

The Minister's Corner

In this first issue in which this column appears, it seems as though perhaps it would be in place to state a few of the things we hope to accomplish. We confess that as we have read some of the special columns in the great city dailies, we have wondered more than once in regard to the subject. Sometimes we have thought that the sole object was the pay envelope, then again it appeared as though the desire was to ridicule everything that was good, often we have seemed to see a definite purpose, but oftener we have found nothing but a hodgepodge, one day appealing to one class of thinkers, and on the next day, apparently a complete reversal of position. It is the hope of the religious editor of this paper that this column shall stand for a definite purpose, and that bit shall be made so readable that the purpose shall be accomplished. Our experience in the ministry and in the business world—our contact with men prominent in business and political life has proven to us that the church, far from being dead, is the greatest force in the world today. The trouble has been that there has been so little said about her activities that the opposite impression has gone forth. We do not expect, through this column, alone to change that impression, but we do expect that the articles appearing here from week to week, written by the pastors of the local churches, will reflect the thought of the Christian life of Downers Grove. It is not out of place to state at this time that the pastors of Downers Grove are in hearty sympathy with this new departure, and appreciate this opportunity to give wider publicity to the work of the churches. Commencing with the next issue, articles written by one or more of them will appear in the column.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to our neighbors for the assistance and kindness and to the firemen for the prompt and efficient way they handled the fire at our home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chilvers.

Youthful Joys.

If dryads ever chose special dwellings it must have been within the bodes of walnut trees. If the tree was unknown to old Hellas, then the gods forgot something essential to the happiness of youth. If the ancestors of Pericles and all the heroes of the golden age did not betimes go adventuring for walnuts, acquiring burrs and stone-bruises, then they never knew the joy that comes to the Middle Western lad, who each fading year bears home their treasures to spread on the old kitchen roof to dry.

—Exchange.

The First Sauce.

Who made the first sauce? Were the Chinese the pioneers in this as in so many other things? At one of the many Celestial restaurants now springing up in London I was given a card with my dinner in which the brown and mysterious but not unappetizing condiment served in small saucers—was described as "the oldest sauce in the world." Is it in truth the ancestor of Worcester, Yorkshire and all those other liquid inseparables of the beef-steaks and chops of old England?—Correspondence of London Chronicle.

Remarkable Diary.

Pepys' diary is a unique work by Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), giving a curious and faithful account of the times in England from 1660 to 1692. It includes almost every phase of public and social life, from the gayeties of the court to the pettiest detail of week-day existence. The book is written in shorthand, and was not discovered until a century after the author's death. It was deciphered and published (although in a mutilated form) by Lord Brougham in 1825.

Uncle John's Ash

LETS OUTYELL THE HELLELUJAH CHORUS OF THE CALAMITY HOWLERS.



RED CLOVER CAN BE SOWN EARLY

Many Farmers Plant as Early as February, Even While Snow Is On Ground.

SEED SELECTION IMPORTANT

Plant Is Hardy and Not Injured by Ordinary Cold, and Sowing May Be Done While Other Farm Work Is Comparatively Slack.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Red clover has been styled the corner stone of agriculture in the North Central and Eastern states. Many farmers will begin laying the corner stone as early as February, when it is customary in many sections to sow red clover on the surface of the snow, so that it will sink into the soil with the first thaw in the spring. Red clover is hardy, and is not injured by ordinary cold; and the fact that it can be sown at a season when work on the farm is comparatively light adds to the economy of its cultivation.

The first important point to be observed is the selection of good seed, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Considerable care should be used in this respect well in advance of the time of seeding. This is particularly true at present, when a large proportion of the red clover seed used in the United States comes from abroad. If poor seed is used the expected crop may be a partial or total failure.

Good Seed Is Plump. Good red clover seed is plump or well filled, bright with a slight luster, the color of individual seeds ranging from violet to light yellow. The individual seeds should be at least medium sized and fairly uniform, free of adulterants of any kind and from seeds of noxious weeds.

Home-grown seed is desirable, especially in the North, because it is almost certain to be adapted to local conditions. If it is not available, sam-



Red Clover Plant.

ples should be obtained from reliable dealers. These should be examined for adulterants, weed seeds and shriveled seeds. They should also be tested for germination before purchasing in quantity.

In the absence of more accurate methods an estimate should be made of the proportion of true red clover seed and of weed seeds and other impurities. From the red clover seed separated from all impurities, a count of number, as 100, should be taken just as they come. These seeds should be placed between layers of moistened cloth or paper or merely covered in a bed of sand or light soil. A dinner plate, covered with another, is a suitable germinating receptacle. It can be kept in the living room, at a temperature between 65 and 85 degrees, between the third and sixth days the sprouting ability of the seeds should be shown.

It should be borne in mind that the sowing value of the seed is represented by the amount of true clover which will germinate with reasonable promptness. Thus, if four-fifths of a sample is pure clover, and only three-fourths will sprout, then only three-fifths or 60 per cent. of the original seed as offered will grow. Thus, the germinating test has an important bearing on the worth of seed offered to the farmer.

Protects American Farmers.

