

THE QUIET HOUR

"In my younger days," said Darwin, "I was deeply religious. The Sabbath and its services were a delight to me. But I made my mind a kind of machine for grinding out laws in the material world, and my spiritual nature atrophied."
If Darwin had kept a place in his life for Sabbath services he could not have spoken thus of his spiritual nature. Are you, dear friend, desecrating the Sabbath with your mind?

O day to sweet religious thought
So wisely set apart,
Back to the silent strength of life
Help thou my wavering heart!

Every year certain "Queries" are addressed to each Quaker congregation, and the answers sent to the yearly meeting. They include such questions as, "Is mutual love and good will maintained within you? Is tale-bearing discouraged? etc." A new question runs like this: "Do you who are employers see that the hours of employees are kept within limits which permit due time for sleep, for study and for relaxation? Are your factories properly guarded with safety devices and sanitation? etc"

Patience. Seven years passed before one convert was enrolled in Japan, fifteen in South Africa, twenty in Mongolia. Mackay worked 23 years for his first convert on the island of Formosa, Morrison 27 years in China for two converts; yet Mackay said that in all his work he never saw anything to discourage him, and Morrison's faith that China would yet become a Christian nation was strong and sure to the last.
"There is not an object about me but depressing, yet my heart expands with delight at the presence of a courageous God," said Henry Martyn when burning out for God alone in that plague-smitten Armenian city.

There are some facts that carry their own plain message to all, and need no comment to enforce or confirm them:
One young woman, a motion-picture actress, paid an income tax on an annual salary of \$25,000. In Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland combined there are 155 Presbyterian pastors with their assistants, and that same year it cost \$485,191 to pay all of their salaries and the cost of carrying all of their churches for a whole year. In other words, this one little movie actress earned enough money in one year to pay the salaries of 155 Presbyterian preachers and keep 155 Presbyterian churches in operation, and then have left as pin money for herself the modest sum of \$34,809.

It is estimated that out of every thousand babies born in India 250 die before they are one year of age. That means two million babies die every year, five thousand every day! And why this terrible mortality? Well, if you saw the poor babies and their poor mothers, you would wonder why so few die. With underfed mothers, many have no vitality. A little cotton shirt and string of beads do not keep one warm when there is frost on the ground, such as we have in the Punjab. At six or seven months they begin to eat whatever the rest of the family is eating. Whatever they cry for they get; and then, when they become little skeletons from chronic diarrhoea, the mother says:
"Some one has cast an evil eye on my child."—Miss M. M. Allen M.D.

T. C. Richards says the greatest barrier in many a church is lack of the forgiving spirit. Perhaps leading families do not speak to each other. The smouldering fires of old feuds and quarrels choke all spirit of harmony, co-operation and brotherly love. In such churches there ought to be some first-class funerals,—no, not of folks, but of feuds and fights. The Indians buried the hatchet; we Christians need to bury our prejudices, enmities and quarrels deep enough so that there should be no possibility of a resurrection.
But of course this state of affairs does not exist in your church, does it?

"What is the loneliest place in the world?" asks the "Gideon." The answer it gives is—the hotel bedroom.

Those who know it best are the commercial travellers, many of whom spend 60 per cent. of their time in the hotel bedroom, far from their homes and relatives. They know its dreariness and isolation, its poverty of social intercourse and opportunity, its barrenness of outlook and uplifting influences.
It is a loneliness exaggerated by sumptuous furnishings, by the bustle and commotion of hundreds of people all about one, by the very earnest and well-intentioned efforts of managements to create the "home-like" atmosphere which cannot be manufactured or imitated without the presence of family or relatives or friends.

Hence the effort to place Bibles in hotel rooms. There are approximately 700,000 salesmen on the road on this continent, and probably three million hotel bedrooms, so the field is large.

Beecher once said: "That is a fine looking horse. Is he as good as he looks?"
"Yes," was the reply, "he will work in any place you put him."
"I wish he was a member of my church," said Beecher.

"Some people are hindered from studying the Bible devotionally because they are afraid to do so. One day while in India two young men said to us: 'If we study the Bible in this way, we are afraid it will compel us to abandon our plan of entering Government service, and to devote ourselves to Christian work.' A Mohammedan student in Egypt told us that if he studied the Bible in this way he would have to become a Christian. In another place a young man said it would make it necessary for him to give up a certain bad habit. Afraid of the light! How unscientific, unscholarly and cowardly."—John R. Mott.

Near the mouth of the River Thames there is a channel through which vessels can only be piloted with great skill. During a gale a flagstaff on the tower of a certain church was blown down. The church officials decided not to put it up again. Soon a government official went before them and said:
"The pilotage of the Thames is impossible without the flagstaff. For years pilots have taken their bearings from that staff. We cannot do without it."
The flagstaff was replaced. The church officials didn't realize that precious lives and cargoes were shaping their course by that flagstaff. Neither can we realize in this life who is taking their bearings to heaven or hell by our attitude to the church.

D. L. Moody, whose great good sense made his religion an everyday employment, once met an evangelist, and as the election was coming on, he asked him:
"What is the political outlook?"
"I don't know anything about the political outlook," was the reply, "my citizenship is in heaven."
"Better get it down to earth for the next sixty days," was the very emphatic answer of Mr. Moody.
He believed that a man who shirked his duty in this life wasn't a good candidate for the next life.

