

For The Quiet Hour

"BEHIND THE CLOUDS"

By Margaret Duncan.

When days are long, and life seems wrong,
I sit me down and sing a song,
For winds are blowing down the street,
Just make me glad from head to feet.

When gales my bed and hearth do shake,
I lie there warm, and wide awake,
And through the stormy winds I hear,
The voice of One who is so near.

So when the days are dark and chill,
I sing a song with right good will,
Behind the darkest clouds of night,
The love of God is shining bright.

ONE OF THE OLDEST MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH CHINA, after he had spent sixty years of service among the Chinese, said to his brethren in all tenderness: "Above all things, brethren, be kind, be gentle and patient with these Chinese children in the Lord, with your Chinese workers."

SO LONG AS THE EVANGELIZATION OF A COUNTRY depends upon personal propaganda, so long must that evangelization be limited; but there is no limit to that which may be accomplished by the Spirit of God illuminating the sacred writings.

THE SORROWS OF HEATHENISM AND OF CHINA HAVE been multiplied these last few years. Yesterday as I was going to church I saw a man with a little girl in his arm hurrying along the street. I asked one standing by what was the matter and he said the child had frozen to death. She was about thirteen years old. Christ died for her, too. Did she know? A Christless eternity is an awful thought!—Rev. C. J. Lowe.

A PERSON HAVING BEHAVED VERY BADLY TO MR. Boswell, he went to Dr. Johnson and talked of it in great distress of mind as a serious matter. Dr. Johnson laughed and said:

"Consider, sir, how insignificant it will appear twelve months from now!"

"Forget it!" is a phrase that might be taken from the slang-heap of our English language and put among our New Year resolutions.

IN CHINA AN ENGLISH TRAVELLER ASKED A CHINESE if he had ever read the Gospel. "No," was the answer, "but I have seen it. I have seen a man who was the terror of the neighborhood with his curses and his violent temper. He was an opium-smoker, a criminal, and as dangerous as a wild beast. But the religion of Jesus made him gentle and good, and he has left off opium. No, I have not read the Gospel, but I have seen it, and it is good."—Bible Society Gleanings.

THE PRAYER, "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD," becomes sacrifice unless there is with it some thought of the toiler who helps to make possible the answer to the prayer. These lonely men, called "migrant harvesters," 250,000 of them, need the thought of every man and woman. Theirs is the task of helping to harvest thirty-three million acres of wheat each year. And no one cares much where they come from, how they live, how they are treated, or where they go when their seasonal task is completed.—Dr. Ralph Welles Keeler.

Books that light the flame of living,
All along the world's highway,
Let me see your lamp-light giving
Brighter lustre to the day!

Books that pour a stream of power
Down the mountains of the past,
Let me live my little hour
Where the ancient ages last!

Books that lift like snow-white mountains
Where may climb the valiant few,
Let me plunge into your fountains;
Wash me, cleanse me, through and through!

A FRENCH PREMIER once sent for an eminent surgeon to perform a serious operation. Said the premier: "You will not, of course, treat me in the same rough manner as you would treat your poor miserable wretches in the hospital." "Sir," replied the surgeon with dignity, "every one of those miserable wretches, as your Eminence is pleased to call them, is a premier in my eyes." The habit of despising those we think beneath us we call superciliousness. It is really the taproot of the tree which bears the fruit of arrogant pride.

I OVERHEARD THE CHINESE THE OTHER DAY TELLING something in their secret and to me to be unusual, so I asked them just what they were saying. They told me of a man who had been put into his coffin, supposedly dead. When they came to have the funeral a few days after, they were surprised and terrified even to hear someone in the coffin calling to be released and given a drink of tea. I asked did they not open the coffin and let the man out? "No, indeed," they said. That was his demon spirit calling out, and they nailed down the coffin all the quicker, and proceeded with the funeral.

