

For The Quiet Hour

HOW TO GIVE To What Class Do We Belong?

"Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?"
—Numbers 32:6

That is an Old Testament clarion Missionary call. The supreme work of the Christian Church is to spread the Gospel, and it is a law of Nature and of God that that which does not fulfil its destiny shall die. If the Church is not missionary she will die. And if the Church dies, then we members of the Church will be responsible for her burial and for our own spiritual death. We cannot all be missionaries, but we can help to send missionaries, for if our brethren go to the great battlefield of all the ages, then we at home cannot sit quietly down and content ourselves with only praying for their support and wishing for their welfare. That kind of prayer is not honest, and that kind of wish is mere drivel. We must have energy as well as emotion.

Then follows logically the oft-presented problem of Christian Stewardship which each of us must solve not only for the help of the world beyond ourselves, but also for our own salvation. "Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war" is fine, but are we at the present rate of missionary giving marching or are we standing or perhaps only sleeping?

Five Classes of Givers.

From a giving point of view there are five classes of Christians; we may name them on the five fingers of our hand.

1. He who gives nothing at all.

The little finger fittingly represents the man who gives nothing at all. We can illustrate him by the story of a collector who took up the Church collection somewhere. He offered the plate to a man sitting comfortably in a pew some distance from the front. This Christian ignored the plate, regarding it merely as a form or piece of ecclesiastical plant or furniture. The collector held it forth appealingly, and at last said, "Take some out." "What for?" said the sinner. "It is for the heathen," was the reply. The attitude of the man who gives nothing at all recalls to us the brief but forceful statement from the New Testament: "They all forsook him and fled."

2. He who gives as little as he can spare.

Next comes the Christian who gives as little as he can spare. He gives it from the sense of conventional decency; that is all. He "tips" God Almighty. That expression may not be very classical or reverent, but it has pardonable monosyllabic snap about it, and may be better understood than some longer and less expressive pulpit phrase. A well-known evangelist says: "Going to Church only will not make a man a Christian any more than putting a wheelbarrow into a garage will make it into a limousine."

3. He who gives as much as he can spare.

Next comes the Christian who gives as much as he can spare. This man is rising in the scale of stewardship. He does not belong to the standing army at least; but even he, good man as he is, falls short, for there is no sacrifice. The men in Flanders gave more than they could spare, and Jesus Christ expects us to do the same on this age-long battlefield.

4. He who gives until it hurts him.

Next comes the Christian who gives more than he can spare. He gives sacrificially and hurts himself

in the giving. Such a man makes some approach to the spirit of Gethsemane and those who have been really witnesses or martyrs.

5. He who gives because it will hurt him if he does not give.

Lastly comes the Christian who gives because it will hurt him if he does not give. The fourth man gives from duty, square-jawed, straight-backed, stiff-nerved Duty. Duty is a great word, but not the greatest. This man gives from Love, gentle, gracious, but omnipotent Love. Duty grips us till it hurts and scorches, and it frowns; Love touches us till she soothes and warms gently as the morning sun and she smiles. Duty grows tired, but Love goes the whole way.

Our Class.

To what class of these five do we belong? Let each of us search his own heart and answer to himself. Most of us go through these different stages in our lives. Many graduate into the fourth class, but there remains still the post-graduate course for all to take. Are we doing it? And if not now, when will we?

As God Gives.

But, in addition, the giving to God must be systematic, not spasmodic, for He gives to us systematically, and not spasmodically. If He gives to us daily, then why should we not give to Him weekly? How long must we continue to give to Him? Just as long as He continues to give to us. We worship in our Churches on the first day of the week with praise and prayer and exhortation. Let us as regularly worship by our gifts. But remember, God wants our obedience, not our patronage.—J. A. Paterson, Toronto.

WIFE-BEATING IN EGYPT

The Church Missionary Outlook states that wife-beating, having the sanction of the Koran, is common in Egypt, and women are often treated worse than animals. A man who was striking a woman across the face with a whip replied to the one who rebuked him by saying: "O, she is only my sister." The writer says: "I have never seen a woman retaliate. They put up with gross indignities and cruelty at the hands of their husbands, as if this were the most natural treatment in the world. And people pass by, taking no notice; perhaps even laughing at the man's anger, but showing no pity for the silent sufferer."

