

For The Quiet Hour

THE CHOICE

I said, "O Lord, this is the way; It is so broad and smooth and fair; The sun shines brightly at the day And music fills the scented air.

"There are no stones to wound or bruise, No briars to scratch, no thorns to tear; It winds and winds, a pleasant road, I pray thee, let my way lie there.

"The other way is narrow, Lord, There is no shelter from the heat, No freshening breeze, no song of bird, And sharp the stones for tired feet."

Still, by my side, the Master stood, And sweetly, tenderly, he smiled, Almost I heard His gentle voice, In pleading pity, "O, my child!"

I turned from Him, and down the road So broad and wonderfully bright I hastened on my eager way, With anxious feet and heart aghast.

But soon I found the music stilled, The breeze had gone, the sun grown dim, And I was on the road alone For I had turned away from Him.

Back to the parting ways I went, Along the road that once seemed fair, My heart upon one purpose bent: To find the Master waiting there.

And when I felt His presence near, The narrow way seemed fair and wide; And paved with peace, and filled with song, Since I was walking by His side.

IS MORMONISM GROWING OR DYING?

Most outside people suppose the latter. As an intelligent Methodist said to us on the train coming East lately:

"People in our parts haven't paid much attention to it,—just supposed it was dying out."

But statistics show that last year 7,148 converts were made to it outside Utah, with 15,666 additions by birth, making the net increase to Utah Mormonism alone of 22,799 in one year; while eastern, or "Reorganized" Mormonism shows a larger rate of increase, though recent figures are confused by revision of rolls. —The total gains of both being perhaps 28,000. With over 2,000 emissaries out seeking converts all the time, why should not growth be expected?

It goes without saying, however, to one who knows the facts, that very many of the converts would not have become such had they known at the beginning the real facts, whether as to doctrines, practices of history. And the growth by converts seems to be far less than formerly, especially from foreign lands. For instance, in Great Britain, with double or triple the missionary work done by them (143 workers), they report a net gain of 123 converts, and membership 849 less than a year before. Some of this loss is doubtless due to emigration, which is likely included in the gain in the United States.

Are Mormons as sincere as formerly? Many of course are. But the impression grows on us yearly, from personal contact in the West, that many more are Mormons mainly from policy, because they live among Mormons, and it is the easiest thing to do, instead of from any real depth of belief, or from mere inertia, staying where they were brought up.—Rev. John D. Nutting.

IN THAT WELL-KNOWN AND VERY WIDELY CIRCULATED novel, "If Winter Comes," the hero, Mark Sabre, says, "You can't possibly be successful if you haven't got convictions." This is practically what Marshal Foch said during the last big push of the war: "The secret of victory is to have no doubts. In war he who doubts is lost." This is how a recent article quoting these utterances applies them:

And is it not true of the Church in its greater, grimmer warfare against the "rulers of this world's darkness"? How can a church that is not quite sure of itself and its message ever hope to succeed in a world like this? Has not the Church ever lived and conquered, not by its timid apologies, but by its bold affirmations; not by its elaborate defenses, but by its resolute attacks. The great days have always been the days of spiritual certitude. The effective religious teachers and preachers have ever been the heralds of a positive faith.

Martineau, the great Unitarian thinker, often went to hear Spurgeon preach, and when a friend once remarked in astonishment: "Why do you go to hear that man? You don't believe what he preaches," Martineau replied: "No, but he does."

THERE ARE AND THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD JEWS. They have bitten deep into the history of the world. What a wonderful contribution they have made to thought, culture, and life! And all that is as nothing to the great contribution they have made to religion. We must not forget, as Dr. Gore has aptly reminded us, that the religion of the Jews was the effective source of faith in a divine purpose running through history and destined to final victory in spite of all failure by the way.—Rev. J. M. Richardson.

AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLARSHIP of the last two generations will, I am sure, convince any one that it is steadily gaining a more serious ethical and religious interest, a keener appreciation of the social import of the teaching of Jesus. No scholar to-day thinks of setting forth Jesus as the hero of a romance or as a mere lay figure for poetical description. New Testament scholarship has become desperately in earnest. It is possessed of a better apparatus, a larger confidence in its method, and above all it has come to see that its supreme duty is to bring the spirit and teaching of Jesus to our modern world. If it has lost something of the adventurous spirit of pioneers like Renan, it has acquired the solidity of the builder of civilization. For it is conceived that since Jesus it is either he or social chaos.—Dr. Shailer Matthews.

HUNGRY AND THIRSTY PEOPLE ARE NOT CRITICAL AND fault-finding at the table. It is the person with capricious appetite that is so difficult to please. The hungry man sits down without a word, and helps himself until he is satisfied. Spiritually hungry people do not lose time in quibbling over words, theories or distinctions. They are not captious about methods and men. They are hungry, and want all that God has for them. How easy it is to lead such people into the sanctifying grace of God!—B. Carradine.

