Sir Thomas Browne, Athenaeum, Dec. 26th 1903, and Emend. by James, G. Starkey, Damson Chambers, Dublin.

Vols. "chapped with tanned antiquity".

Bacon remarks that all superstitious wise men follow fools.

It is the biography of the mind that interests us, someone says.

"Reminiscences of biblical phraseology, which form the charm of the secular style of so many English writers."

"Men generally are more desirous of being improved in their portraits than in their characters". Bishop Berkeley on Tar-water.

"The past is a good nurse but we must be weaned from her sooner or later, even though like Plotinus we should run home from school and ask the breast after we are tolerably well-grown youths."
B. Berkeley on Tar-water.

"It is a wise rule to take the world as we find it, not always to leave it so." *ibid.*

"Never give a man your name unless you are willing to trust him with your reputation."

Of Church: Taine says, English notes, XIV: "Church is the place to which men come after six days of mechanical toil to freshen in themselves the sentiment of the ideal."

The golden rule of Confucius: "What you do not like when done to yourself do not do to others."

Nicholas Culpepper said on death-bed: "I did ^{by} all persons as I would they should do by me. I never gave a patient two medicines when one would serve them. Farewell, dearest! I am spent."

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Dated 1882 on fly-leaf.

Lowell: Fable for critics.

Read on "Cedric", May 22-23 1905.

"For reading new books is like eating new bread, one can bear it at first, but by gradual steps he is brought to death's door by a mental dyspepsia."

"No power of combining, arranging, discerning
Digested the masses, he learned into learning"

His blunders aspired to the rank of an art.

The defect in his brain was just absence of mind.

"A mire ankle deep of deliberate confusion
Made up of old jumbles of classic allusion"

Emerson and Carlyle, delight comparison between.

Alcott: While he talks he is great, but goes out like a taper
If you shut him up closely with pen ink and paper.

Since most brains reflect but the crown of a hat.

Cowper rhymes his own name with horse-trooper.

Dana. That his own works displease him before these began.

"Yet he spends his whole life like the man in the fable
In learning to swim on the Library table."

"Stand fronting the dawn on toils heaven - scaling the peaks
And become my new race of more practical Greeks."

Difference between the smooth and the screw bore.

Poe! There comes Poe with his Raven like Barnaby Rudge
Three-fifths of him genius and two-fifths sheer fudge.

Holmes, a Leyden jar, always full charged.

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Read March 1906.

Henry Sidgwick, Life.

p.25. Crossing channel stood on deck repeating poetry as a prevention against sea-sickness. 2,000 lines O. Trevelyan said were repeated between Dover and Calais.

24 The following lines occurred to S. in his sleep:-

We think so because all other people think so,
Or because - or because - after all we do think so,
Or because we were told so, and think we must think so,
Or because we once thought so, and think we still think so,
Or because having thought so, we think we will think so.

151 Lines of Shelley:

I am the Eye with which the Universe
Beholds itself and knows itself divine.

262 Parody of Tennyson's Ulysees:

"It little profits that an idle coast
In these grey walls, amid these dreary flats
Yoked to these aged wives I mete and dote
Blue moulded knowledge to a brutish race."

269 "Even if this God is no God, as thou sayest, let him
pass for a God with thee, and nobly lie and say he is."
Euripides, Bacchae, 333.

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August 1906.

Miss Haldane's Life of Descartes read.

Descartes 1596-1650. b. La Haye, Tournai near Poitiers; delicate child. Motto: "Bene qui latuit, bene viscit". At 8 to La Fleche with the Jesuits. Allowed to lie abed late in the morning by Père Charlet. Early loved solitude. Himself and the "great book of the world" the objects of study. 1616 studied law Poitiers. 1617 was in Holland. Nov. 10, 1619 momentous day, "choose ye this day whom ye shall serve" - determined to make a search for truth - the Truth of Reason. Stricken with remorse for his sins, 1619-1621 seeing the world in the Army. Winter of 1620-21 at Neuberg. Interested in the Rosacruzians(?). Travels, Himalayas, Poland, Friesland. Back to Rennes in 1622 after nine years absence. Paris 1623, then Italy, back to Paris for 3 years. 1624 goes to Holland, at 33. He speaks of "a stove and a blazing fire. At Neuberg too he kept warm in the winter.

"Everyone should, Descartes says, have one careful examination of himself in his life, a carefully carried out inquisition."

Contempt for the works of others somewhat characteristic of D.

In 1634 he sketched out the de Homine.

The Method published 1637.

The double life of reason and of inherited beliefs..

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Recoll. of the Last Days of Shelley & Byron. Read on Celtic, Dec.1906.

In 1878 it appeared as Records of Shelley & Byron. Wordsworth said "a poet who has not produced a good poem before he is 25, we may conclude cannot, and never will do so".

Byron saw that Murray was right, if not righteous. "All I have yet written has been for women-kind; you must wait until I am forty . . . and I will show the men what I can do", (p.20) p. 31 B's. fight against fat. He was always hungry and yet he had sufficient self-restraint and resolution to resist the tendency to fatten.

p. 47. Shelley's harvest in the forest.

