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THE OLD HAWTHORN

The hawthorn at the turning of the road
Was clad with ivy, and a little bent
With weight of ages and a heavy load
Of homes that made a warblers' settlement.

Blackbirds and thrushes loved to sing their songs
Upon its blossomed twigs; beneath there sprung
Fox-tongues and ferns and primroses in throngs,
I gathered bouquets there when I was young.

And sometimes, when I have a lonesome day,
I think of Erin and my old abode,
And happy friends with whom I used to play
Near the old bush along the winding road.

—From Irish and Canadian Poems by H. A. Hargadon, with introduction by Geo. H. Ham, just issued by the Modern Printing Co., 29 Dowd St., Montreal. Price $1.00.

WHAT A GIRL'S EMPLOYER HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT

A man whose business it was to engage the clerical help for a large mercantile establishment was in need of a number of girls to work in different kinds of work in a new "branch," to be opened by his firm. He went to a young woman who had just opened an "agency" for the purpose of securing positions for girl and women workers. "Just what do you expect of the girls in your employ?" asked the young woman.

"Why, nothing more than an employer has a right to expect," was the reply.

"But you see I have just opened my office and I am not sure that I know just what a firm like yours would expect of a girl."

"We expect nothing at all unreasonable, although we now and then have a girl come to us who does not seem to care to measure up to our requirements. The other day I had to dismiss a girl because it was perfectly evident that she had no interest in her work. She dawdled over it and did it poorly when she was capable of doing it well if she wanted to do so. She wasted the time of other employees near her by trying to talk and laugh with them while they were doing their work, and she was impertinent when spoken to about it. An employer has a right to expect that an employee will give her undivided attention to her work and do it to the very best of her ability. Anything unreasonable in that?"

"Certainly not."

"Nor do we think it unreasonable to expect a girl to measure up to a certain high standard when it comes to accuracy and neatness in her work. We also feel it fair enough to demand personal neatness and of late we have come to think it our right to have something of a say when it comes to a girl's dress during the hours when a girl is at her work. The extremes of dress have become so great that there is beginning to be a revolt against it on the part of some employers. Only the other day the head of our firm called my attention to a new girl whose dress was so extreme and conspicuous that it was a subject of comment and ridicule. I was told to go to the girl and tell her kindly that her dress was not suitable for our office. She affirmed that it was nobody's business how she dressed. We asked her to seek another place. Was there anything unreasonable in that?

"Well, we feel that an employer has a right to expect a girl to grow while she is in his employ. A girl's ability is often measured by her power to progress in her work. If she does not progress she is sure to get into a rut. Then we expect a girl to be saving of her employer's time. The employer is apt to be a man who works fully as hard as any of his employees, and the conscientious employee will abet her employer in his efforts to make his business successful. Again, an employer has a right to expect that a girl should be able to think for herself, instead of being told everything that she should do, and never doing anything she has not been told to do. She should be able to at times 'grasp the situation' and meet sudden emergencies. She should be resourceful and self-reliant—not a mere imitator of some one else. These are the essential things that an employer has a right to expect in any girl. Do you think any of them unreasonable?"

"I do not," was the reply. And this it would seem would be the reply of any thoughtful and fair-minded person called upon to answer the some question.

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"I BELIEVE IN YOU"

Young Roger Hall's dad had just passed away, and things were pretty cold and confused in the boy's mind. In his time of sorrow Roger found that aunts were not just as sympathetic as his mother would have been had she been alive.

As he slipped up the road and through the hedge that surrounded Doctor Swan's residence, the doctor himself stopped out of his buggy. He came up and put his hand on the lad's shoulder, and said, "I believe in you, Roger. I'm sure there is a big place in life for you."

How much lighter the boy felt. Somebody believed in him and had told him so.

It was a simple thing to say—"I believe in you"—and yet we so often leave it unsaid, perhaps even when we do believe in a person who is "down." Simple things said oftentimes make the greatest impression and carry the most lasting influence.

There are thousands of boys who to-day need that hand on their shoulder and the marvellous uplift of "I believe in you." In your own circle there are hundreds of boys who are wavering—who are undecided. Boys are apt to be morose and doubtful at times. They are often silent, unable to readily express their thoughts. The idea that Mother and Father—no one—believes in them, or understands them, comes over them.

