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DON'T DELAY

If you have hard work to do, Do it now. To-morrow the skies are clear and blue. To-morrow clouds will come in view. Yesterday is not for you; Do it now.

THE CHURCH IN THE VALLEY BY THE WILLOW

In one of the loveliest spots of Iowa, old Bradford, in "the valley by the willow" there has stood for more than half a century the little unpretentious, weathered church which inspired Dr. W. S. Pitts to write the song, "Little Brown Church," famous for all time to come.

This church long years ago passed its usefulness as a house of worship, not from ill-usage, but because the worshippers passed on and away, leaving it alone in its seclusion. Now its silvery-toned bell, its sweet and clear tones when it first called the people together under its shelter, peals forth only to call the few remaining citizens together when their ranks are from time to time still further depleted.

All that made the church prosperous departed with the passing of Bradford, which began in 1848, when the iron horse left it stranded and on a half mile from civilization. The town's former business had been done at home sites where JORG had been plowed and sown, and the people had moved to a busy town life. Only the church and the willow were left familiar objects to the early settler.

The church was built in the days of the Civil War. Its erection was marked by a spirit of unusual self-sacrifice and full on the part of the pioneers, whose hardships and privations taxed their mental strength to the utmost. The timber was hewed and lumber sawed by their own hands from the surrounding forests, while the siding, shingling, floor and window frames were hauled by team from McGregor, on the Mississippi River, a distance of some seventy-five miles over corduroy roads across the prairie, through sloughs that seemed bottomless and across bridges of logs, where the wagon-boxes were used for loads to float logs across.

The church was begun in the spring of 1841, but was not completed and dedicated until 1845. Many of the men were away in the service of their country and money was scarce. At a stroke when it was feared the finishing work had been postponed indefinitely, Dr. John Todd, of the Methodist church, gave \$150. The bell came to the church at about the same time, a gift from Mr. John Cole, then a rich man. Mr. Cole had sent a bell for the church, but the bell was broken and the reason that all the world stopped wearing paper collars, which he had been manufacturing. And the bell of the church was constructed out of the fire-box of a cast-iron steam engine, and the color of the building was brown instead of white because brown zinc-lead was used, and white-lead which had been used in the paint had become blackened.

Great religious revivals all up and down the Cedar Valley when the Bradford Church was ready for use. People travelled from far and near to attend the first service, and those living within a radius of ten or twelve miles became converts. This little church meant much to the people in those days of limited church privileges. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Tuttle, had lent his hands at manual labor in its erection. The song by Dr. Pitts was written about the time the church was dedicated. It has been sung around the world. The Tennesseans sang it for eight consecutive years.—Mrs. E. M. Wright.

"THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH" IN THE VALLEY There's a church in the valley by the willow. No lovelier place in the vale. No spot is so good as this. As the little brown church in the vale. How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning. To list to the clear ringing bell; Its tones so sweetly are calling. Oh, come to the church in the vale. There, close by the church in the valley. Lies one that I loved so well; His sleep so sweetly beneath the willow. Disturb not her rest in the vale. There, close by the side of that loved one. 'Neath the tree where the wild flowers bloom; When the twilight hymn shall be chanted, I shall rest by her side in the tomb.

SELECTED THOUGHTS—A blunt by any other name would be just as unsatisfactory. People borrow trouble because it is easy to get, and need not be paid back. There is one lucky thing about spoiled children; we never have them in our own family. There is a good deal of rascal in the right kind of a hand-shake. Beware of the grip. If the conceit was taken out of some people there would be nothing left to bury. Combine politeness with hard work, and opportunity will knock at your door. There are no ugly women; there are only women who do not know how to look pretty. Lots of men wouldn't know what to do with their money if they should ever get out of debt. Motor cars are encroaching so rapidly on the business of the blacksmith that it is predicted that there will be nothing left for them to shoo in a few years but hens.

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EX-EMPEROR WILLIAM AND HIS SON HATED IN GERMANY The editor of the Independent, Hamilton Holt, has been travelling in Germany. He has this to say about the Germans and the ex-Kaiser: "There are large numbers of people who hate the Kaiser and the German people should expel from their minds at once. The world has, for the present at least, no reason to fear German monarchism or militarism. While there is, of course, an active but small monarchist and militarist party, the Kaiser and the German people are killed as dead as a nail—certainly for this generation. I found no one who had a good word to say for the late Emperor or the Crown Prince. Both are hated as cowards and of the two the Crown Prince is most detested. I was told by every one that there is not the slightest possibility of Germany's secretly rearming herself and making war upon Europe. The Socialist party is the only real pacifist political party in Germany. It is now in supreme control. Even if the Socialists are overthrown, the people are heartily sick of militarism, as the failure of the secret military coup d'etat shows. Some of us would like to know why the Germans do not quit sending such large sums of money to William, the defeated and runaway coward."