A PRISON CONVERT

In Chefoo, a company of business men have formed a local Chinese independent church. Due to the efforts of these men there has been a most unique conversion in the new model prison. The convert was at one time chief of police, a highly educated gentleman, but for conniving at an attempt to smuggle contraband opium, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment. He became interested in the Gospel and signified his desire to be baptized. Two elders of the independent church went to the prison and in the presence of the keeper and 400 fellow-prisoners he was baptized. Since then, like Joseph, he has found great favor with the keeper of the prison, and wears an armlet bearing the characters "a good man." He is sent from cell to cell to settle all troubles and is regarded as a kind and just mediator by all.

Merely An Armistice.

Nurse—You must forgive your little brother before you go to bed. You might die in the night.
Bobby (reluctantly)—Well, I'll forgive him to-night, but if I don't die, he'd better look out in the morning.

BENTINCK COUNCIL

Special meeting of Council called to discuss advisability of building bridges, met on Monday, July 10. Reports were read from County and Provincial Engineers stating that cur bridges were, no doubt, if kept in good repair, suitable for the traffic at the time they were built, but no part of these bridges was designed for the heavy traffic over our highways at the present time. The timbers in the bridges in some cases were giving way and could not be rebuilt unless a complete reconstruction was made.

Provincial Engineer Lumsden states that bridges of that design throughout the province have not proved to be satisfactory for heavy traffic and are being replaced by permanent structures.

The Council decided to rebuild Kennedy's, Clark Torry's and Aberdeen (north) bridges this year, thereby having certain roads over which heavy traffic could be diverted in order to give the municipality time to rebuild the balance. The building of the other bridges and issuing of debentures would be decided later and only a part of the cost of construction will be levied this year.

Hewitson—Turnbull—That Reeve advertise in Contract Record for tenders for Kennedy's, C. Torry's and Aberdeen (north) bridges to be built of cement abutments and steel structure, all contracts to be completed by October 15, 1922, tenders to be received until Saturday, July 29.—Carried.

McDonald—Bailey—That Voters' List be revised transferring lots 6 to 10, Cons. 10 and 11, and lot 6, Cons. 8 and 9, to polling subdivision No. 8.—Carried.

McDonald—Bailey—That Clerk advertise for Collector of Taxes until noon, July 31, salary \$145.—Carried.
The following accounts were paid: H. W. Hunt, printed notices letting work and 3 days with Engineer, \$12; H. W. Hunt, Kennedy's bridge, \$150; R. C. McKnight, County Engineer, 2 days and expenses, \$26.40; One meeting of Council, \$15; Dr. J. L. Smith, attending Provincial Board, \$25.00; D. Burgess, lowering culvert, \$3.25.

Div. 1 (D. J. McDonald, Comr.)—G. Fischer, stoning, \$2.50; W. Scheuermann, 2 days, \$4.00; J. McKechnie, 1 day, \$2.00; J. Holmes, half day, \$1.00; P. Mountain, 1½ days, \$3.00; P. Mountain and others, gravelling \$24.25; S. Lowe, 2 days, \$4.00; R. Twamley, drawing and replacing tile, \$6.00; F. Heft, drawing and replacing tile, \$12.00; R. Ledingham, removing logs, \$4.00; G. Hay, dragging, \$47.25; A. Fletcher, drawing and replacing tile, \$9.60; H. McCormick, digging ditch, \$9.35; R. J. Corlett, digging and dragging, \$8.50; J. Walsh stoning, \$2.00; W. Hodgson, shovelers, \$8.25; E. Goldsmith, gravelling, \$17.50; R. McCaslin, 40 loads gravel, \$3.20; C. Weppler, 32 loads, \$2.50; C. Weppler, 39 yards, \$3.90; F. Shewell, 45 yards, \$4.50; J. Nuhn, 40 loads, \$3.20; J. McKechnie, 21 loads, \$1.68; J. Mills, 41 loads, \$3.28; J. Walsh, 100 yards, \$10.00; J. Pust, 38 loads, \$3.04;

R. Corlett, gravelling, \$73.75; J. Mills, 71 yards, \$7.10; J. Schutz, 1 20-inch tile, \$1.75; D. J. McDonald, 2 days, \$6.00; F. McCuaig, gravelling, \$6.05; G. Mighton, 59 loads, \$4.72; J. Crimmons, 20 yards, \$2.00.

Div. 2 (J. Turnbull, Comr.)—G. Reay, 104 yards, \$10.40; E. Noble, 91 loads, \$7.28; E. Edge, 55 loads, \$4.40; J. Turnbull, 2 days, \$6.00; E. Reay, half day, \$1.25; A. Caswell, 1 day, team, \$4.50; F. Cuff, 1 day, team, \$4.50; F. Cuff, half day, \$1.25; J. Mather, 4 hours, \$1.00.