On her way home from morning service, Mrs. Scott complained to the friend who had joined her of the exceeding dullness of the sermon. "Yes, mamma, but it was very cheap," little Jimmy hastened to say. "You only paid a penny for it."

re-open for general business.—Car.
Turnbull—Bailey—That Mills & Patterson, solicitors on behalf of Mrs Wildfang, having served notice to the Clerk asking for a rebate in taxes of 1921 on account of property being destroyed by fire; the Council having received advice from the Township solicitor, A. B. Currey, that the Council were not liable for a rebate of taxes, the Clerk to serve notice to that effect.—Carried.
Hewitson—Turnbull—That Clerk notify the Government officials of the condition of Camp Creek, caused by the Russell Company's stone-crushing plant at Durham dumping waste material into the creek, thereby creating a public nuisance.—Car.
McDonald—Bailey—That Sideline 14, W.G.R., be assumed by the township as a connecting link between Con. 10 and Provincial Highway, the Reeve to have charge of said road.—Carried.
Hewitson—Bailey—That J. Urstadt be appointed as pathmaster in Elmwood, as Mr. W. G. Hastie resigned.—Carried.

The following accounts were paid:
Div. No. 1. (D.J. McDonald).—D.J. McDonald, inspecting, \$1.50; F. Haug, removing logs, \$3.50; A. Symons, removing logs, \$5.50; J. McDougall, moving drags, \$1.00; D. J. McDonald, grading Div. No. 1, \$179.20; M. Campbell, 1 1/2 days, \$3.75; R. McCaslin, 2 days, \$5.00; Cross & Sutherland, stumping powder, \$13.40; J. Pratt, blasting stumps, \$5.25; G. Wiermier, blasting stumps, \$5.12; R. Mighton, stoning, 75c.; A. Fletcher, culvert, \$1.50; P. McQuarrie, stoning, \$1.25; R. White, drawing and placing culvert, \$8.00; J. Dirstein, tile, \$5.10; H. Dunn, washout, \$6.00; W. Cooke, washout, \$3.60, culvert, \$1.25; W. D. Connor, tile, \$21.00.
Div. 2 (James Turnbull).—F. Cuff, washout, \$2.50; A. McLean, washout, \$2.50; G. Mighton, half day, team, \$2.25; W. Torry, half day, man, \$1.25; J. Milligan, 2 days, man, \$5.00; Jas. Milligan, 2 days, team, \$9.00; C. Bailey, gravel, \$27.62; A. Grierson, 4 hours, team, \$1.80; R. Mighton, stoning, \$1.75; J. Turnbull, 2 1/2 days, \$7.50; J. Turnbull, grading account, \$24.80.
Div. 3 (C. Bailey).—D. Burgess,

gravel, \$18.50; J. Park and others, gravelling, \$126.25; W. Bailey and others, gravelling, \$27.62; G. Ringle and others, drawing and placing culvert, \$3.18; C. Bailey, gravel, \$14.30; F. Schmitt and others, gravelling \$81.45; C. Bailey, hiring men, \$1.50; C. Bailey, moving drags, \$2.25.
Div. No. 4 (J. Hewitson).—J. Weidendorf, 15 hours, drag, \$6.75; G. Ringle, culvert, \$3.18; F. Schultz, removing logs, 25c.; D. Hewitson, 7 hours, team, \$3.15; E. Monk and others, sinkhole, \$33.10.
Miscellaneous.—S. Hopkins, moving grader, \$3.00; J. Parke, grease, \$1.00; C. Schaab, repairs, 50c.; J. White, moving grader, \$4.50; R. Ledingham, evener, \$1.00; G. Fischer, evener, \$1.00; J. Turnbull, bolts, 27c.; J. Turnbull, committee, \$1.50; D. J. McDonald, committee, \$1.50; H. W. Hunt, committee, \$1.50; H. W. Hunt, unloading grader, \$1.50; G. T. Railway Co., freight, \$16.20; H. W. Hunt, phoning, 25c.; One meeting of Council, \$15.00; Fred Jacklin, Elmwood school debentures, \$306.98.
Hewitson—Turnbull—That Council adjourn to meet on Monday, the 26th June, for transaction of general business. J. H. Chittick, Clerk.

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BENTINCK COUNCIL
Council met May 29, with members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.
Council met as a Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll 1922. Appeals were received from John Adlam and Angus McCormick, and persons asking their dogs to be struck off the roll.
Hewitt—Bailey—That assessment of John Bailey be reduced \$50.—Car.
McDonald—Hewitson—That assess-

ment of Angus McCormick be reduced \$100.—Carried.
Turnbull—McDonald—That the following ratepayers have their dogs struck off the roll on condition that the tags be returned to Clerk: W. D. Hopkins, Alex. Campbell, R. Sharpe, F. McCuaig, J. Turnbull, J. McDougall, J. Russell, J. Miller, R. Brigham, G. Sharpe.—Carried.
Turnbull—Hewitson—That roll be accepted as revised, and that we adjourn as Court of Revision and