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TO BE HAPPY

"If you don't care for the things you cannot obtain you will be fairly happy." On the surface it is not an inspiring message. Not to care for the things we cannot obtain is to resign, give up, be supine and when we quit in life's struggle we pay a dear price, for our meagre mite of happiness. Most of us, perhaps, would rather keep on fighting. There is joy in the fight; joy at least to know there is fight in us.

Let us reverse the formula. "If you care enough for the things you have obtained, you will be supremely happy."

The farmer, on his farm - if he loves that farm - may be happy beyond compare. If he loves it well, he will till it well, intelligently, thoroughly and it will yield him rich store. The widowed mother, in the little cottage, has her children and if she loves them well, they will be her life. The clerk at the desk, if he loves his work, will be happy in it.

To be truly happy in our lot we need to be contented. Indeed, happiness and contentment, while we keep moving on life's highway, are not to be reconciled. If we love the work we do we shall be thrilled, not alone to do it well, but to do it better.

Far away fields are always green. Only after many fruitless pilgrimages is the simple truth borne home that if the field at our door is not attractive and verdant it is because we do not water its shrubs and grasses. If we love our field we will tend to it. And more important, if we tend it we will come to love it.

He in whom ambition burns should remember that only the degree to which he proves himself true to the modest task of today can fit him, or inspire others to interest him with greater duties tomorrow.

"OUT OF DEBT, OUT OF DANGER"

Among the meanest citizens in any community are those who can, but will not, pay their bills. This is the coolest kind of indifference to obligations, and perhaps accounts, in part for the development, especially in cities of the "cash and carry" plan of doing business. But it cannot be made effective by merchants in many towns and villages where the credit system is entrenched, nor can it be insisted upon by professional men. Doctors are numerous among the victims of this neglect to pay bills; so are grocers, butchers and other tradesmen. "Let him wait. We need the money for something else" - something that can't be "charged" - is the attitude toward bills presented. So accounts accumulate on the creditor's books, and in turn he cannot meet obligations to those who sell him supplies.

This, of course, is an old story, but the condition created is serious, and no doubt, will persist. Meantime such debtors continue with a bold front. The grocer and the butcher note the "swank" but cannot collect their bills. There is a remedy - drastic and perhaps not generally usable, but it works. A writer in The Times, London, tells the story of how a Devonshire vicar pulled a local tradesman out of the red. From the pulpit he announced casually:

A certain grocer in this neighborhood is in serious financial difficulties through no fault of his own, but owing to the large number of overdue accounts on his books. On going through the books with him I am astonished to find that most of his debtors are members of my own congregation and a number of them are listening to me now. Next Sunday I propose to read from this pulpit a list of those accounts which are still outstanding.

The following week saw the grocer rehabilitated financially; not only that: other tradesmen found delinquent creditors paying up, and the village generally noted more money in circulation. No doubt it would be regarded as a mean business to threaten with publicity all slow payers, but it wouldn't be any meaner than their own habit of ignoring small obligations which they are well able to meet. "Bad debts" have been the ruination of many a too-trusting merchant.

CARE OF THE BY-ROADS

In days gone by people regarded the highways as a sort of "No Man's Land." They pushed their fences out and stole part of the land that belonged to the municipality. That was nobody's business; the road belonged to nobody, according to their way of thinking. They pastured their cows on the grass that grew at the roadside. Who cared? Nobody. The roads belonged to everybody. Any one could pick up the apples from roadside trees. Nobody could order one off the road.

There survives in places something of the old contempt for the roads. Here and there some unthinking person carts out a load of rubbish and throws it beside the road. Usually this occurs along a byway of unimproved road, and this fact reveals that the people have not arrived at the proper appreciation of the highest value of the roads to their community.

Those by-roads and country lanes are soon to become one of the country's finest assets. More and more the tourist will leave the big straight cement highways and find enjoyment in the countryside. Country people are learning not to scorn the tourists, and apart from the consideration of making their own homesites and their environs pleasant, is the incentive to prepare their district to bid for the profitable tourist traffic. The roadside dump is an insult and an economic loss to a community.

SMILING AT FAILURE

Can you fail and still smile? That is the test which proves your mettle. If you can get up every time you are knocked down, with more fight in you than when you went down, there is no fear about your future; but, if you wilt when you meet rebuffs; if failures dishearten you; if you let go of your determination to win; if you don't fight harder than ever every time you strike a snag, you are not made of successful material.

The grit to fall and start all over again; the grit to lose all and not lose faith; the grit to lose one's friends; the grit to endure when one is misunderstood, criticized, and blamed, even by those nearest and dearest to him, that is the grit that moves the world.

If you have that sort of grit, if you keep your temper and smile no matter what happens to you, you will win.

