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## APPENDIX IV

NOTES ON "NEMESIS DIVINA"  
[DIVINE PUNISHMENT]

THESE were drawn up for his son's guidance; after the father's death they were lost sight of, till in 1844 they were found at Kalmar in the house of the deceased Olof Acrel, the son of J. G. Acrel. The manuscript now is in the library of Uppsala University.

When found, they consisted of slips in a case, but are now bound in a volume. The work was first published in 1848 by E. M. Fries, in the "*Botaniska Utflygter*"; again by T. M. Fries in 1878. The manuscript was written in a mixture of Swedish and Latin. A few extracts are given; the style is terse and abrupt.

*Laws*

1. Be persuaded by nature and experience in God, who made, maintains and governs all; who sees, hears, knows all, thou art in his sight.
2. Never take God to witness in an unjust thing, nor swear falsely.
3. Look upon God's purpose in creation; believe that God guides and keeps thee daily, and all good and evil comes from His hand.
4. Be not ungrateful, that thou mayest live long.
5. Beware of manslaughter, sin is not suffered, unless restitution is done, and that cannot be, so not forgiven.



6. Dishonour no woman, and steal no man's heart.
7. Procure no unjust advantage.
8. Be honest and a man of ancient virtue and faith, then you will be loved of all.
9. Plot not to overturn others, that thou fall not into a pit.
10. Have nothing to do with intrigue.

### *Aphorisms*

Revenge persecutes him; all things go against the guilty. No calamity by itself.

Everything went badly with me, when I harboured revenge, but [I] changed, and left everything in God's hands: since then all happily. 1734. See p. 124.

### *Crimes punished by Nemesis*

Beware of great sins.

Sin is not forgiven, unless restitution is made.

1. Beware of manslaughter or murder.
2. „ „ blood guiltiness.
3. „ „ contempt of God.
4. „ „ ingratitude to parents.
5. „ „ ruining one's welfare.
6. „ „ injuring the defenceless.

Many of my colleagues took holidays from lectures, came up for half-time, enjoyed themselves in society every day (Frondin), many had double salary.

I gave myself no repose night or day, had no rest, lectured, wrote, examined. What had I more? Name is wind, annihilated by others. Obs., what I did, others copied as their own. Titles are wind; Noble, Knight, Archiater.

Münnich in Russia, Premier Minister, had Birong taken to Siberia and lodged permanently in prison. The house in which B. was, M. had boarded up so that no sunlight should get in to lighten his solitude. After some years, Birong came out, and Münnich was put in the same prison. Münnich . . . caused the Russian captain Keller to murder Cincler [Sinclair] on his journey back from Turkey.



*Examples of “ Nemesis ”*

Måns of Sannaböke in Småland, a hard man; evil against his father. Mån's son dragged his father by the hair to throw him out of his own house. When the father came to the door, he cried out, “ Drag me no farther; I did not drag my father any farther.” The son answered “ God's death, thou dragged thy father to the door, I will drag thee out of the door.” This happened in my birth-place, in my childhood.

Two unmarried women, Friesendorf, lived at Hammarby before me, died 1725. Were always so perverse that they could not bear each other; they divided the estate in two. When one died, the other rejoiced and said she would mourn in scarlet, but in four days she too lay dead; they were buried on the same day in one grave. Then they first agreed.

Captain Cincler [Sinclair] when imprisoned, stabbed to death an under officer, Lod, and by legal process escaped [judgment for] the murder. Captain Cincler had so mortal a hatred for the Russians, that he said he did not wish to go to heaven if any Russians went there. (Similarly Artedi had mortal hatred of the Dutch, when he was drowned at Amsterdam.) He was sent with despatches to Turkey, to stir up the Turks against the Russians. Münnich, Premier Minister in Petersburg, had his portrait made, set four officers in ambush at Ingerstedt in Germany, one of whom, Keller, murdered him.

A man freed a thief from the gallows. The same man was taken by enemies and was to be hanged, but a rope was wanting; the thief came and gave a rope.

*Divinations*

Carl XII. had his fortune told by General Carl Cronstedt by “ puncture ” that he would be killed before the end of November, though amongst his trusty friends, the officers. One of Cronstedt's friends said to him on the last day of November: “ It is now the last day of November, and the King is still alive.” Cronstedt answered: “ That is so, but the time is not past.” At night he was killed at Fredrikshald. But some think that it was the same Cronstedt who shot the King at Fredrikshald, but really the French colonel Stickart.



A woman was carried round to all houses as sick and poor, but could tell fortunes. She said that the house [at Stenbrohult] stood in danger of destruction by fire. My mother was alarmed; she [the soothsayer] said pray God to postpone it in your time. The house was burned after her death. My brother Samuel, brisk, was at Wexiö school; I was newly come to Lund. Everybody called my brother Professor, and said he would become a Professor. She, who had seen neither of us, asked to see some of our clothes, and said of brother Samuel that he would be priest; of me, he would be professor, travel far, be more famous than anyone in the kingdom, and swore thereto. My mother to deceive her, showed another coat, saying it was my brother's. "No, that is his which will be professor and live far away."

My father saw one night as it were a human form in a sheet sitting by the fireplace; talked about it to everybody. Two days after came the dancing master, Sobrant, who sickened the next day and died.

A week before my wife was confined of our daughter Helena [Sara Magdalena], the neighbours saw at night, lights in all our windows, as if illuminated; they talked about it to everybody. My wife got to know about it, and feared that it portended she should die in childbed; but she came through. The girl died soon after her birth.

1765 at midnight between 22nd and 23rd July, my wife heard [somebody] outside our bedroom; it went into the upper chamber, my museum. Something went heavily to and fro. Wakened me, and I heard it also. I knew that nobody was there, the doors were locked, and the keys with me. After a few days I learned that my special friend and trusty commissary, Carl Clerck, died the 22nd July at nine at night, and really the walk was so like his, that if I had heard it at Stockholm, I should have known him by his walk, but I was then at Hammarby, six miles from Stockholm [really about thirty-six English miles].

When Löfling before starting for Spain, came to take leave of me, he stumbled [on the threshold] came not back. Forskål likewise.

[A long account of Alexander Blackwell, a native of Aberdeen, will be found translated in the "Journal of Botany," xlviii. (1910) pp. 193-195.]



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