

The Minister's Corner

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE

By The Rev. G. H. Newland

President Hadley of Yale said to a graduating class: "We think of life of a goblet to be drained; is it not rather a measure to be filled?" It is a question of viewpoint. What attitude do we take to life? The difference between winter and summer is only a difference in the angle of the rays of the sun so this matter of attitude is fundamental.

The attitude of the Stoics, which challenges us because of its stamnia, was to take calmly the successes and failures of life. They held in check the emotional nature not rejoicing with those who rejoice or weeping with those who weep. They met life with control and grit. It was not grin and bear it but bear it and do not grin. The attitude of the Epicureans was to eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die. We cannot change things, so why worry. The attitude of the Pragmatist is: "that which produces the best results in business, politics or religion, is best." That is to say, that which works out in life is best. What a noble attitude it is. Jesus' attitude to life was love. Put the grease on where the squeak is. Help where it is most needed. It is both spiritual and practical. That life is a measure to be filled is a fine putting of Jesus' attitude of love. Jesus' ideal service. The ideal of a Chicago business man is service. Deliver the goods, is the thought of all business men. Jesus said the greatest servant is the greatest man. This is the quintessence of religion also of business. Religion has given business an ideal although many business men have not realized this.

Life, a goblet to be drained or a measure to be filled. Which? One says how much do I get out of it, while the other says how much can I put into life. I will agree that the argument seems to fall on the side of the man who is ever thinking, how much can I get from life. Two men illustrate these different attitudes. Let us compare them. Just before the dawn of the nineteenth century two great generals were commanding armies in their respective nations. One conquering nation after nation until nearly all Europe was under his control. On the other hand, the second against greatest odds, fighting one of the most powerful nations of the world with but a small army, poorly clad and living through the cold winter, in the open country with scant food or shelter. The first deserting the only woman he ever loved and marrying a princess that he might be acceptable as Emperor. The second building a home, childless, that all Americans might call him father. Thus we witness the development of Napoleon and Washington. Napoleon freeing France from kings which was splendid, made a mistake and crossed the borders of France to gain other territory. He was a seeming conqueror, arousing the powers that would one day defeat him. Washington fighting for democracy so that even soldiers of the enemy were constrained to join his small band. Had Napoleon kept his army in France and established a democracy he would stand with Washington. Because of his selfish ambition to rule all Europe with Egypt thrown in, he was opposed by the nations, was defeated at Waterloo, was banished to a lonely island for life. The first half of his career he fought to free France and was great—the second part of his life he fought for self and reaped the reward of selfishness—death. The dead sea is dead because it keeps all it gets.

Do not misunderstand me. Washington was a rich man but he had that higher selfishness which gets that it may give. Washington, strange as it may seem, was victorious in war; was hailed as leader and king. He refused to turn aside from his purpose. Turned aside from the throne, and insisted on a democracy. Washington was elected its first president and a democracy was born. Fiske says "the five years spent in making our constitution were the best five years of our history" since it is so fair that after nearly a century and a half the little States are satisfied. Little did Washington dream that twenty five nations so soon, would become republics as they have. Napoleon drained the goblet of life to the dregs but failed. Washington filled the measure of life full but succeeded. Napoleon tried to gain a throne but died in prison. Washington established a representative government and was chosen as its first president. Napoleon said how much can I get out of Europe. Washington said by his actions how much can I invest or give these thirteen struggling States. We leave you to judge which is the best attitude in life. Life, a goblet to be drained or a measure to be filled.

WANTS PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERVISORS PUBLISHED

Hinsdale Taxpayer Wants Wide Publicity and Less "Daylight Savings on Part of Board.

Writing to the Hinsdale Doings under date of February 5th, one who signs himself "Taxpayer" makes a plea for more light on the doings of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County. The proceedings of the meetings of the board were formerly published in all or nearly all of the papers of the county, each paper receiving a nominal price for the publication, but in January 1920, the board announced that bids would be received for the publication of the proceedings in but one paper. The Glen Ellyn, published at Glen Ellyn, submitted the lowest bid and was accordingly given the contract. Thus a comparatively small number of taxpayers of the county are able to keep track of the various activities of the board.

"Taxpayer" says: "For years the local newspapers of DuPage County published the proceedings of the board of supervisors, but for the past year the taxpayers have been denied the privilege of knowing what our county congress is doing.

"There is no question but what the servants of the people are properly expending the taxpayers money, but we all want to know what is being done for us by them.

"Following are a few things under their jurisdiction which we can only get in the published proceedings: "The annual tax levy for county and forest preserve purposes.

"The names of the grand jurors appointed three times a year.

"The judges of election and the changes in boundaries of election districts.

"The grand jury reports.

"The semi-annual publications of the receipts and expenditures of the various county offices.

"The public accountants report of his findings on these statements.

"The forest preserves purchases and where located.

"County Farm reports as to management and inmates.

"Changes and improvements in court house and county jail.

"Reports of our superintendent of highways and agricultural expert.

"Increase in salaries, commission-paid, etc.

"What is being done and what is contemplated by the hard roads committee.

"Members of the board of review and their findings.

"Various activities adopted by the board and their policies in county affairs.

"The above entails the expenditure and changing hands of approximately a quarter million dollars and would mean the expenditure of a nominal sum to acquaint every taxpayer thru the local paper of all the county business transacted by the board.