MISSIONARIES IN INDIA require their outcaste converts to give up the eating of carrion if they have done it. An English missionary, writing in the "Mission Field," explains the reasons for this regulation as follows:

"The eating of carrion is not connected with idolatry, and there is no objection to it on that ground. It is simply that it is a very unclean and degrading habit. The practice is particularly abhorrent to Indians of caste; and so long as the outcaste persists in the habit, the caste Indian has a good excuse for regarding him as 'untouchable.' When outcastes have been converted to Christianity, there is a special obligation upon them to give up the practice, both because they ought to form cleaner habits of living, and also because it is not fair to any caste Christians to come to Church and drink out of the same cup as people who eat carrion. Persistence in this habit puts a stumbling block in the way of other Indians who might become Christians. At the same time, we have never commended it as a sin, or made persistence in the habit a reason for debarring people from Communion. I believe there are some Protestant sects have gone so far as to do this, and I believe that educated Indians would like to see it done; but we have always felt that it could not really be called a sin."

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York Times reports: "The situation in the Russian Church has become a three-cornered struggle. On one side is the Bolshevik Government, in principle and by doctrine an avowed opponent of religion yet forced by its position as the ruling power in Russia to recognize the Church's importance as one of the great factors in Russian national life. On the other side are the churchmen divided into two hostile camps, the Reformers against the Conservatives."

The former, who have chosen the title "The Living Church" were brought into power by a struggle between the Soviet and the Conservatives, demand that the Church become genuinely popular, that its priests be truly of the people and not a caste apart, and that its control be in the hands of a representative assembly of clergy. They have been holding a "Living Church Congress" in Moscow, in which they have passed resolutions approving the revolution and the Soviet Government, abolishing monasteries and generally carrying out its program.

A QUESTION
I thought that foreign children
Lived far across the sea
Until I got a letter
From a boy in Italy.

"Dear little foreign friend," it said,
As plainly as could be;
Now I wonder which is "foreign,"
That other boy or me?
—Ethel Blair Jordan, in Junior Red Cross News.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of February 4, 1904.

The magazines, a number of duplicated books, and the piano, will be offered for sale to-morrow (Friday) evening at the Public Library.

Mr. Allan Bell is recovering rapidly after his operation for appendicitis.

The snow blockade is something terrible of late and the train service is completely disorganized. Trains run just when they can and we are never sure of when they are coming. Snow-shovelers and train hands generally, are nearly exhausted. The fuel supply is getting low and a few more weeks of this kind of weather will put some of us in a bad fix.

We congratulate Ben. D. Firth of Leduc, Alberta, on his recent entry into the band of benefactors.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. William Grant had the misfortune to lose two head of cattle at the Varny crossing, being run into by a G. T. R. snowplough.

On Monday evening last a number of officers and members of the South Grey Agricultural Society drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Edge to express their gratitude to Mr. Edge for his valuable services as President. Mr. George Binnie acted as spokesman, and two handsome chairs and a hall rack were presented to the venerable couple.

We regret to learn of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adlam of Allan Park. The child was ill only about a week with pneumonia. He was just six months old to the day.

For some time Rev. Mr. Stewart has been in a low state of health and little hope is entertained for his recovery. He is now over 90 years of age.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. John Aldred has undergone successfully a critical operation which was performed by Dr. Macdonald.

Fuel is getting very scarce in town and we learn that even farmers have difficulty in supplying their own needs. It is reported that a farmer living near Hanover charged a laboring man \$7.00 a cord for short wood during the blockade.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Meredith of Regina, now visiting in town, on the arrival of a young son at a bright and early hour on Monday morning last.

Mr. Hugh Riddell of Welbeck has purchased the Malcolm Stewart farm adjoining his own.

A few days ago we had a pleasant call from Mr. Thomas Fulton of Hampden. He told us of his recent trip to Ireland and of the singular way in which he met a sister he had not seen since she was a mere child. He was going from the station with a woman who was a stranger to him, in search of his sister's home, when, to his astonishment, she inquired if he was Thomas Fulton from America. He replied in the affirmative and she informed him she was his sister. The meeting was a mutual pleasure from the delighted way in which Mr. Fulton tells the story.

Although we said last week the marriage of Miss Amanda Matthews to Mr. Alex. Merchant was quietly gotten up, it was nevertheless well done, and a very pleasant event to all present. Rev. Mr. Ryan tied the knot in the presence of a household of near friends and relatives. Mr. W. E. Matthews, brother of the bride, and Miss Merchant, sister of the groom, performed the pleasant duty of assisting the contracting parties through the trying ordeal.—Corner Concerns correspondence.

