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IN DAYS OF REVOLUTION

Jonas Clark, Pastor of Lexington Took Active Part in Arousing Sentiment For Freedom

In these modern days when we hear so much about pacifism and internationalism it is interesting to read of one militant minister of the gospel who had a great deal to do with inspiring the patriotic resistance which brought on the Revolutionary War. This minister was Rev. Jonas Clark, of Lexington, Mass., and it has been said of him by students of history that "the teachings from the pupil of this patriotic community caused the first blow to be struck for American Independence. In writing of Jonas as "The Pastor of Lexington," in the current issue of the National Republic, Mr. H. O. Bishop says in part:

Quiet-Mannered Hero
"There was a quiet-mannered hero at Lexington that one seldom sees any reference to in history. Comparatively few people, in fact, have ever heard of him at all. His name was Jonas Clark, and he was the pastor of the little village church in the town which has long since become famous throughout the world as the place where was fought the first battle of the Revolutionary War. It was within the shadow of his church that the first blood was shed in the struggle for independence.

"Pastor Clark had been a resident of Lexington many years prior to the Revolution. He was born at Newton, Mass., on Christmas Day, 1730, two years before the birth of George Washington. He graduated from Cambridge at twenty-two, and immediately began studying for the ministry. At twenty-five, he was ordained pastor of Lexington. His salary was eighty pounds a year and twenty cords of wood. He pieced out the remainder of his living expenses by tilling a small farm on which he lived.

No Weakening
"Thus it will be seen that Reverend Clark was no weakening. A man who can get up early in the morning and care for a team of horses, milk two or three cows, and then follow the plow all day certainly will have something to say on Sunday and will know how to say it. It is said that "His voice was powerful and agreeable, and when excited by his subject, which was often the case, it extended far beyond the bounds of the meeting house, and could be heard distinctly by those who were anywhere in the immediate neighborhood."

"There was a strong social side to Clark's habits. When not busy with farm chores he devoted his time to visiting the neighbors for miles around, and he knew practically every man, woman and child by first name. He visited the sick at all hours of the day and night. He preached kindly funeral sermons over the dead, and baptized the babies when they came into the world. He talked and advised with those who were in trouble and sick at heart.

Far-Seeing Man
"Reverend Clark was a far-seeing man. He realized, years before the outbreak of war, that the course of Britain was unfair, and, sooner or later, was bound to result in a rupture that would startle the world. He, therefore, began preparing his people for the things which were liable to happen. There was no shred of pacifism, socialism or communism in his make-up. He believed in meeting an issue fairly and squarely. He preached patriotism; and love of country; he preached preparedness and bravery; and he preached the duty of fighting when necessary for home and family."

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Half Are Farmers in Ireland
Fifty-three per cent of the population of the Irish Free State is engaged in agricultural pursuits. However less than 13 per cent of the industry is mainly pastoral. The average annual import of wheat and flour is 522,783 tons. The country itself produces only 30,000 tons of wheat on an average in a year.

"Have you figured out your allowance?"
"No. What's the use in bothering about nothing?"

Most of us are coming to believe that these killers are sane and that it's the juries which are crazy.—Indianapolis Star.

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Children Grow Slowly, Compared to Farm Animals
Charts comparing the growth of children with that of farmyard animals have been worked out by Dr. Samuel Brody of the Missouri Agricultural Experimental Station.
Dr. Brody shows that a child between four and fourteen years grows at the rate of only 10 per cent a year, whereas young farm animals grow at the rate of 1,000 per cent a year. This means that in less than four days the young animal gains as much as the child gains in a year.

WHY
I kissed my darling May
And never kept the score.
She was so sweetly gay,
I kissed my darling May.
My face felt queer all day
With rouge and paint galore
I kissed my darling May,
And never kept the score.
W. I. F.
Jail is a place where lots of people are who ought to be;
Where lots of people are, who ought not to be;
Where lots of people are not who ought not to be.

Mr. Smith came home very late for supper one evening. He called to his wife and told her to cook up everything there was in the house.
"Why, John," she said, "what makes you so terribly hungry?"
"I'm not hungry," he growled. "I'm going to pawn the stove."
Tramp: "Say, Cap, will you give me ten cents for a bed?"
The Other: "Sure, bring it around any time."
"The spring is here," cries the poet, pointing to the back of his ingersoll.



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