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WHAT THEY ARE SINGING IN AUSTRALIA

(Tune—"Tipperary.")

It's a short, short way to Prohibition;
It's a sure way to go;
It's the only way to bring salvation
To the dearest land I know.
Let us all pull together,
And this is our song—
It's a short, short way to Prohibition
And Australia's going strong.

It's a short, short way to Prohibition;
It's the best way to go;
It's the only way to save our people
From the nation's greatest foe:
Good-bye, gloom and sorrow,
Farewell sad despair;
It's a short way to Prohibition,
And Australia's going there.

It's a bright, bright way to Prohibition;
It's the right way to go
To save our noble manhood,
And lay the oppressor low.
Let us all vote together—
And this is our prayer;
It's a bright bright way to Prohibition
And Australia's right there.

—"Scottish Reformer."

How Stephen Wright Won Out

SILAS MARTIN was fond of boasting that there had been no frills on his education. By dint of thrift and industry he had become the owner of a great machine shop and was a wealthy man, but all the knowledge of books he possessed had been acquired in a little red school-house on top of a bleak New England hill. He had come to believe that experience was the best teacher and held a poor opinion of a practical business career.

Accordingly when Stephen Wright, a Harvard graduate, stepped into Mr. Martin's office one morning and applied for a position in the shop, he was received coldly by the great man. Stephen was dressed in faultless attire, lightcolored tie and fancy vest, with kid gloves on his hands, and a bright carnation in his buttonhole.

A smile curled the lip of the machine shop magnate as he looked the young man over.

"What do you want to do?" he inquired.

"Learn the business from top to bottom," was the reply.

"Most boys have to go at it the other way, and learn it from the bottom to the top, if they learn it at all," remarked the older man sarcastically.

"Very well, I am ready to begin at the bottom."

"Do you know where the bottom is in this establishment?"

"Why no. In fact, I had not even thought—"

"Well, I will tell you, young man. It is down in the furnace pit, where the temperature is 120, and the men stripped to their waists are throwing great chunks of black coal into the firebox, while the sweat runs in dirty streams down their backs."

"I'll begin there," said the young man firmly, pressing his lips together and squaring his broad, athletic shoulders.

"You will, eh?" exclaimed the older man, looking keenly at his visitor.

"Well, I'll notify the foreman to take you on. You had better go out and buy a pair of overalls and a jumper, although I am afraid you will not work long enough to make the money to pay for them."

"Thank you," said Stephen politely, and left the office. "The old man," as he was commonly known throughout the works, chuckled at the thought of the transformation which one day in the furnace pit would make in the appearance of the fastidious college graduate. The young fellow's determination, however, had appealed to him and he notified his foreman to keep an eye on the new man and if he stuck to his task in the furnace pit for a week to put him in the main shop and see what there was in him.

Three or four days later he happened to think of young Wright and decided to know how he was getting along, for something about the young man had interested him in spite of his dandified appearance. Going into the works the proprietor climbed down into the furnace room. Looking along the line of stokers, he saw Stephen Wright was not among them. The shop owner smiled disdainfully.

"Just as I expected," he muttered. "There is nothing in these college fellows."

On his way back to the office he met the foreman. "That young fellow I sent down the other day," he remarked, "didn't last long, I see."

"Oh, yes," replied the foreman. "He stuck to his work all right, but every noon he was around the machinery, asking questions of the men who ate their dinners here and showing so much interest, that I decided to bring him in from the pit right away. He is too smart a boy to be handling coal. Hather a queer chap—fussy about his clothes and all that, but he has the making of a first-class machinist in him."

"Humph," was the extent of the employer's comment, as he walked very thoughtfully back to his desk.

A year passed. Mr. Martin soon forgot about Stephen Wright. He had other and much more important matters to engage his mind. His business was going badly.

He had suffered several severe losses and was worried about the future. An exceptionally large contract for mill machinery was about to be let. He had expected confidently to secure this contract without difficulty and had anticipated making a large profit. Through certain business channels, however, he had just learned that a rival firm was planning to enter a much lower bid than he could safely make, and he was going over his figures for the fifth time one morning, striving to discover some item which could be cut, when the foreman appeared at the door. The man hesitated before making the errand known, then said finally, "I do not know that I ought to bother you with this matter, but one of the men in the works has invented a device to be used in connection with the manufacture of mill machinery, which he claims will greatly reduce the cost. Here are the plans and specifications he has drawn. I have been over them and as far as I see, what he proposed to do is entirely practical."

