

THE MAJOR KEY

I've heard it said, that major notes Of triumph and of praise Are only found where God Himself Is ruler of our days.

In lonely, plaintive melody Of ocean, brook or stream, We only hear the minor notes, Like some forgotten dream.

We hear the chants of heart's content All in the minor key, From hearts in sin and darkness bound.

And longing to be free; Sad echoes of the lost and lone Who bow to gods of wind and stone.

I think the first grand major notes In rapturous chorus ring Across the night the angels sang Glad tidings of the Saviour's birth, "God-will to men, and peace on earth."

Then, too, when resurrection power Had raised the stone away From the sealed and guarded sepulchre That first glad Easter day, Eternally resumed with the notes of victory.

And all the harps of Heaven played a glorious symphony. And, so, today, in martial strain Of Christian minstrelsy, We lift our hearts and voices in A song of liberty.

Thanks be to God, who sets us free, And gives us in the major key, VIVIAN WIGGINS, Humberstone, Ont.

Note: Robert Harkness, noted hymn writer made the statement that all nature and music of heathen lands is in minor key, on which this poem is based. -V.W.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 2, 1922

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. Millinery openings will be on deck in a few weeks.

The "Demic Foundry Company" buildings at Birmingham were damaged by fire last Friday entailing a loss of \$150,000.

The West End Meat Market owned by Wm. Evans has been sold to Chas. E. Allison of Beeton.

Guelph O. H. A. team defeated Acton 3 to 1 on the rink here and Georgetown also put a victory over the local boys by a score of 3 to 2.

The anniversary service of Knox Church on Spadina and Manning was very interesting and successful. Rev. A. Logan Genge of Toronto was the special speaker and Mr. Ernest Warren of Toronto, contributed tenor solos. The ten meeting on Monday was well attended and a splendid supper and program provided.

Officially revised figures of census returns of the Dominion show the population as 8,769,189, an increase of 1,562,816 in ten years.

MARRIED PATTERSON-MATTHEWS. At Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday, February 22, 1922, Norman Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Matthews of Denver, to Mr. Arthur Patterson of Littleton, Col.

DIED McDOUGALL. At the family residence, Frederick St., Acton, on Friday, February 21, 1922, Beatrice Currie, wife of Hugh McDougall, in her 83rd year.

SCOTT. At the family residence, 101 23, third line, Eastington, on Saturday, February 25, 1922, Ellen Arthur's wife of James Scott, in her 10th year.

Wheat Used as Feed Needs Supplements

In discussing the relative feeding value of wheat as a feed for live stock, the Agricultural Supplies Board in Pamphlet No. of the War-Time Production Series points out that an analysis has shown that wheat compares closely with other cereals. Wheat contains roughly, 14 per cent protein, 2 per cent fat, 69 per cent nitrogen-free extract, 2.5 per cent fibre, and 12 per cent ash. It is thus lower in fibre, and richer in protein than barley, markedly lower in fibre than oats, and lower in fat and higher in protein than corn.

The fact remains, however, that all cereal grains are rather low in protein and in mineral matter, too low in good quality protein and some building minerals to meet the needs of intensive animal husbandry. The important supplements are:

1. The lower grades of wheat, in fact, lower than that of average grade of protein and 2.2 to 2.5 per cent fibre. Protein values are not affected by grade of wheat, but the same as in higher grades would be obtained if wheat is milled in dry conditions as a factor as well, and condition of grain characteristics which do not influence materially the feeding value. The biggest economic advantage is likely to result from the feeding of the lower grades of wheat. Nevertheless, there are exceptions such as the present when a part of the surplus of milling wheat may profitably be fed to pigs and other live stock.

SABOTAGE IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, (CP). Nine persons, including two Germans and two women have been sentenced to from ten months to seven years' imprisonment with hard labor for attempted sabotage in this and other neutral Swedish ports.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST.

THE PARABLES BY THE SEA Golden Text: Never man so spake. (John 7:46)

Lesson Text: Mark 4:26-32; Matt. 13:44-50. Time: A. 12, 28. Place: By the Sea of Galilee.

Exposition: I. The Seed Growing of Itself, 26-32.