The gulf between the boy of immaturity and the man of experience is—oh—so wide. The right word of encouragement, of belief and confidence, spoken at the right time can turn the scales for many a boy. There are just as many boys to-day who want to be believed in as there ever were. They hunger to be told so.

Tell them that you "believe in them."

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

PAUL WRITES TO A FRIEND—Philemon, Vs. 8-21.

Golden Text.—"Whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant."—Matt. 20: 27.

Lesson Comments

Verse 8.—The Epistle to Philemon has been called the most beautiful of all St. Paul's Epistles, and the "most intensely human." It has been concluded that the "captivity Epistles"—Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon and Philippians—were written from Rome, and not from Caesarea, though there is some argument for the latter. Philemon was written about 62 or 63 A. D. Philemon was Paul's friend, and Paul writes him in behalf of Onesimus, a runaway slave.

Verse 9.—Paul was not an old man, as we use the word "aged." "The appeal lies in the fact of his failing powers worn in the Lord's service." At all times men have called themselves old when they felt so.

Verse 10.—Onesimus was Philemon's runaway slave, but he was a Christian, and Paul calls him his son, or child in the gospel.

Verse 11.—Onesimus means helpful or profitable, and here is a play upon the word. Evidently Paul considered Onesimus worthy of fine attachment.

Verse 12.—"How much lies behind these simple words; what unselfish jealousy of conscience and faith on that of Onesimus!" The law permitted Philemon to treat Onesimus in any way he pleased.

Verse 13.—Paul would fain have kept Onesimus as his own personal companion and attendant. Somehow this runaway slave had, by a life of Christian sincerity, made himself a companion and friend of the great apostle.

Verse 14.—It was Onesimus' duty to return and Paul's to give him up, and Paul seems to have known Philemon to be a man of general kindness. Paul even seems to suggest that Philemon send Onesimus back to him.

Verse 15.—Onesimus' return to Philemon as a Christian over against his departure as a mere slave, is regarded by the apostle as a boon to Philemon. In other words, becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ gives the highest honor to any character.

Verse 16.—Onesimus possessed the highest liberty by being free in Christ, and the words "a brother beloved" are a direct blow to the existence of slavery. Thus Christianity in the very nature of things destroys the whole institution of human servitude.

Verse 17.—By commending Onesimus to his former owner, as he would commend himself, the apostle drops the slavery relationship into oblivion.

Verse 18.—Being magnanimous beyond this point, Paul even assumes such debts as Onesimous could not pay.

Verses 19, 20.—Inasmuch as Philemon was man enough to be a personal friend of Paul, he must have been man enough to see the high plane to which the apostle beckoned him.

Verses 21, 22.—This verse can not be otherwise construed than that Philemon will surely emancipate Onesimus, his slave-brother. Perhaps the word "emancipation" was a little strong, but Paul felt that Philemon would understand.

Illustrated Truth

Fellowship in the gospel changes our relations with each other (v. 16).

Illustration.—While we are exhorted to show kindness to all men, there is a special obligation to those who are of the household of faith. A prince who was stolen from his home in babyhood and was sold into slavery was, by various turns of affairs, returned to the royal house as a servant. The identity of the young servant was discovered, and though he was still in the garb of a slave, his father and his brother saw him in a new light. They did not need to be told how to treat him after they realized that he was bound to them by the ties of blood.

Topics for Research and Discussion

I. Paul's Great Love (vs. 8-11). 1.—What do you know about Paul's Epistle to Philemon? 2.—If Paul was not old, why does he write here like an old man? 3.—Who was Onesimus?

II. Paul's Unselfishness (vs. 12-15). 4.—Why was Paul so greatly attached to Onesimus? 5.—What is the bearing of Paul's on the question of "unequal" friendship?

III. Paul's Consideration (vs. 16-22). 6.—What does this incident teach as to slavery? 7.—How is the spirit of Christianity inimical to all serfdom?

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, December 12.—Paul's Last Words (2 Tim. 4: 1-8).

Tuesday, December 13.—Paul's Last Words (2 Tim. 4: 9-22).

Wednesday, December 14.—Close of Moses' Life (Deut. 34: 1-12).