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LOVELY EVENING

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"It's a lovely evening," said the fair one.

"Yes," replied her attendant. "It was a lovely evening yesterday," said the beautiful girl as they came round again.

"I'm," replied the young man, evidently at a loss what to say. They came a third time and it was his turn now.

"I hope it will be a lovely evening to-morrow," said he.

"Do do!" said she.

The savdrometer arched, looked on the water, from which the tints of the setting sun had not gone, and wondered whether all beautiful women were like this one.

MOST WONDERFUL THING "Tell me, Jamie, what was the most wonderful thing you saw while at sea?"

"I think the strangest thing I saw was the flying fish," said a fisherman.

"How, laddie, did you see it?"

"I was out fishing one day when crossing the Red Sea. We dropped anchor, and when we raised it again there was one of the wheels of Pharaoh's chariot on it."

"Aye, laddie, I believe you. We've scripture for that."

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Soldiers know what it means when an army's morale is shattered.

The fighting spirit is gone, the men invite defeat.

What is true of military forces is true of some industrial armies.

At the first serious jolt their morale weakens—hope flies, courage disappears—their fighting spirit is lost.

There is no place in business to-day for the "calamity howler." He is drawing salary or wages under false pretences. More distressing than all else he is weakening the "morale" of other workers, and of business itself. Strengthen your business morale.

Take stock of your men as well as your goods.

Retain enthusiastic profitable workers even at a temporary loss.

Venture into new fields for business.

Trade and Prosperity are interdependent. The sooner Capital, Labor and Management realize this the quicker will conditions improve.

Tell the Story of Your Business and its Products in the Newspapers. Advertise. Create Sales. Stimulate Trade.

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Report comes from Chicago that business men who formerly had the habit of leaving their work in the middle of the afternoon for a cocktail party, were to be replaced by the former alcoholic beverage. Saloon keepers are adapting themselves to the new order and one of the most pretentious saloons in the city is now employing several of its old bartenders to serve steaming hot coffee and sandwiches throughout the day, particularly catering to the business men's afternoon trade. The manager of the place has taken a \$14,000 a year rental. In commenting upon this policy, he is quoted in the papers as saying: "That is how much faith we have in the coffee hour. Coffee and corned beef sandwiches will be our specialty. The boys are coming back. The cocktail was really a second consideration. At 6 o'clock a man likes to get out and forget things for a minute, lean on a bar, put his foot on a rail and tell his tale what he would do if he were running the United States. Coffee goes as well as cocktails, and it is not so hard on the bartender. Some of this fifth drink conversation used to make hard listening for the boys."

THE CAPACITY OF ACTON'S TANNERIES

The capacity of Acton's tanneries is over a million sides of leather per year, and on the average 600 men are regularly in the plant rooms. Say, honestly now, how many of you folks who read this had any idea of the extent of our chief industry, the magnitude of our output, or of the number of men they give work to. And they work day in and day out, month after month, and year after year, with scarcely a break in the work. How many of you know that there are sixty Beardmore houses in town and every one of them houses an employee and his family. All the time excepting when repairs are being made, perhaps I'll take a notice to give you some idea of the process of tanning of the sole and harness leather. The fast growing demand for Tompkins' Athletic Canvas and TOMPKINS' MAH, which E. J. Hasbani's little store has developed since opening the retail agency, proves the value of the medicine.

LOVELY EVENING

A wistful place correspondent writes: A beautiful young lady in an arm with a young man an evening or two ago, into whose eyes he would sweetly smile.

"It's a lovely evening," said the fair one.

"Yes," replied her attendant. "It was a lovely evening yesterday," said the beautiful girl as they came round again.

"I'm," replied the young man, evidently at a loss what to say. They came a third time and it was his turn now.

"I hope it will be a lovely evening to-morrow," said he.

"Do do!" said she.

The savdrometer arched, looked on the water, from which the tints of the setting sun had not gone, and wondered whether all beautiful women were like this one.

MOST WONDERFUL THING "Tell me, Jamie, what was the most wonderful thing you saw while at sea?"

"I think the strangest thing I saw was the flying fish," said a fisherman.

"How, laddie, did you see it?"

"I was out fishing one day when crossing the Red Sea. We dropped anchor, and when we raised it again there was one of the wheels of Pharaoh's chariot on it."

"Aye, laddie, I believe you. We've scripture for that."

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