A seed-testing service is maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture, where 29,638 samples of various seeds were examined and tested in the last fiscal year—16,442 in Washington and 13,196 in the five branch seed-testing stations. Similar service is offered by the various state experiment stations. The department also exercises a strict inspection service over field seeds brought from foreign countries, and last year 5,000,000 pounds of various seeds were rejected or held for cleaning before being allowed to be offered to American farmers.

It is important that the testing of seed be done early enough that a sufficient supply of pure seed can be purchased in time for use; and if seed is to be sent to one of the government or state testing laboratories, at least two weeks should be allowed.

THE KIDNAPER.

By JACK LAWTON.

(S. I. L. Western Newspaper Union.)

Douglas reached the house at twilight. His brother had summoned him there, and he obeyed. Everyone obeyed when Robert ordered; his dominating spirit ruled them all. But in this errand Douglas was driven by the unusual motive of pity, unusual where Robert was concerned. It was hard that, following closely on the death of his wife, his brother must lose, also, his child. For though Lily had not been taken by death, her loss seemed almost as final. Detectives, working faithfully, failed to find a clue as to the disappearance of Robert Hartell's little girl. She had disappeared one evening, several weeks before, after her nurse had put her to bed for the night.

The nurse, whom Robert Hartell retained, must have been sitting in an opposite room when the child was taken, yet she had heard no sound, nor had any person entered the room. It was supposed that Lily had been removed through the window, and her mouth muffled from outcry. Robert Hartell was a wealthy man and the kidnaping was believed to be a scheme for money. Yet no demand for ransom had been received. The mysterious case filled the papers and the father, wearied by it all, had gone in his car to an old rambling farm house which had been his parents, and was now his own—still kept that he or his family might spend summer days there as it pleased their fancy, while for months, and sometimes years, the great house remained vacant save for the old married servants who had known service there in years gone by.

Robert had telephoned his brother that he was tired of the silent meditation which led nowhere, and intended to start that night for New York. He wished his brother during his absence to continue the search for his child, and it was to consult with Robert that Douglas resignedly left his city office and made his way out to the lonely house on the hill.

Robert, discouraged, was more taciturn and disagreeable than ever, but the pity for him still filled Douglas' heart and he realized that perhaps for the first time he was seeing beneath his brother's thorny disposition a latent tenderness.

Suddenly, as he sat, a light shone from an opposite wing of the rambling building; then, plainly outlined in the far window, was a woman's slim figure. Even as Douglas looked, the woman stooped to pick up in her arms a small golden-haired girl. The little girl was Lily, of that he was sure—the fair hair, the thinness of her.

At least he would learn at once what the unknown woman was doing in the house which, but an hour ago, his brother's housekeeper had assured him was untenanted save by themselves. With his pocket searchlight he traversed the dark unfrequented halls, and as he paused at the end of the last one, before him, like a vision shown through the open door, stood a beautiful young woman and a clinging child. The child was Lily. In a moment he had entered the room. The woman's face turned white and her arms clasped the child closer.

"Who," she asked breathlessly, "are you? Why do you come here?"

"I am Douglas Hartell," he answered promptly, "and I came to claim that little girl. She is my brother's child. You must know that. The papers have been filled with the case of her kidnaping. I must return the question: Who are you and how do you happen to be here?"

The girl considered her questioner, her luminous eyes studying his face. Then quietly she replied.

"I," she said, "am the kidnaper. I stole the baby from her cot—through the balcony window—and I hid here because I knew that it would be the last place Robert Hartell would think of searching."

Douglas tried to speak; he came close to the culprit, as though forcibly to detain her; but the softness of her eyes was strangely disconcerting, while the child caressed lovingly her father.

"You," he stammered, "confess to me—"

"To you," the girl answered calmly, "because I am going to ask you to help me in concealing Lily."

Douglas stared. It was all an unbelievable dream, the old bare room, the lovely unknown girl, her strange confession and the unexpected ending of his search.

"Listen," she said eagerly, "I am Jane Ware, the sister of your brother's dead wife. You may have heard of me, though I never saw you."

"I came to the city to care for my sister before she died and I learned how that hard, soulless money making man had treated her. Slowly killing with his exactions and indifference. And I promised her then that her baby should never be under the same control. So, when Robert Hartell refused to give Lily to me, I stole her. And I'd do it again. Your old servants here have been brave enough to harbor us. They loved Lily's mother, and they knew well her father. When Robert Hartell shall have his lesson, when he has learned how to be kind, then only will I give Lily back to him. You are not like your brother—somehow I know. Will you help me?" Douglas laid a caressing hand on the child's golden head, his other hand clasped the girl's, and as he looked into her tear-filled eyes, his tone was very tender.

"I will," he said.

MAKING CANVASS TO OBTAIN CITY TRADE

District of Good Incomes Offers Splendid Field.

Success Depends in Large Measure on Personality of Person Soliciting—Good Understanding is Usually Effected.