Thursday, December 15.—Joshua's Last Address (Josh. 24: 19-28).

Friday, December 16.—Faithfulness unto Death (Rev. 2: 1-11).

Saturday, December 17.—Final Victory (1 Cor. 15: 50-58).

Sunday, December 18.—The Bliss of the Triumphant (Rev. 7: 9-17).

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There are now 3,200 pieces. The middle part of each, three and three-eighths inches square, is cut out and blown smooth with the breath upon a small sheet of paper. The sheets are made up into a book, with the gold leaves between them, and in this shape the produce comes to market. Sometimes alloys are added to the gold to give it color. So thin is it that 400,000 leaves represent only an inch in thickness.

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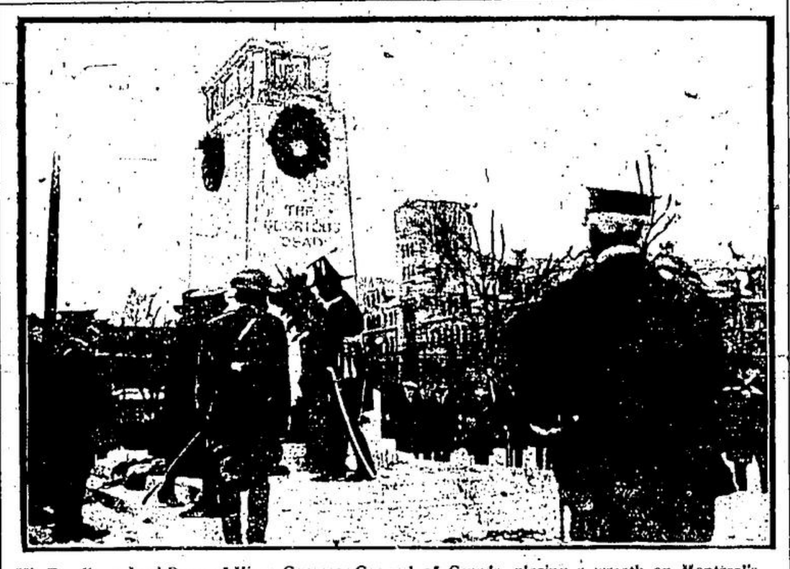
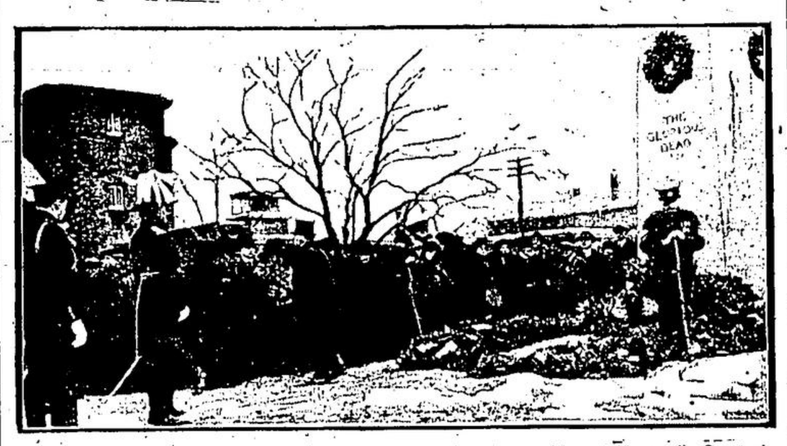


His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada, placing a wreath on Montreal's Cenotaph to the Unknown Soldier, Armistice Day, 1921. General Charles Armstrong, G. O. C. of Military District No. 4, in foreground.—By courtesy C. P. R.



Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada, attending the unveiling of Montreal's Cenotaph to the "Unknown" on Armistice Day, 1921. Lord Shaughnessy is seen leaving the Cenotaph after having placed a wreath.—By courtesy C. P. R.

VEGETABLE IVORY

All the world nowadays is fastening its clothing with buttons of vegetable ivory, derived from "ivory nuts," which are the seeds of a species of palm that grows wild over vast regions in the tropical latitudes of South America.

The tree bears pods the size of a man's head, each of which contains from six to nine egg-shaped nuts of the bigness of small potatoes. When the pods are ripe, the nuts drop out and are picked up from the ground.