A by-law was passed by the Council Monday night: Prohibiting dogs running at large from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.; prohibiting cruelty to dumb animals; prohibiting gambling houses; prohibiting brawling and fighting in public places; making indecency a criminal offence, with severe penalty; prohibiting spitting on sidewalks; prohibiting keeping of goats and pigs within 100 feet of any dwelling in town; and several other prohibitions too numerous to mention.

Dr. Jamieson went to Toronto last week, but owing to the irregularities and uncertainties on the Grand Trunk, he deserted Jimmy Lavelle at

Mount Forest for the C.P.R., which never failed to be on time. The C. P. R. conductor assured him he would be in Toronto at 11.30 a. m., according to schedule, and so it was, but it was 24 hours late. It stuck in a snowdrift at Arthur, and it took a day and a night to make a few hours' run. The Dr. returned Grand Trunk.

Born.—In Durham, January 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, a daughter.

Born.—In Glenelg, January 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glencross, a daughter.

Born.—In Durham, on Monday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Meredith, a son.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's father, Egremont, by Rev. Rural Dean Ryan, Miss Amanda Victoria Matthews to Mr. Alexander Merchant of Holstein.

Married.—At Leduc, Alberta, Dec. 22, 1903, by Rev. A. D. Floyd, Miss Anna M. Kirkpatrick, of Leduc, to Mr. Ben. D. Firth of Calgary.

DRECO ADDS YEARS TO HIS LIFE

Amazing Improvement in Health of London Man Earns His Heartfelt Gratitude For Dreco, the Famous System-BUILDER.

"Many a hard workingman finds himself handicapped in earning a living by suffering he seems unable to control. He is tired, rheumatic, cannot eat and feels generally wretched. Dreco works wonders in cases like this, for such sufferings are almost invariably due to a run-down digestive system that does not extract proper nourishment from the food, nor carry off impurities. Read how Dreco cleansed the system of Mr. Fred Ransom of 125 Oxford St., London, Ontario, and toned and strengthened his organs to proper, healthy functioning.

"I suffered from stomach trouble, weak kidneys, sluggish liver, constipation and impure blood," says Mr. Ransom, "and was generally in pretty bad shape as a result. Nothing seemed to help me, but one day I fortunately read of Dreco and decided to see what it could do with my case.

"Two bottles of this great medicine have made a wonderful change in me. They hit the spot. My rheumatic pains have greatly lessened. I sleep soundly and have a good appetite. The pains in my back have disappeared and my bowels are regular. "I am a new man altogether and feel that Dreco has added several years to my life. I cannot praise it too highly, as it is rapidly ending the pains and sufferings that caused me so much misery and once more I am able to enjoy living."

Dreco contains no mercury, potash, or habit forming drugs. It is made from pure herbs, roots, bark, and leaves and is a reliable corrective for all disorders of the stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys, and purifies the blood.

Dreco is being specially introduced in Durham by McFadden's Drug Store, and is sold by a good druggist everywhere.

PETRIE SEPARATOR COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS ARE ANXIOUS

Grand Valley Shareholders Are Getting Anxious For Funds They Subscribed Last Fall and Summer.

A writ for \$3,000 issued by William Martin of Orangeville against the Petrie Cream Separator Company has caused considerable uneasiness among a number of farmers in this vicinity. During the late fall and summer a flock of high-pressure stock salesmen swept up and down the sidewalks and concession lines of this vicinity and secured, it is said, about \$8,000 of cash for stock in this concern. Lately they have been confining their energies in the vicinity of Orangeville where they arranged for a site for the proposed factory and chose certain individuals, invariably with a good cash account, as Directors. With the issuing of this writ the local interested people are becoming suspicious and concerned as to the probability of getting any return from their investment. It is quite possible good and sufficient reasons may be advanced for the issuance of the writ, but that does not allay the unrest here.—Grand Valley Star-Vidette.

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A walking stick with a fully-equipped telephone system has been devised to aid the deaf. In appearance, it is exactly similar to an ordinary walking stick, all of the instruments being concealed inside it. In the knob is a highly sensitive telephone receiver. One side of the

knob is flat and perforated. This is placed against the ear when sitting at a concert or talking with a friend in the street. By turning a small silver screw, the instrument may be adjusted to the hearing capacity of the person using it. Electricity is supplied by three flashlight batteries in the neck of the cane.