Mr. Martin had listened to his employee's statement with the closest attention and almost snatched the papers from his hand as he finished.

It was the experienced eye of the practical machinist which ran over the blue sheets and took in every detail of the drawings. That Mr. Martin found satisfaction in what he saw was evidenced from the smile which played about his lips and the indications of suppressed excitement which his manner betrayed. Suddenly he turned to the foreman who had been watching him with surprised interest.

"Send the man here," he commanded, "who made these drawings. I want to talk to him."

The foreman hurried away and the manufacturer paced back over the papers. He chuckled while he read and as he finished the last sheet for the second time, he brought his fist down on the desk with a bang which made the ink bottle rattle.

"I'll get that contract," he cried and looked up to see Stephen Wright very quietly watching him, an amused smile upon his smoothly shaven face. The young man looked neat and trim in spite of the overalls and jumper he wore.

"What do you want?" demanded Mr. Martin impatiently.

"The foreman said you wished to see me, sir," was the quiet reply.

"Wished to see you?" thundered the man at the desk. "What does he mean by that? The person I want to see just at present is the man who originated this device and drew these plans."

"I am the man, sir," was Stephen's reply.

"What is that you say?" demanded the older man, half rising from his chair. "Is this your work? Well, well, my boy, I shall have to admit that I misjudged you. You are a genius after all and I am a bounty old man who cannot realize that the new generation may be just as smart as their fathers, if they do not have quite the same way of looking at things. But how did you hit upon this idea?"

"Well, sir," said Stephen, well pleased at the turn affairs had taken, "I always have had a love for machinery. I shaped my whole college course with the idea of learning everything possible about mechanics, in a historical, theoretical and practical way. This idea came to me soon after I entered the shop, but I have been months in developing it and working out the details."

"Well, well," exclaimed the owner of the works again. "I did not make a mistake that time. After all, however, it may have been a good thing for you to begin at the bottom. Now will you allow me to buy or lease the device?"

"I will gladly accept any proposition you may make."

"I appreciate your kindness, my boy, and I will tell you frankly that this means a great deal more to me just at this particular moment than at any other time, for it will result in making it possible for me to secure one of the biggest contracts which has come to these works for years. I will send for a lawyer and have papers drawn up which will fully protect you in this matter."

The old man hesitated a moment. Then he turned, placed his hand on the shoulder of the young machinist and added: "When you go back into the works it will be as assistant superintendent."—Star Monthly.

THE TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES

Toronto, July 19, 1919.

Dear Sir:

All over Ontario, premises that were formerly used for the manufacture or sale of intoxicants are being changed into buildings for other useful purposes. Breweries and distilleries are being converted into factories or storage houses; bar rooms into drug stores or banks; liquor stores into groceries or bakeries.

This is occurring all over the Province with a resultant improvement in the appearance of many streets in the towns and villages, and the moral betterment of the community as a whole.

The same thing is already in progress in the United States. The National Advocate reports that a brewery in Flint, Michigan, has become a church; one in Aberdeen, Wash., has become a clam cannery; one in Spokane is making vinegar; one in Mobile is making syrup and stock feed from watermelon; one in Iowa city is making butter; one in North Yakima is manufacturing by-products of fruit; one in Lansing is making auto parts; one in Peoria, Ill., is grinding corn meal; one in Rhode Island is producing moving pictures; one in Seattle is turning rice into syrup; one in Chicago is a hospital, and another is a soft drink factory; one in Salem, Ore., is now making logan berry juice; one in Washington, Pa., is making paints, oils and varnish; one in Wheeling is packing meat and several others are in the dairy business. The huge Anheuser-Busch brewing plant in St. Louis, according to report, is to be converted soon into a packing plant establishment; one in Kansas City is passing into the hands of a food products concern. Many of these establishments now employ more workers than when in the beer business.