Div. 3 (C. Bailey, Comr.)—J. Hudson and others, gravelling town line B. and N., \$62.30; C. Bailey, half cost grading Con. 6, \$16.25; F. Schmidt, 1 day, \$2.00; R. Bennington, work, 60c.; C. Bailey, phoning, 30c.; N. Redford, 1 day, \$2.00; J. Pokrandt, 1 day, \$2.00; C. Bailey, paying accounts and investigating S.L. 20, Con. 1, S.D.R., \$3.00; F. Prast, tile, half cost, \$4.54; R. McCaslin, covering, \$21.28; P. Knoerek, refund Statute Labor \$6.00; J. Park, 92 loads, \$7.36; J. Gonder, 90 yards, \$9.00; Mrs. G. Schmidt, 58 yds. and road, \$8.80; D. Burgess, 23 yards, \$2.30.

Div. 4 (J. Hewitson, Comr.)—Grading account No. 4, \$77.00; grading account, Con. 6, \$16.25; J. Sachs, underbrushing, \$7.50; G. Meyers, stoning, \$1.00; A. Lowe, stoning, \$2.50; H. Subject, stoning, 75c.; H. Fritz, stoning, \$1.00; J. Meiske, 9 hours, \$2.25; A. Meiske, 7 hours, \$1.75; W. Hewitson, 8 hours, \$2.00; J. Hewitson, repairs to grader and time, \$2.50; E. Monck, 16 hours, \$4.00; A. McGregor, 4½ days, \$9.00; A. Lang, half day, \$1.00; A. Becker, 1 day, \$2.00; G. Emke, 2 days, \$4.00; A. Meiske, 5 yds. gravel, 50c.; R. Murray, 28 yards gravel, \$2.80; D. Burgess, 50 yards gravel, \$5.00; E. Monck, 52 yards gravel, \$5.20; A. McGregor, 75 yards gravel, \$7.50.

Turnbull—Bailey—That the motion of last meeting be rescinded and we adjourn to meet Monday, July 31 at 9 o'clock for levying rates, appointing collector, opening of bridge tenders and transaction of general business. School estimates to be forwarded to Clerk before that date, otherwise the levy will be the same as last year. J. H. Chittick, Clerk.

GLENELG COUNCIL

The Council met July 8 pursuant to adjournment, all the members present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Communications read as follows:

Ward Commissioners' report on appropriation expenditures; several claims for wire fencing and some timbers for culverts were read and agreed to; the Reeve's report on town line expenditure.

Orders on Treasurer were then issued as follows: The Reeve, for town line work G. & A., half cost, \$68.30; T. J. Brodie, town line work G. and H., half cost, \$20.00; Thomas Turnbull, appropriation, Ward 1, \$31.70; J. J. Black, appropriation, Ward 2, \$100.00; M. Black, appropriation, Ward 3, \$267.90; T. J. Brodie, appropriation, Ward 4, \$441.50; the Township Pathmasters, gravel for roads, \$113.30; John B. Thibaudeau, 118 rods wire fencing, \$29.50; Angus McArthur, 125 rods wire fencing, \$31.25; Henry Hooper, 40 rods wire fencing, \$10.00; J. B. Thibaudeau, 8 pieces timber for culvert, \$4.00; D. Morrison, sheep killed by dogs, \$6.00; Colin McArthur, sheep inspecting, \$1.50; the Clerk, salary, \$20.00; Jos. Kiefer, 6 hours' winter work with

team, \$2.40; Mrs. Martha Smith, refund of dog tax, \$2.00; Thomas Turnbull, commission on expenditure, \$24.85; J. J. Black, commission on expenditure, \$8.00; M. Black, commission on expenditure, \$21.40; T. J. Brodie, commission on expenditure, \$35.25.

Brodie—M. Black—That the offer of G. M. Leeson, M.P.P., to pay to the Council the sum of \$50.00 out of the Legislature's \$600.00 bonus be not accepted and that this Council Board hereby tender to Mr. Leeson its sincere thanks for his generous offer.—Carried.

By-law No. 629 giving some extension to the Glenelg telephone system was passed and the Council adjourned.—J. S. Black, Clerk.

Blow, Breezes, Blow!

The poet, Maxwell Bodenheim, is credited with having scribbled these lines:

"Her-cryptic melancholy flees,
With every understanding breeze."
A wag, writing in the Chicago Evening Post, prefaces the couplet in this manner:

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