C. C. F. Member Former Champion Amateur Boxer

"Tommy" Douglas, C.C.F. member for Weyburn, Sask., packs a wicked "punch" on the floor of the House of Commons. He is not big in stature; in fact he is one of the smallest men in the Chamber. In 1922 this diminutive future statesman cleaned up all comers in Manitoba to capture the lightweight amateur Boxing Championship of the Province. He is still a fighter for the rights of the underprivileged in Canada. The punch which won him an athletic crown sixteen years ago he still carries, but arguments and quick retort have replaced the clenched fists of former days.

Many of my readers will say that his success in the ministry, athletics and politics comes from the nobility of his ancestry. Tommy was born in good old Scotland. He is just thirty-three years old, which makes him one of the youngest representatives in the House and certainly the youngest in his own party. His own party, however, has now only six members in the Commons. This youthful member is married and has one child aged three. He got his life partner like a good many young ministers of the gospel. While performing the duties of a student pastor for the Baptist Church at Carberry, Manitoba, Tommy fell a victim to the old and continuing theory of 'love at first sight' and married a very beautiful and talented young lady from that place in 1930.

The Douglas family came to Canada in 1910 from their home at Falkirk in the Scottish Lowlands. Mr. Douglas, Senior, had seen military service in India and South Africa, and volunteered in the Great War. The family went back to Scotland in 1915 and immigrated here once more at the close of the War. Weyburn's member in the House has his union card as a linotype operator but was thirsty for further education and found time to attend Brandon College and later McMaster University in Hamilton. He carries from this University the degree of Master of Arts and from a Chicago seat of learning he has part of his degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Tommy's father was a supporter of the Labor party of Great Britain and later of Mr. Woodsworth in Winnipeg. With this background, combined with a keen interest personally in labor problems which gained impetus when he studied in the States, this C.C.F. member naturally gravitated into politics. Here is how it all came about:—He was preaching in Weyburn at the Baptist Church there in 1934. A provincial election was called. His party was seeking a suitable candidate. The young minister was able and popular. He got the nomination. Despite a hard fight defeat overtook him but he did not get discouraged. The Scottish people never lacked courage and fortitude. The 1935 general Dominion election saw Tommy Douglas, the sky-pilot, in action again. He put up a strong fight and defeated by a comfortable margin the man who is now head of the Labor and Industry Board of Ontario, Mr. C. J. Young. It was a strenuous battle with joint debates and all that goes to make an interesting election. Douglas had no money. My Minister readers will say that's not unusual. A club in his riding bought a car for him to campaign with and sold tickets for a lucky draw on it at so much a piece. The car, (what was left of it) went after the election to a man with a large family in the farming community outside of Weyburn city, who previously had no transportation facilities at all.

Few men at Ottawa since this parliament convened have taken a more active part in the debates and none have shown to better advantage in skillful retorts against opponents who interrupt. I will relay to you two incidents to exemplify his clever sallies. In referring to a government appointment in the West, who was not a farmer, Douglas said "Mr. Speaker, you might as well put a weasel in a hen coop to protect the chickens as to put a man off the grain exchange to look after the farmers." This year in one of his verbal jousts with the Minister of Agriculture he said "I was present at the Minister's meeting to which he has just referred." The Minister said "If you were I didn't see you. You must have hidden in a corner." Douglas replied in these words — "Like the Minister of Agriculture, even when I am standing up I am somewhat inconspicuous." To appreciate this humorous passage, it should be said that Mr. Gardiner, the Minister of Agriculture, is perhaps the shortest in stature of anyone in the House, and somewhat shorter than even the diminutive

SLATS' DIARY (By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: The preacher was asting all the church members for donations for mishenarries and old Mislter Pinchpennie liddent give nothing. After the ser-veses the Rev. sed to him the Bible tells us to feed the hungry & Pa herd the old titewad reply. Well it lookt to him like they otto be fed on sum thing cheeper than mishenarries.

Monday: Well its back to school again this a. m. & to a teacher that dont no hardly no thing. Or so I suppose as she asts so many ? ? & ect. I wisht we had a teacher that new things without asting us kids.

Tuesday: At brekfest the famby got to talking about dreems & whether they bleevd in same & etc. & finely Pa sed neerly evry boddie does. Entil they marrie 1. Ma shot a offle mean look at him but I thot it mist him as he just laft.

Wednesday: They seems to be sines that spring issent far away & hot wether & no school & base ball & fishen & etc. But evry silver lining has a cloud. How to keep Jane & Elsy in ice cream is the cloud to I & Blisters & Jakes silver lining.

Thursday: I got a job passing bills after school this p.m. & ast a ladie Do the dog bite. She sed she diddnt no becoss she just got him. Come in the yd. & see she sed. Why should I care I thot & so diddnt leave her no bill about the big bargin event at the hat & milenery store. I bet she got sore but I felt I done my duty. To yrs. trooly.

Friday: Pa got a writeup for the noosepaper where he works at as reporter about a ladie witch shot her husband. The editur ast him are she good looking & Pa replide & sed the jury will haft to pass on that. I was thoud & herd the editur laff out loud but I diddnt see no thing to laff at. I suppose I dont no the noosepaper langwidge or sum thing or am just dum.