If we add to these wonderful changes for the better the number of men who have been withdrawn from a harmful business and engaged in useful occupations, and add to that the food stuffs that were turned into poison, but now go to feed the people, we will get a glimpse of some of the blessings that follow prohibition.

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SO THOUGHTLESS OF HIM

After a miserably wet day, the unhappy holiday-maker retired to his boarding-house bed, thinking it promised little for a happy holiday by the sea.

Worse was to come. About 2 a.m. the rain found a way in, and began to drip with unpleasant persistence on his bed. He tugged madly at the bell, and presently heavy footsteps sounded in the passage outside.

"What do you want?" demanded an irate female voice.

"You must give me another room!" said the visitor firmly, as he went on dressing. "The rain's leaking in here like fury!"

"Oh! Is that all?" snapped the voice. "If you look under the bed, you'll find an umbrella. Just use it, and don't disturb everybody at this time of night!"

LOVE'S MILLIONAIRES

Love's millionaires are the only ones to be envied. Some of them are rich, as the world counts riches, but quite as many are poor. They do not live in palaces, as a rule, but kindness and consideration are among the furnishings of their homes. They may not dress elegantly, but they are adorned with jewels of courtesy and gentleness. Their bank account may be small, but the number of their friends is great. They have little money to invest, but every day they make new investments of helpfulness, and this is bringing wonderful returns. The rich man leaves his money behind him for his heirs to quarrel over. Love's millionaires carry their wealth with them, and are enriched by it to all eternity.

GETTING HIS STATUS

"What did Mr. Cummings say to you last night, Clara, when he was trying to button your glove?" queried the anxious mother.

"Why," replied the daughter, "he said that any firm making gloves as hard to button as mine ought to quit the business."

"Well, my dear," continued the anxious mother, "take my advice and don't waste any more time in that direction."—Brooklyn Citizen.

PASSCHENDALE BARRAGE

During the battle of Passchendale the Canadian Corps Artillery fired 2,100,000 shells of all kinds. If this amount of ammunition could be loaded on a train, the length of this train would be 17½ miles. It is stated in the report of the Overseas Minister of Militia.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1919

BY JESSE L. HURLBUT

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP—Acts 2. 42, 46, 47; Phil. 4. 10-20.

Additional Material for Teachers—Psa. 133. 1-3; Mal. 3. 16; Rom. 12. 15, 16; Phil. 1. 3-8; Heb. 10. 24, 25; 1 John 4. 7-13.

Common Scripture Passage

42. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

46. And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart.

47. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved.

10. But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length ye have revived your thought for me; wherein ye did indeed take thought, but ye lacked opportunity.

11. Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in what soever state I am, therein to be content.

12. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound; in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want.

13. I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me.

14. Howbeit ye did well that ye had fellowship with my affliction.

15. And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only;

16. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need.

17. Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account.

18. But I have all things, and abound; I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

19. And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20. Now unto our God and Father be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Golden Text.—If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.—1 John 1. 7a.

Departmental Topics and References

Primary Topic—Loving One Another. 2 Sam. 9. 1-10. (Omitting last sentence).

Additional Material for Teachers—1 Sam. 18. 1-4; 19. 1-7; chap. 20.

Memory Verse—A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. John 13. 34.

Junior Topic—Choosing Our Companions.—1 Sam 18. 1-4; 19. 1-7. (With some reference to chap. 20.)

Memory Verse—John 15. 12.

Intermediate and Senior Topic—Christian Friendships.—Prov. 17. 17; John 15. 12-17; 1 John 3. 16-18.

Young People and Adult Topic—The Basis of Christian Fellowship. Acts 2. 42, 46, 47; Phil. 4. 10-20; John 17. 20, 21.

Blackboard

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN LOVE OF CHRIST.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN UNITED WORSHIP.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN HELPFUL SERVICE.

Lesson Thoughts

"Fellowship" and "communion" are two words having precisely the same meaning. They express the relation which the followers of Christ enjoy with one another. Let us ascertain whence that relation proceeds and what it includes.

1. Our fellowship with each other has its basis in our common love of Christ. We love Christ not as we cherish the memory of a dead friend, but as we feel toward a beloved one who walks by our side, listens to us, talks with us, comforts us in our trouble, encourages us in our anxieties bestows upon us the high honor and the rich pleasure of his companionship.

