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## Religious Forum

### Waiting

Most people would rather be active than idle. If they can keep busily at work they can at least see for themselves that some results are being accomplished. And activity helps to take their minds off things, perhaps, that they would rather not think of. But, soon or later, there come times to all of us when waiting seems about the only thing we can do. And waiting may be just about the hardest thing we can do.

We know of something that needs to be done and, so far as we can see, needs to be done quickly. The opportunity may pass. The desired end is of the greatest importance. We have done all we can in the matter. But the end has not been attained, and we can do no more, and now we must wait. Such times of waiting are the times that try men's souls. Waiting, then, seems beyond endurance.

And waiting, in just such situations, may be not only all we can do, but the very best thing we could do. Above all, this experience of waiting may be the best blessing that could come into our life.

For waiting is a more important lesson for most of us to learn than working. It takes more character to wait than to work. It brings out the real stuff that is in us. Almost anybody can work; it takes souls of fibre beyond the ordinary to wait in the right way. For waiting of the best sort means quietness and strength; waiting without worry, without anxiety, without fretting or nervousness. Truly, this sort of waiting may be victory of the finest type.

Nowhere is human nature described so accurately as in the Bible, and we find that this Book has much to say about waiting. The Psalmist knows what it was to wait; sometimes he tells of his discouragement when waiting, at other times of his divinely given peace and victory under the test. "Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord", the Psalmist says. He pleads with God to hear his voice: "let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications." And we know what he means as he cries out:

"My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning".

But the Psalmist knew, as many have discovered before and since his time, that it pays to wait for God's time and God's deliverance. We can wait without worrying when we have done what another Psalm calls upon us to do: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass". Therefore, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him." For God knows all about us, and all about the situation that is testing us so severely; and God is never a moment or a second too late.

An old saint who knew the Lord well used to say, in comment on the Scripture, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord"—and so are his steps. The God who is able and eager to guide us unerringly in our steps is equally able to tell us when to stop and to stand still, and for just how long. God makes no mistakes.

The discipline of waiting is essential to normal life and seasoned character. Imagine what a flabby person would be the one who has never been kept waiting! Such a one could know little of the meaning of Christian faith in one of its richest experiences and blessings. Having everything brought to pass just when we want it would make for selfishness, not unselfishness. But waiting, when accepted in the right spirit, is an opportunity for unselfishness—and also for Christian faith. Therefore: "Wait on the

Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

When we realize what is back of the waiting tests that come to us we can be enabled to welcome them. Epistle has been called so "practical", tells us to "count it all joy" not to dread them. James, whose when we fall into various testing experiences and he adds: "Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Then comes the wholesome caution and counsel: "But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect (that is, mature and complete) and entire, wanting nothing." None of us can hope to be normal, mature, "complete" men or women without the patience-testing experience of waiting.

We are to welcome such waiting because we have God's own word for it that He will make it a blessing. Indeed, He tells us that He Himself has to wait in order to bring certain blessings into our lives, and therefore He asks us to join Him in waiting. "And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you, blessed are all they that wait for Him".

It is better to wait for God than to run ahead of Him. His Son taught us that lesson when His brethren were urging Him to go into Judea at a certain time, "that Thy disciples also may see the works that Thou doest". Christ's answer was a lesson in waiting: "My time is not yet come; but your time is now ready."

There is certain, divinely covenanted reward to those who wait for God's time and trust Him while they wait. Isaiah gives us God's own promise: "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

### WILLIAMSFORD

(Intended for last week.)

The Williamstford Women's Institute held their fowl supper for their members and families in the Community Hall on Wednesday, November 6th. There were about 125 adults and children who sat down to a well-laden table. After supper there was a short but good program given: Reading by Miss Gladys Miller; solo by Miss Marion Stewart; guitar solo by Mr. John Leuck; duet by Misses Verna Aitchenson and Esther Rossman; trio by Messrs. Miller. "God Save the King" then brought the concert to a close, after which dancing was enjoyed for a couple of hours. All then went home after a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Peter Mitchell spent a week with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston, at Kincardine.

Mr. and Mrs. Erlene Roberts of Acton, accompanied by Miss Stewart and Mr. H. Roberts of Toronto, spent Sunday, November 10th, with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roberts spent a few days last week with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Erlene Roberts, at Acton.

### NORTH GLENELG

(Intended for last week.)

The friends of little Elsie Miller are proud to know that she took third place in the oratorical contest at Guelph. Not many at the age of ten and as small as Elsie can achieve such honours.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and family and Miss Stella Marsales spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Herb. Trafford.

Mrs. Albert Trafford spent a few days at the home of Mr. Jas. Miller.

Mr. Edward Meloche spent Sunday with Mr. Jas. Moran.

Mr. Tommy Meloche is assisting Mr. Mike Kenny.

Miss Edna and Master Ross Boyce spent Saturday at the Trafford home.

Mr. Tom Laughlin has begun work in the bush owned by Mr. Beringer of Elmira.

Mr. Gordon Trafford has been working for Mr. Jas. Miller for the past week.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones owing to the death of Mrs. Banks.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. D. McQuarrie on Saturday.

SHOP IN MARKDALE.

### EUGENIA

(Intended for last week.)

Our school teacher, Mrs. Dinsmore is practising the children for a Christmas concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Whitehead and daughters, Dorothy and Mary, from near Markdale, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thompson of Flesherton, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wright and children and Miss Catherine and Walter Thompson of Swinton Park were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Betts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kellar of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson and little son of Rock Mills and Mr. Harry Legard of Flesherton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Magee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilson and Mr. Ben Hanley of St. Catharines visited recently with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hanley.