We all want to see what the supervisors are doing for us, want wider publicity, more sunshine and less "daylight saving."

NEW SPEED TYPE FREIGHT ENGINES FOR BURLINGTON

Locomotives Designed to Burn Fuel Mined on Divisions Where They will run.

Sixteen Mikado-type 2-8-2 (so-called) locomotives, especially designed for fast freight service, have been delivered to the C. B. & Q. R. R. by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, Pa.

Weighing upwards of 240 tons each, ready for road duty and standing 78 feet, 4 inches long overall, these engines were built to "deliver" live stock, fruit and perishable freight in record-breaking fashion.

An unusual idea introduced into their construction is that some of these locomotives are built to burn bituminous coal and others are designed to use lignite coal. Burlington experts having found it cheaper to do this than to haul other coal from foreign fields, these engines have been built to suit the coal found on the particular divisions on which they are to serve.

The high cost of engines at once comes home to one, when it is learned that each of the "speed boys" cost the pretty sum of \$68,750, as against the pre-war price of \$20,000 for similar engines.

And There Be Others, Too. "Ahm dooly thankful," said Rastus Johnson, "dat de good Lord ain't enforcing de law now as he wunst done agin dat man Ananias."

ROYAL NEIGHBORS GAVE PROGRAM FOR FRIENDS THURSDAY

Social Time Held After Regular Meeting Last Week—Refreshments Served.

Local Royal Neighbors entertained their members and friends after the regular meeting at Zindt's Hall last Thursday evening. Refreshments were served, all greatly enjoying the evening's entertainment.

Opening the program was the U. S. A. drill team consisting of Mesdames Frank Story, Henry Wolf and Herbert Stout and the Misses Florence and Dorothy Conley, Clara Steffan, Freda Selig and Evelyn Coleburn. This was followed by the Flag Presentation, the same people taking part, with Mrs. Albert Nelson at the piano.

The following program was then given: Miss Freda Selig and Mrs. Albert Nelson gave a piano duet; Cora Shrank a piano solo; Mildred Johnson sang, accompanied by Miss Madge Kottenring; Cornet solo, by Gilbert Mochel, Cora Mochel at the piano; piano solo, Violet Tholin.

The hit of the evening was the Darktown Jubilee Singers, Mrs. Frank Story, Miss Florence and Dorothy Conley. Faces blacked, they entertained with jokes old and modern and in a singing specialty.

The evening closed with dancing. Mrs. Nelson at the piano and Gilbert Mochel on the cornet furnishing the music for twinkling feet.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PLAY "THE RECKONING" 25th & 26th

The Epworth League of the "Q" Sub District are giving a play entitled "The Reckoning," at the La Grange Town Hall at 8:15 p. m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 25th and 26th.

The cast is made up of talent from each town and is representative of the very best talent in those towns.

On Friday night tickets will be 50 and 75 cents but on Saturday (which is special Epworth League's night) tickets will be 75 cents.

This promises to be an unusually good entertainment and one which none will want to miss.

"SATIRES OF 1920"

The Fanchon and Marco "Satires of 1920" a bright and breezy revue from the Pacific has captivated Chicago and is the talk of the town at the Olympic Theatre. It is a sunny revue with a plot in which Jean Havez satirizes some of the features of the motion picture industry. Fanchon and Marco, who produced the show and own it, are authors of the music and lyrics. They head the cast and their dancing is as exquisite as any seen in this section of the country in many a day as it is graceful and rhythmic. While they are a host in themselves they have surrounded themselves with a very talented company and the production, both as to scenery and costumes, is well nigh flawless.

Eddie Nelson and Del Chain head the comic battery and they are assisted by Al Wohlman, Arthur West and John Sheehan in some very lively fun making Miss Eva Clark, the prima donna, has been compared with Galli Curci by Chicago critics. Miss Muriel Stryker, dancer, has become the talk of the town because of her beauty and grace, while Lucille Harmon, Daisy DeWitte and Roy Wilson syncopated band are also favorite features. The two dozen sun-kissed "peaches" from California who comprise the chorus are popular and have established themselves as big favorites.

The show received favorable criticism from the reviewers and the people all seem to like its freshness and its novelty of style and production. It is as bright as the sun shining on the San Francisco bay and is as clean as a hound's tooth.

Color Blindness.

No fewer than 55 persons in every thousand are more or less color-blind. The commonest form is not, as many suppose, inability to distinguish red and green—that affects one person in 55. The most usual symptom is uncertainty between blue and green. This is experienced by one out of every 46 persons, but only one in 60 is unable to distinguish between brown and green. Color blindness is more common among educated than uneducated people, and an odd fact is that musicians are more liable to this affliction than are any other class or profession.

Human Gambling Tools.

A set of small dice supposed to have been cut from the molar teeth of a notorious French criminal and professional gambler, who died by the guillotine, together with a dice-box made from a toughened piece of his skin, was one of the curios disposed of by a Paris curio dealer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure in announcing that starting next week we start our spring program which by far will surpass any program we have ever offered. This program will open with Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro" and will be followed by only the greatest pictures and music obtainable—pictures such as Charles Chaplin in "The Kid," James Oliver Curwood's latest success "Isobel," Chas. Ray in "The Old Swimming Hole," and many more of the greatest pictures of the year.

THE DICKE THEATRE.

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