2. Out of our common love of Christ arises a friendship with each other. Two strangers meeting in Rio de Janeiro find that they have a mutual friend in New York; and at once there is a bond of union between them. Whoever loves Christ will be awakened to an interest in others who share that love.

3. Our fellowship finds joy in united worship. We love the gathering of God's people in the church because there we worship together and enjoy companionship with those whose interests and affections are one with our own.

4. Christian fellowship finds happiness in helpful service. In the church of the early days we see the members giving freely and generously to aid their needy brethren. We find the saints visiting the sick, performing helpful acts, not as a burdensome duty, but as a joyful service. Our thought should not be of what we can obtain from Christ's church, but what we can give to it and do for it; as our Lord came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Readings for Next Week

Monday—Longing for God's House. Psa. 84.

Tuesday—Preparation for Worship. John 4. 1-15.

Wednesday—Christian Worship. John 4. 19-26.

Thursday—Intelligent Worship. 1 Cor. 14. 10-12.

Friday—Drawing Nigh to God. Heb. 10. 19-25.

Saturday—Removing the Obstacles. Matt. 18. 15-20.

Sunday—Joyous Worship. Psa. 122.

ESKIMO CANDY

If you were a little Eskimo, you would have a queer kind of candy. It is nothing but tallow, but the Eskimo boys and girls like it very much. Their mothers and sisters put it up in bright red packages made out of the feet of water fowl. The men kill the birds, which are called dovekies, and then the women cut off the bright-red feet and raw out the bones, so as to make little bags, or pockets, of skin which they fill with reindeer tallow for the children. The like it as well as you do your chocolate drops or striped red-and-white peppermint sticks.—Selected.

WHO CLAIMED THE FLOWERS?

The minister who made the following announcement seems to have been prepared for untoward results from his preaching.

"There are some flowers here," he said, "for those who are sick at the close of this service."

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Portland, Ind.—"I had a displacement and suffered so badly from it at times I could not be on my feet at all. I was all run down and so weak I could not do my housework, was nervous and could not lie down at night. I took treatments from a physician but they did not help me. My Aunt recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I tried it and now I am strong and well again and do my own work and I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound the credit."—Mrs. Josephine Kimble, 935 West Race Street, Portland, Ind.

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2. Tobacco—Throw pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stumps in the dust of the road and stamp or pinch out the fire before leaving them. Don't throw them into brush, leaves, or needles.

3. Making Camp—Build a small campfire. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log or near brush. Scrape away the trash from all around it.

4. Leaving Camp—Never leave a campfire, even for a short time, without quenching it with water and then covering it with earth.

5. Bonfires—Never build bonfires in windy weather or where there is the slightest danger of their escaping from control. Don't make them larger than you need.

6. Fighting Fires—If you find a fire, try to put it out. If you can't get word of it to the nearest forest ranger at once.

The above rules for the prevention of fires, prepared by the United States Forest Service, are equally applicable to Canada. Their observance would go far towards lessening the tremendous toll taken each year by the forest fire fiend.

SUGAR IN VEGETABLES

An article under the title of "Sugar in the Vegetable Kingdom" affords some food for thought. After premising that much of the more valuable properties of our popular table vegetables are lost in nearly all cases through faulty cooking, this is particularly the case with the sugar which nearly all of them contain, though not to so great an extent as the sugar cane or the sugar beet. Among the vegetables which may be mentioned as being particularly rich in this valuable food constituent may be mentioned onions, turnips—of various kinds—carrots, parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes, peas, beans, and other leguminous seeds. Cereals, potatoes and green vegetables are not so rich in sugar, but possess other valuable constituents for food.

ALL PRESENT

Mr. Isaac Jaffski was being married to the girl of his heart, and his friends stood around and admired his manly bearing at the altar.

The ceremony was half-way through when Isaac went pale, and turned away.

"I must be going now!" he exclaimed.

"Hush, Ikey!" whispered his prospective father-in-law. "You muthn't think of it now."

"But I must!" cried Isaac. "I've just remembered I've left the door of my safe wide open!"

"Vell, vell," said the old man, "vat the need to bother? It will be all right. All your friendths are here!"

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