If we have the light of God's Word, we should set it forth where all can see it and be enlightened and cheered and served by it (vs. 21, 22; Matt. 5:14-16). The sowing of things of our own lives will all be brought to light some day (vs. 22). Fears are given to hear with and the possession of hearing involves a grave responsibility (vs. 23). The Gospel is the power of God until salvation to every one that believeth (Rom. 1:16), but believing comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). Many have never heard it even in America or England, but it is because they have not listened when they might have heard. They will be lost, but they will be no one to blame but themselves. They did not "take heed when they heard" (vs. 24). If we hear the right things in the right way it means life, but if we listen to the wrong things, or turn a deaf ear to the right things, it means death. So life and death are not dependent upon how we use our ears. How solemn these words are, especially in these days of multiplying errors, "take heed what ye hear" (vs. 23). Damning heresies are springing up on every hand and in most unselected quarters, "well men and impostors" are waxing "worse and worse" just as God said they would "in the last days" (2 Tim. 3:1, 13). Wherein then lies safety? In obeying our Lord Jesus and taking "heed what we hear," taking Paul's advice and continuing in the study of and belief in the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:13-17). In verse 25 we have a principle that runs through all departments of life: if you have some of anything and wish more, use what you already have. If you have some money and want more money, use the money you already have. If you have some muscle and wish more muscle, use the muscle you already have. If you have some memory and wish a better memory, use the memory you already have. Just so, if you have some truth and wish more truth, use the truth you already have by acting upon it and living up to it. This you will get more and more until you have "all the truth" (John 1:17) - of vs. 32 - and - 7:17 - "The first parable" (vs. 26-29) is found only in the Gospel of Mark, but it is in the closest relation to the parables of the "Sower" and "The Wheat and Tares," found in the 13th chapter of Matthew and vs. 1-30. In this parable also the seed is the Word of Luke 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:23. It is to be sown in the human heart; it springs up and grows because it is a living thing. Jesus sows it and so does every teacher and preacher of the Word.

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V. Gathering of Every Kind, 47-50. In the outward manifestation the kingdom of heaven at first gathers, of every kind, good fish and bad fish. The sea into which it is cast is the sea of nations. The time will come when the net will be full and then will come the separation. The bad fish represent the wicked (vs. 49; cf. 38), the good fish, the righteous. The good fish are gathered into a place of safety, the bad are cast away and burned. The separation takes place "at the end of the age."

Growers Discuss Crop Increasing In War's Demand

Feed Situation was Serious, Farmers Told and Potato not Such a Public Enemy as Painted

TORONTO, (CP). - Farmer, dairyman and gardener flocked to this city for Agriculture Week, heard about many things that were required of them and in turn told other folks how they could help in the problems of production that confronted Canada in winning the war and making the nation fit for a lasting peace. The Ontario Crop Improvement Association was told by Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Federal Deputy Minister of Agriculture, that apart from wheat Canada had less than a month's feed supply on hand before the 1941 crop was harvested and termed this "a very unsafe position." He warned that Eastern Canada could not "coast along" in feed production assuming it could look to the west for all the supplies it needed and receiving public money to bring those supplies east.

Regarding hog production, Dr. Barton said: "Despite all the education and even slaughter prohibition, producers still persist in sending to market a number of light hogs to the market. Our difficulties are not going to disappear, but this is so far our major agricultural effort and we have to see it through."

Speaking of the labor problem Dr. Barton said that perhaps the best which could be hoped for was that every productive farm would have experienced direction whether operated as a unit or in conjunction with some other farm, and that sufficient labor would be obtained to man the key positions.

More Potatoes One expert G. Dees, rose to the defence of the potato. This nourishing vegetable had been maligned, he declared, in the fight against obesity. "Advocates of the scarecrow figure do not eat any potatoes, themselves and are continually spreading and preaching diets minus potatoes." Untrue statements about potatoes had dealt the industry a staggering blow and reduced consumption during the past 25 years by 20 per cent.

For the slim person who shunned potatoes, Mr. Dees stated that potatoes contained the same number of food calories as apples and oranges. He maintained the potato was "a fine-tune beautifier" noting that authorities agreed that in Ireland it was a principal item of food, and that "Ireland had the most beautiful women in the world."

George Wilson, administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board advised growers to produce all the potatoes they could, and to appoint a committee to study matters of common interest and assist the price control as much as possible to prevent tumorous monetary inflation.

Less in Cans The Ontario Agricultural Council was warned by Food Administrator J. J. "Bugsart" wartime conditions dictated that only those food products which are deemed absolutely essential for the welfare of consumers will be permitted to be preserved in tins. Decision to reduce the amount of tinned products, he said, had been made to conserve the present supply of tin.

It was announced that special attention as being given to the dehydration of vegetables and if present experimental work on commercial scale proves satisfactory additional demands for dehydration purposes may be expected.

In One Week 72,000 Bombed Homes Were Repaired