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The "Leaping Deer" Trade Mark is the Deere & Company's stamp of approval. It distinguishes John Deere implements from inferior goods. It means that the implement was made in a John Deere factory. It is a guarantee of satisfaction and an insurance policy against disappointment.

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REDUCED PRICES

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25-26

- 9 prs. Buckskin Moccasins; child's sizes, 5 to 8; clearing at 50c.
- 7 prs. machine-knit boys' Wool Mitts, at. per pr. . 25c.
- 2 prs. youth's Leather Leggings, 1-11, 1-12, now priced at. per pair. 75c.
- 9 prs. Buckskin Moccasins, Misses' sizes, 11 to 13, clearing at \$1.00
- 2 prs. boys' Leather Leggings, sizes 1-3, 1-5, per pr. \$1.00

1 lot Grey & Brown Felt Cozy Slippers at \$1.00

REPAIRING A SPECIALTY

J. S. McIlraith The Cash Shoe Store Durham, Ont.

Clearance Specials

Boys' Gum Rubbers, boot height \$2.49

Ladies' Felt Slippers, red, soft soles, pr. 89c.

Gauntlets, in all shades, very special 89c

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January Sale

New Quebec Heater with Grate 34 ins. high, 14 ins. diameter \$13.00

New Quebec Heater with grate and foot-rails, 36 ins. high, 15 ins. diameter \$14.25

New Quebec Heater with grate 36 ins. high, 18 ins. diameter \$13.00

New Queen Wood Stove Heater 23 ins. long, 16 ins. wide, 33 ins. high \$3.98

Used Quebec Heater, 31 ins. high, 14 ins. diameter. \$4.98

Used Oak Heater 46 ins. high 17 ins. diameter \$6.95

Heavy Logging Chains \$3.35



Bread's All-steel English Axe \$1.45

Shurly & Dietrich Silver Steel Lance-tooth Cross-cut Saw, 5 1/2 ft. \$5.98

Dr. Hess Stock Tonic, in bulk per lb 12c.

Manure Forks, 4-line \$1.60

Snow or Stable Shovels 49c.

FLESHERTON VILLAGE SUED BY MUSKOKA HOSPITAL

Writ Has Been Issued for \$1,250.00 For Treatment Given Young Man Who Is Alleged to Have Come From That Village.

The last week's issue of The Flesherton Advance says that last summer the Gravenhurst sanatorium people sued the village of Flesherton for \$600.00 for the keep of Walter Youngeblutt who, they claim, came from Flesherton. The man worked in the woollen mill for some time but left for his home in Normandy, and his trunk was found after him. It is said that a month's sojourn at home in Gravenhurst. After examining there it was found that he had tubercular trouble but that the difficulty was in his head. He went to Orillia and underwent an operation following which he went back to the hospital and got work in the kitchen where he has remained ever since and drawing wages. These are the facts as they are understood and constitute the defence under which this corporation acts in refusing to be bled by the hospital authorities. Flesherton was certainly not this man's last place of residence.

The lawyers for the sanatorium understood the difficulty that were in pressing the claim and abandoned their attitude at least nothing more was heard of the case until recently when again came another writ for \$1,250.00 against the municipalities of Flesherton and Normandy conjointly. This may be considered a fishing expedition. It is discovered who is really responsible. The Muskoka "Free" Hospital is making friends by its action, and the law which makes its grinding operations possible is coming in for a lot of criticism.

EXHAUST PIPES OF MOTORS ARE BECOMING A DANGER

Fumes From Cars, Especially in the Larger Centres, Poison the Air and Leave Danger Lurking Behind.

What may prove to be an epochal move, bringing about extensive changes in existing laws relating to motor vehicle operation, and through these, important changes in motor vehicle chassis and body design, the suggestion of a Yale professor, a result of his chemical investigations of the air in our large cities, was shown that the air is being heavily polluted with carbon monoxide gas. The air effected by the exhaust of a moving car is in the shape of an elongated, horizontal cone extending some 30 feet back of the exhaust and from 5 to 15 feet above street level. Investigation recently made by Professor Henderson show that the contamination of the air in the more congested streets of New York often reaches the upper limit of a well-rounded health standard, and sometimes exceeds it. To a great measure the carbon monoxide is generated as the result of a carburetor adjustment that gives maximum engine pull. The mixture wastes a third of the value of the gasoline and generates much excess carbon monoxide in the exhaust. Busses contaminated with

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