Ecuador and Columbia export immense quantities of these nuts, which are gathered by the natives and brought down the rivers to the coast in canoes. When dried their interior substance closely resembles ivory, being white, fine-grained and extremely hard. It takes a high polish and may be dyed in any color.

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A CONFIDENTIAL CHAT

Daddy came home from the office early one evening and mother had not returned from some friends whom she had been visiting for tea.

Little four-year-old Gwennie ran up to her father's side.

"Daddy," she cried, "I've been wanting to see you for a long time when mother's not near."

"Why, my little girl?" asked her father.

"Well, dad," answered, Gwennie, "please don't tell mother, because she's an awful dear, but I don't think she knows much about bringing up children."

"What makes you think that?" asked her father.

"Well," replied Gwennie, "she makes me go to bed when I am wide awake, and she makes me get up when I am awfully sleepy."

THE ATMOSPHERE OF CHEER

Carry with you the spirit which makes those you meet forget their troubles, which encourage them to think that everything is coming out all right. Wear a face at the sight of which shames the whine or whimper out of another's tones. The flowers and the singing of birds are no more welcome than the one who carries with him the atmosphere of cheer.

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Take 1,000 male babies born alive. Half of them will be dead before reaching the age of fifty-two. But of 1,000 females half will be alive in their fifty-seventh year.

Of 1,000 males born, 733 will be living at ten years of age, 713 at twenty, 669 at thirty, 605 at forty, 518 at fifty, 398 at sixty, 239 at seventy, 80 at eighty and 7 at ninety years.

Thus it appears that in an average group of males one in four will die before reaching ten years; one in three will die before attaining the age of thirty-one; one in two will get past fifty, and six out of ten will fail to reach sixty.

A man of sixty has three chances out of five to reach seventy, but only one chance in five of reaching eighty years.

Take 1,000 men fifty years of age. Seven hundred and seventy of them will be alive at sixty, 461 at seventy, 155 at eighty and 13 at ninety.

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The young man was evidently honest in his intentions, but three years of constant courting had failed to overcome his excessive bashfulness. They were sitting in chairs at a respectful distance apart. Said the young man, having spent five minutes in search of a subject:

"How do you get along with your cooking?"

"Nicely," responded the young miss, "I'm improving wonderfully. I can make splendid cake now."

"Can you?" said the young man in a pleased manner. "What kind do you like best?"

"I like one made with flour and sugar and citrons, raisins and currants, and lots of those things, and a beautiful frosted top," responded the young miss.

"Why, that's a wedding cake!" exclaimed the young man nervously.

They are published.

WHY SHIP IS FEMININE

A ship is invariably spoken of as of the feminine gender; this is traced to the ancient Greeks, who called all ships feminine names out of respect to Athene, goddess of the sea. Friday is believed to be an unlucky day, by those who are superstitious. It is derived from the fact it was the day of Christ's crucifixion, as well as the one on which Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. Few, perhaps, are aware, why a weather-cock is frequently attached to a church steeple. This is believed to remind people of Peter's denial of Christ. It is a common belief that peacock's feathers are unlucky. This is due to the tradition that the bird opened the gate of paradise to the serpent.

OBEYING ORDERS

The teacher had been giving the class a lesson on Nature-study.

"Now, Billy Jones, what is the outside of a tree called?" Billy who had not been paying attention, of course, did not know.

"I will give you five minutes to find the answer," said the teacher.

At the end of five minutes Billy was asked again.

"I don't know, teacher!" said Billy timidly.

"Bark, boy, bark!" said the teacher, sternly.

"Bow-wow, bow-wow!" said Billy.

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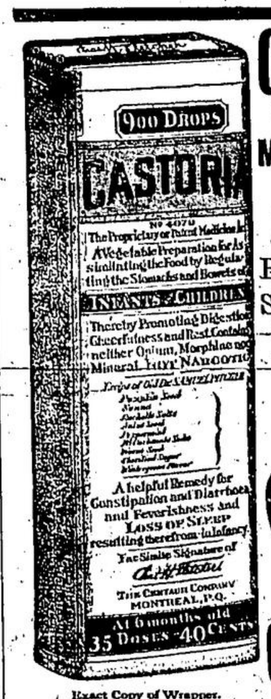

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