Producers sometimes obtain customers by making a personal canvass among city dwellers, say marketing specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The neighborhood selected should be one which is not well supplied with markets or grocery stores handling farm produce. A suburban district of homes with good incomes offers a good field in which to solicit trade. Success in making a personal canvass depends in a large measure on the personality of the person making the canvass. He should be neatly dressed, should state his business clearly and concisely, showing the prospective customer why direct marketing would be advantageous and, if possible, he should have samples of the produce that can be furnished. As this method of obtaining customers permits the consumer to see and talk with the producer, a better understanding is usually effected than if they had never seen each other.

A man living a few miles from Baltimore, who raised poultry, found it impracticable to market his poultry products personally and was not satisfied with the price he could obtain locally. He made a personal canvass of a few homes in a desirable location in Baltimore and obtained four customers to whom he began sending eggs by parcel post. Within a few weeks they had recommended the producer to a sufficient number of customers to purchase all the eggs and poultry the producer could supply. Customers were retained by supplying good quality products and by strict attention to business relations.

BROODER FOR YOUNG CHICKS

Adapted Especially for Outdoor Use or Independently of House for Older Fowls.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing a chicken brooder, the invention of R. R. Murray of Milford, Texas, says:

This invention relates to poultry raising, and has particular reference to the care of young chicks. Among the objects is to provide a brooder adapted especially for outdoor use or



Transverse Section of the Device.

independently of a poultry house. The device comprises a hollow pyramidal chick support with a source of heat within the base, depending fabric strips, a ceiling of open mesh material, and a suitable roof, the products of combustion being conveyed outward through a flue.

STEERS FATTEN ON SILAGE

Remarkable Gains, Considering Nature of Feed, Made at North Dakota Station.

Steers can be fattened profitably on corn silage alone according to a series of tests conducted at the South Dakota experiment station. The steers didn't get off their feed nor were there any bad results in feeding silage as the sole ration. At the close of the tests each year the cattle were shipped to the Chicago market, sold as killers, and brought within a few cents of the market top.

"The gains have been remarkable considering the nature of the feed," said Director Wilson. "In many cases the gains have been larger than cattle of the same age have made on pasture. Hundreds of cattle are wintered on a half starvation ration when if they were fed corn silage from the time they were taken off of grass in the fall they could have been sold late next spring when cattle are usually high in price."

EASY TO FATTEN BABY BEEF

Good Breeding and Quality Are Chief Requisites for Most Profitable Results.

It requires no more skill or attention to fatten baby heaves than it does mature cattle, but good breeding and quality are necessary if the greatest returns are to be expected from the production of baby heaves.

PLACE PREMIUM ON QUALITY

Everybody Wants the Best if They Can Afford It—Quantity Not Always Desired.

The premium is on the best—on quality, not quantity—not the second best. Everybody wants the best if they can afford it. If people take the second best it is not because they prefer it.

FORMER ARMY CHAPLAIN TO ADDRESS LEGION

Rev. F. B. Doherty, Who Was at G. H. Q., Here Next Monday Evening.

The Rev. Francis B. Doherty, who was the Roman Catholic chaplain at Pershing's Chaumont headquarters in France, known from one end of the army to the other as "G. H. Q.," will speak at the local American Legion meeting next Monday evening. Rev. Doherty held a major's commission during the war and it is generally understood that he has been recommended for a lieutenant colonelcy.

His services were secured through the efforts of Rev. Newland, of the Methodist Church here.

Efforts are to be made to have a banner crowd at the Legion meeting to hear Rev. Doherty who will speak on the twenty-five years of work done by the United States in the Philippines. Being attached to the regular army for many years, he has traveled extensively and is known far and wide as a fine speaker.

RECOGNITION SERVICE FOR REV. PHELPS

Large Audience Fills Congregational Church at Services last Tuesday.

Representatives of the Congregational Council of Illinois met in the Congregational Church Tuesday to hold a Service of Recognition for Rev. Arthur Spencer Phelps. This service is similar to an installation service in many ways, and this one was of such a character as to be very

helpful to the spiritual life of the church.

Rev. A. E. Leonard, moderator of the Chicago Council presided, and after a short session in the afternoon, supper was served by the Ladies Aid Society.

A large audience filled the church for the evening service where Rev. Walter Spooner, State President of the Congregational Council preached, Rev. Vernon W. Cook, of Western Springs delivered the charge to the pastor, a former pastor, Rev. Ira M. Grey, delivered the charge to the church, Rev. Phelps responding.

SAVE A CHILD!

We, the undersigned special committee of the Motion Picture Division of the European Relief Council in the State of Illinois, earnestly advocate that every Motion Picture Theatre in the State of Illinois render every courtesy and assistance possible to the representatives of the organizations allied in the humane, timely and urgent charity to the starving children of Europe on January 26th, and that cheerful permission be granted all qualified representatives the use of the motion picture theatres of the State of Illinois for the purpose of four-minute speeches for the above cause; and to allow them to accept offerings in the name of the suffering childhood of devastated Europe.

- Fitzpatrick & McElroy, Chicago;
- Balaban & Katz, Chicago;
- W. W. Watts, Bloomington;
- W. D. Burford, Aurora;
- D. Robinson, Peoria.

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A MOOSE
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Than 4c per day. Initiation \$10.00

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The Genesee Pure Food Company,
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