Mrs. Tinegate of Collingwood, Mrs. McWalters of Elmvale and son, Jim, of Dinsmore, Sask., also Mr. Howard Hanson of Dinsmore, were visitors the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jamieson, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. R. McMillan. Mrs. Traynor who has been visiting at Elmvale returned here with them. Sorry to report Mrs. John Williams ill at present. Hope she will be well soon.

Mrs. Fred Pedlar is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Meaford.

Mr. Norman Williams accompanied by Mr. P. McConnell of Kimberley have gone north to secure work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curry of Notawa visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. Turner and other friends.

Miss Kathleen Pedlar who has spent the past few weeks in Owen Sound has returned home.

Mr. Fred Partridge who has been assisting Mr. Albert Williams on the farm the past two months has returned to his home in Rock Mills.

The Y.P.S. met on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. Ted Campbell, the new president presided. Scripture passages were read by Rev. Mr. Bushell and Miss Irva Magee. The Citizenship convenor, Mr. Fred Winfield, took the discussion topic, "War, its causes, consequences, and cure." During the business period, Miss Marjorie Benson was elected as secretary-treasurer instead of Miss Hazel Turner who asked to be released of one of her offices. Hazel will remain as organist. Recreation consisted of a contest by the convenor also a geography match conducted by Rev. Bushell. The meeting closed in the usual way.

The Women's Association will meet at the church on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21st, at 2 o'clock.

Miss D. Sloan was home from near Ayrton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham and daughter of Walkerton visited with friends here on Sunday.

Mr. Thos. Lever of Flesherton visited one day last week at the home of Mr. C. Martin.

### CEYLON

(Intended for last week.)

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., is the proud owner of the first 1936 Chevrolet coach made in Canada. Mr. George McTavish went to Oshawa for the machine for Miss Macphail which she claims is perfect in every detail.

Mrs. John Wright of Flesherton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. McMullen.

Miss Martha Fuller and Mr. George Melrose of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snell.

Misses Harrow, of Owen Sound were recent visitors with their sister, Mrs. W. Beaton.

Mr. A. E. Haw and family of Swinton Park spent Sunday with Mrs. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Micks, accompanied by the former's mother and Mr. Howard Elliott of Toronto visited over the week-end with Mrs. Mick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall.

Mrs. Anna McMillan has returned home after spending a week in Owen Sound.

Mr. Donald McLeod arrived home Saturday after being under the doctor's care in Toronto and Madoc for some time. He was accompanied by Dr. L. Patterson of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jackson of Dundas who spent the week-end here.

Messrs. Dent and Campbell of Oakville are enjoying a week's hunt in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bailey of Shrigley, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Atchison of Chatsworth were visitors on Sunday with Mrs. Macphail and Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P.

Mrs. Cameron Smillie is visiting in Toronto.

Mrs. Coleman returned to Owen Sound Saturday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Collinson.

Miss Bessie Cairns of Mt. Forest spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. T. A. Gilchrist of Portlaw was a caller on friends here Friday.

Miss Irene Fisher is holidaying in Toronto.

Miss Sadie Hunking was entertained at Corbettton Saturday in honor of her approaching marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huston of Oshawa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muir. They were accompanied by Mrs. Haxton who has spent the last two months visiting in Oshawa and Peterboro.

Mr. Chas. Irish of Toronto is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hemphill.

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., arrived home Saturday from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McLeod entertained a number of friends at a dinner party in their new home Saturday evening.

A social evening was held last Friday in the Community Hall for the purpose of organizing committees for 1936. During the evening Emerson Plester very ably demonstrated club swinging while Messrs. Bert Watson, Clare and Art Douglas gave two trios. Lunch was served at midnight, followed by dancing and card playing. A box social is arranged for November 29 with a dance following.

### DORNOCH

(Intended for last week.)

Dornoch Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Tom O'Neil on Wednesday with twenty-five ladies present. Mrs. James Ledingham, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Jas. Crutchley, Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Percy Ledingham gave readings; Mrs. McIntyre told a humorous story; Miss Florence Robertson and Mrs. Robert Mortley gave fruit and vegetable salad recipes, which they learned to make at the demonstration in Durham. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem after which lunch was served by Mrs. O'Neil and helpers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hartford of Detroit and the latter's mother, Mrs. McDermid, of Ann Arbor were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh.

Miss Agnes Malone spent a few days with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. E. Earl went to Chicago on Friday to visit with relatives for some time.

Miss Patricia Lister spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. V. Sweeney.

Mr. Tim Casey is busy repairing his stables these days. Messrs. Fritz and Parker have taken the contract of the cementing and Mr. H. Heft is completing the stables.

Mrs. John Sweeney went to Detroit on Saturday to visit with relatives.

Miss Cassie Muldoon and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore of Holland Centre were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Casey on Sunday.

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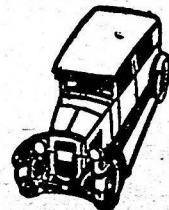
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### FRATERNAL

L. O. L.—Markdale L.O.L. No. 1045 meets in the Orange Hall, Markdale, at 8 o'clock p.m., the first Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Jas. Semple, W.M.; A. E. Scott, Rec-Sec.

A. F. & A. M.—Hiram Lodge No. 490, G.R.C., Markdale, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reburn Block, at 8 o'clock p.m., on the second Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. J. Messenger, W.M.; A. E. Colgan, Secretary.

R. B. K.—Victoria Preceptory No. 282 meets in the Orange Hall, Markdale, at 8 o'clock p.m., the third Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren always cordially welcome. H. E. Parker, W.P.; A. E. Colgan, Registrar.

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