

The Ministers' Corner

Personality and Prayer

By Gilbert H. Newland

Personality expresses itself in three different ways: thinking, feeling, and doing. There are nine billion cells in the normal brain, and if they are all working, many thoughts are produced, or at least noticed, in a lifetime. The thousands of words in the dictionary record these thoughts. The different languages are but the expression of our thinking.

Feeling is as truly a part of us as thinking. Happiness, sorrow, anger, love, cheerfulness, or the blues are running the whole gamut of the emotions. Music is often the vehicle of expression for the feelings.

As does the Christ, so we go about "doing." History is but the record of the deeds resulting from the thoughts and feelings of men and women.

Jesus was not only tempted in all points as we are, but he knows all our thoughts and emotions, and gives us energy, through the Holy Spirit, for all good work, and through the same agency strives against sin in these three ways of human expression.

These three qualities suggest the vastness of the fields of personality. Personalities are endowed with these powers of expression that they may communicate with each other. The importance of this discussion concerning personality is seen when we realize that prayer is the relationship between two personalities, God and man. We have been noting the wide range of human thinking, feeling and acting, and we see the multitude of points of contact possible between two sympathetic personalities.

Christ is greater than man in all forms of expression. He feels all that we feel and we are related to him through all our emotions.

During prayer our thoughts rise to the mind of Christ and we feel as did the poet when he says, "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly; while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high." Two lovers are communing, first one, then the other, asking; first one, then the other, giving.

In prayer we receive strength for duties too large for us. We soon learn that without Christ we can do nothing, and that with his power anything can be done which ought to be done. After prayer the seeming "impossibles" can be accomplished, because God and a righteous person are a majority in any noble cause. The coming of liberty and temperance proves this point. Someone has said that "in the first story of life we give each other what we know, but in the second story of life we tell other what we are." Thus prayer consists of a person giving himself to God and Christ through all the various thoughts, feelings and deeds, and of God, for Christ's sake, giving himself to the one whom he loves.

General U. S. Grant in his old age came to Mark Twain and said in effect, "I have been President of the United States, have traveled round the world, nevertheless, I am a poor man and the doctors agree that I have only a few years to live. I have nothing to leave to care for my family when I'm gone." Whereupon Mark Twain, or Samuel Clemens, told General Grant to write the story of his life and it would make him wealthy. Grant's Memoirs is the result and it did supply ample means to care for Grant's family after his passing. If a friend can and will thus aid a friend, how much more can and will the heavenly Father give to his children?

Prayer is surrounding your personality with God's personality. Through

prayer you get all the love and power from God that you can wisely use, for God never wastes. One has said that when we read a book we think with the author's mind. In prayer we think with the mind of Christ. Prayer is an enthusiastic communion—an evidence of friendship with God.

However, some doubt the possibility of communion between man and God. Although a wireless operator sends messages to all the ships on the seas with wireless equipment, nevertheless some think it impossible for the man who made the wireless to commune with the God who created him.

When a person falls into line with God's purposes he gets God's support. This explains the rise of Theodore Roosevelt. He lived and preached a square deal between man and man, which is only another name for justice. Well, God wants justice in human relationships, so God began to magnify Roosevelt in the sight of Americans as Jehovah magnified Joshua.

Prayer is taking orders from God. Those who obey his orders receive his power.

JOHN F. EHNINGER

Last Sunday afternoon, amid sunshine and flowers and the joy of returning Spring, funeral services were read for John Frederick Ehninger. Nobody ever called him that. "Jack" Ehninger he was to everybody and everybody knew him and respected him. He was so generous in his thoughts and acts that the whole world was his friend.

He was born in Chicago July 25th, 1871 and received his education in the public schools. He worked for many years for the Pennsylvania R. R. and in February 6, 1895 he married Miss Nettie Bruno. Two sons, Herbert and John Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Helen McAloon, were born to this union.

While in the railroad office he formed a life-long friendship with "Jim" Mitchell which eventually resulted in a business partnership known as the Mitchell-Ehninger Warehouse.

These two men worked side by side year in and year out and the friendship was so strong that Mr. Ehninger moved his family to East Grove in 1907, for "Jim" lived there.

"Jack" continued the business after Mr. Mitchell's death and "carried on" until about a year ago. Since that time there was a constant seeking for health and in March Mrs. Ehninger took him to Arizona. Here he passed away March 29th.

Mr. Arthur B. Wright of Hinsdale read the service and Mrs. Weinheimer sang. Burial was made at the West Side cemetery.

MRS. ALBERT RIEDY

Mrs. Albert Riedy passed away at her home in Lisle last Tuesday evening, March 29th, very suddenly.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church here last Friday morning, April 1st. Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin assisted by the Right Rev. Abbot Valentine Kolbeck, Rev. Fr. Prokop and the Rev. Fr. Cyril of St. Procopius College.

Interment was made at the St. Peter and Paul cemetery at Naperville.

Mrs. Riedy, formerly Henrietta Schmelzer, daughter of Peter and Anna Schmelzer, was born September 27th, 1863, at Naperville where she spent her girlhood. In 1885 she was married to Albert Riedy of Lisle and to this union ten children were born.

Her husband, nine children, and her only sister, Mrs. John Rosenwinkel of Chicago, are left to mourn her loss.

COUNTY PAYS \$295 TO AID MOTHERS REAR CHILDREN

Demands on Mothers Pension Fund in Du Page Are Comparatively Small.

Few people in Downers Grove who poverty and need knocks so seldom at our door, realize the work that is being accomplished by the Mothers' Pension law, which was enacted in 1911 through the efforts of

Judge Henry Neil, now a resident of Hinsdale. This measure provides needy mothers with assistance to care for and educate their children. In DuPage County the demands on this fund are comparatively small, yet during January the county paid \$295 to mothers as pensions. This small amount will grow as investigation discloses more mothers needing assistance. Judge Neil keeps closely in touch with the movement, and in a letter to the Judge, County Clerk A. A. Kuhn commented on the dependent child problem as follows: "There has been nothing paid to Home Finding societies for finding

homes for dependent children. Our county has been very fortunate in having very few dependent children cases and when a case does occur, the boys are generally sent to the Glenwood Manual Training School at Glenwood, Ill., at the expense of the County. Other children have been adopted into private homes, and we have two children at the Orphan's Home at Bensenville."

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Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

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