" 67. S. wrote to T. for prussic acid, "it would be a comfort to me to hold in my possession that Golden Key to the chamber of perpetual rest."

p. 88 Desc. of the burning of Shelley's body: "the heart remained entire. In snatching this relic from the fiery furnace my hand was severely burnt."

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Sunder. dic. Apr. 21

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Montagu, Lady Mary; Life by Pacton.

Read on Leucania April 1907.

Extraordinary courtship.

p.175. Says of Garth "all Doctors loved to have their patients
thought in danger", partic. Garth.

p. 387. That pessimistic poem beginning

"With welcome steps I pass through Life's dull road"
and ends with

"In chains and darkness wherefore should I stay,
And mourn in prison while I keep the key."

p.408 Lord Henry writes not long before his death:

"The last stages of an infirm life are filthy roads
... I know of no turnpikes to mend them: medicine
pretends to be such."

And many other quotations.

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17th century

S. Stevenson's Life of Saint Robert
Grosseteste.

Read July 1902.

An ardent of the Bible in the original, which he regarded as the ultimate appeal.

Humility he defines as "the virtue which enables a man to know himself", but that "the more it is consciously sought the less it is likely to be obtained".

He was a teacher of Roger Bacon.

In his Compendium Scientiarum, Division 8 is "the art of medicine".

His life synchronized with the influx of the Latin version of the Arabic commentators and translators of Aristotle, and also with the facilities offered by the Crusades for the acquisition of Greek MSS. "He stands forth as the first and in some respects as the greatest of the encyclopaedic thinkers of the 13th century."

W.O. quotes from some of his letters, etc.

His noble "sermon" before Innocent IV (at Lyons May 13, 1250) and the college of Cardinals - one of the strongest denunciations of ecclesiastical abuses ever penned.

Three things, he once said, to a Dominican are necessary for temporal salvation - food, sleep and a good humour.

Feb. 24, 1906.

Bt. at Quaritch his Epistolae. Rolls series. (1661)

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Swinburne, The Altar of Righteousness.

1908
Read, Paris, Oct.-Jan.1909.

"Yet ere faith a wandering water froze and curdled into creeds".

"God by God flits past in thunder till his glories turn to shades
God to God hears wondering witness how his Gospel flames and fades."

Children's Poems, Vol. V. - beautiful - among the most beautiful in
the language.

"Men perish, but man shall endure; lives die, but the life
is not dead."

And many other quotations.

March 1st, 1909.

(In his pocket note book)

Went to the Sant Agostino, Rome, and saw the 'Madonna del Porto', the famous Madonna which helps the pregnant women. It is a large gaudily bedecked figure - like a fashionably dressed queen with a crown on her head and an infant in her arms. The figure and the whole wall of the end of the choir was covered with votive offerings: pictures dealing with circumstances in which the Madonna had been helpful - a man falling off a broken ladder and who had time to pray and beg and so fell easy, and was not hurt - ships - pictures of raised [Luigi] and half dead girls, models of eyes, hands, feet, chiefly in metal - of gaudy gilt or silvered - crutches on the side of the stand, braces, trusses etc., watches, chains etc. in the greatest profusion. Two pregnant women were praying before her and several men and boys. The toes of her left foot are worn away by the kisses of the faithful and are now coated with silver.

In the same church over the High Altar is the picture painted by St. Luke and in a chapel to the left is the tomb of St. Monica.

Sir Wm. Browne, Pres. C.P. 17.

Scrap in W.D. note book "Where is it",

In one of his annual orations he said "Behold an instance of human ambition! Not to be satisfied but by the conquest, as it were, of three medical worlds, lucre in the country, honour in the college, pleasure at medicinal springs".

!! # He left in his will "On my coffin when in the grave I desire may be deposited in its leather case or coffin my pocket Elziver Horace, Comes Via Vitae dulcis et utilis, worn out with and by me."

He picked (when young) upon three perpetual pocket companions: Bleau's Greek Testament, Hippocrate's Aphoristica and Elziver Horace, expecting (?) from the first, divinity, from the second physic, and from the last good sense and vivacity." He said there were two sorts of govt. freehold and copyhold, the first where it was hereditary the other which a person by debauchery takes(?) it up."

Grace abounding. The night of despair on the settle in a street at Bedford, when he heard the voice - This sin is not unto death.

"The Human figure, its beauties and defects", by Ernest Brücke, Engl. Trans., Lond., Grevel, 1891.

~~Brönte's Shorter Life.~~

Read Emp. Brit. June '09.

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Brontë's Shorter Life.

Read Emp. Brit. June 1909.

Notes / Vol. 1.25. Patrick Brontë, b. Drumbally.

Many almost illegible notes.

"Literature cannot be the business of a common life". Southey, to C.B.

p.231: C.B. confession to the R.C. priest in the Cathedral at Brussels.

"If women wish to escape the stigma of husband-seeking they must act and work like marble or clay - cold, expressionless, blood-less." C.B. to Ellen Nessey.

There follow many notes about Bracewell's death "A bitterness of pity for his life". Also about Emily's death in 1848, rapid consumption.