Saturday: Mistress Hix was a teaching her babie to walk & I told Unkel Hen about it. He sed Why is she a doing it when praktikely no boddie walks now days. I thot about it a lot & come to the konklusen that I dont no. I wander if it are necessary.

Most of the world's trouble is caused by a sin that isn't forbidden by any law, except the Commandment: "Thou shalt not covet."

off second best in a debate. The constituency of Weyburn is perhaps the driest of the dried-out areas of Saskatchewan. It touches the international boundary at the south and does not extend far enough north to escape the withering drought conditions. Tommy told me recently that this intolerable situation has existed for seven or eight years in his section, which is 90 miles wide by 120 miles long. Soil is drifting everywhere covering fences and even small buildings. Schools in the main are kept open by the teachers getting their board at the farm homes and a governing open only do so by support from the grants by the Home Mission organizations of the various churches. In some communities 98 per cent are on relief with only the station agent, elevator man, teachers and ministers receiving any money at all. Vouchers are given to a farm family according to its size. A family of 5 children and mother and father receive about \$20.00 a month through the voucher system, with a clothing order in the fall, a ton of coal a month during the cold season, and feed for stock which is reduced by regulation to the needs of each family. The picture is brighter, however, this year. Last Fall the district had quite a bit of rain and the snow fall was heavy this winter. Prospects for a good crop this year were never better for eight years past. Let's all hope so, for Western Canada has suffered long enough.

People in the East will be glad to know that in Tommy Douglas' opinion the clothing sent from our part of Canada enabled many children to attend school. The vegetables and other supplies were a godsend to his district, he stated. As I heard him sing the praises of the East for its generosity in this regard, I could not help thinking that this example of practical Christianity more closely knitted the West to the East than all mere talk of national unity ever could have accomplished.

Next week — Mrs. Martha Louise Black, M.P. for the Yukon.

NEWTONBROOK

Temperance Sunday will be observed next Sunday, March 20th in the United Church Sunday School. Addresses will be given in the Sunday School and afterwards in the Church Worship Service by Thomas Sheridan, Norma Graham and Fanny Utalak of Wesley Church, near Aurora, who were winners of silver trophies in the oratorical contest of North York Temperance Association at the convention held recently in Richmond Hill.

The Auxiliary of the W.M.S. will hold its March meeting at the Parsonage next Tuesday, March 22nd at 2.30 p.m. This will be a Grandmothers' meeting and the entire program will be given by the Grandmothers. The guest speaker will be Mrs. B. M. Johnson of Toronto, Honorary Vice-President of the Toronto Conference Branch, who is an octogenarian. She will speak on "Reminiscences of the W.M.S." She has been actively engaged in W.M.S. work for 55 years and is a very pleasing speaker. It is hoped that every member will attend. The ladies of the church are cordially invited. Visitors welcome. At this meeting the Grandmothers will be our honored guests.

A St. Patrick's Supper is being held this (Thursday) evening commencing at 6.30 o'clock in the United Church Sunday School room under the auspices of the Woman's Association. Rev. Minton Johnson will be the guest speaker and will speak on "The League of Nations". There will also be a musical program.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert attended a banquet in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church last Tuesday evening in honor of Rev. Robert Laird on his election as President of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world and who has recently returned from a visit to mission fields in the Orient.

A very successful Afternoon Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Arnold Douglas last Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of the United Church. Mrs. A. H. Halbert assisted the hostess in receiving the guests. Miss Edith Hope presided at the tea table which was arranged with a lace cloth and an attractive centre of spring flowers. Tea room assistants were Misses Mary and Jean Douglas, Miss A. Lever, Miss Margaret Shaw and Miss Doris VanLaven. Those contributing to the program were Mrs. John Dow who sang sev-

eral groups of songs, Miss Jessie Bishop, accompanist, Miss Ruth Douglas, piano solos and a vocal duet by Mrs. Allan Wiltshire and Mrs. Glen Shaw. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen of Carrville were guests last Sunday of their aunt, Mrs. F. Summers.

The Girls' Mission Circle of Newtonbrook United Church met last Tuesday evening at the home of their president, Mrs. W. Murchison, with a large attendance. After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Miss Emma McPhail, reports were received from the various secretaries, Miss Edna Street on the Supply Work, Miss Irene Smith on Christian Stewardship and Miss Doris VanLaven gave the treasurer's report, which showed that quarter of the allocation had been raised. The study book chapters were very ably reviewed by Miss Cora Good and Mrs. Murchison followed by a questionnaire. The devotional topic was taken by Miss Doris Newton, her theme being "The Worshipping Church." Prayer was offered by Miss Irene Smith. Ten members joined at this meeting and it is hoped that the membership will be doubled this year. Special plans are being made for the Easter Thankoffering meeting which will be held Tuesday evening, April 12. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostesses.

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