"WHY" SAID A NATIVE CHRISTIAN TO MRS. M. N. WILLIAMS of Columbia, South America, "I saw some friend about to the suffering, and I had a sure cure for her in my hand, what sort of person would I be if I did not go to her and offer it to her? And here I have something to save a soul, not just a life: how could I keep it to myself?"

HYMN CONTEST

The Hymn Society, an organization of hymn writers, composers and hymnbook editors, having its headquarters in New York City, offered a prize of fifty dollars for the best hymn tune. The hymn follows:

Our Christ.

I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe Could in the Godhead be: I only know the Manger Child Has brought God's life to me!

I know not how that Calvary's Cross A world from sin could free: I only know its matchless love Has brought God's love to me!

I know not how that Joseph's tomb Could solve death's mystery: I only know a living Christ, Our immortality!

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of June 2, 1904.

We have just learned of the death of Mrs. Henry Peely of Varney this Wednesday morning. The members of Grey Lodge No. 169, I.O.O.F. will attend service in the Baptist church on Sunday, June 12.

To-day, Wednesday, Priceville is laying away one of her oldest citizens in the person of Mr. Dugald McLean.

As Rev. W. Farquharson is attending the General Assembly at St. John, N.B., there will be no service in the Presbyterian church in the morning, Sunday next. Rev. Mr. Aitchison of Dornoch will preach in the evening.

At the court of appeal Tuesday night two applications were made for reduction of assessment. The Telegraph Company appealed against a \$300 assessment, which was reduced to \$200. The Cement Company appealed against their assessment of \$250,000 for school purposes only, wishing a reduction to \$100,000. The change was made.

The attendance at the town hall on Friday night, when "Hamlet" was presented by the Shakespearean Dramatic Club of Durham, was not large but the show if every other respect was a grand success. For a company of amateurs to acquire such proficiency must have involved a great deal of labor and it seems a pity they did not receive more encouragement from the town. One lady who appreciated the play very much observed to the writer: "If this had been a ten-cent nigger show they would have been filled to the doors. This is probably correct, but it must be admitted that it is an unusual thing for amateurs to attempt a difficult play like Hamlet and when they do it generally ends in a fizzle. But as we have already remarked the acting was really very fine, and was rendered all the more impressive by the beautiful costumes. The leading character, Hamlet, was taken by H. H. Mocker, and it would be difficult for anyone but the most competent and experienced actor to have done it so well.—Walkerton Telescope.

A meeting, at the call of the Mayor was held last Friday evening to discuss waterworks. The attendance was small and there was no starting enthusiasm. Notwithstanding the apparent apathy the feeling is growing in favor of a system of waterworks and it may materialize some time, but not yet.

Mr. George Turnbull, who lives a short distance out of town, intends to take a trip to the Old Country in the course of a couple of weeks.

Sunday last in Priceville was marked by the opening of Columbia Presbyterian church. For the past few weeks painters have been busily engaged in painting and decorating the interior. Large congregations were in attendance and on Monday evening a tea meeting was held in the basement.

A peculiar case was heard here on Thursday last by Judge Morrison. Action had been brought by Mr. Norman McIntyre against Mayor Hunter, suing for damages to property held by Hunter as a tenant in a flour and feed store for the period of six years and terminated last February. Mr. Hunter got the store new, being the first tenant. On leaving he did not scrub the floor or varnish the counters and shelving so as to leave it in the condition in which he got it. The decay of steps in area of cellar-way and other minor matters were included in the list of damages. Mr. Hunter put in some counter-claims but most of them were disallowed by the judge. Verdict for McIntyre for \$45.00 for scrubbing and varnishing, and \$25.00 for damages to cellar-way. In his remarks on Hunter's claim for damages through leakage the judge pointed out that the landlord is not responsible for anything of that sort, and that he need not expend one dollar on repairs of his own property unless there is a covenant to that effect. Leasing property, he said, was simply buying the use of it for a certain time at a certain price, and, like property purchased outright, the lessee had to take it for better or for ill.

Mr. Alex. Beggs died on the 25th of May, after a brief illness. He was 57 years of age and came to Canada with his parents when three years old. He was a resident of Beninck for 48 years. The period verging on the 24th of May seems to have been a fatal time for the family. Mr. Beggs' mother died on the 23rd, his sister on the 24th, and himself on the 25th. He was a Presbyterian and a Conservative.

June 9.

We regret to learn that Mr. Fred Glass of this town lost half of the little finger of his left hand on Monday last while working on a spindle carver in one of the Hanover factories.

Mr. Sandy Hopkins is seriously ill and there are grave doubts regarding his recovery.

We omitted last week to mention the death of Father Hauck, a gentleman whom we knew well and for whom we entertained very high respect.

Barn raisings are rare this year, so we are going to that of Harry Williams' on Wednesday.—Traverston cor.

The stonework of the new school at Holstein is completed and the brickwork will be proceeded with without delay. George Calder returned Saturday from a month's stay in the vicinity of Regina.—Holstein cor.

"Isn't it rather difficult to officiate at a double wedding?" asked the friend of the clergyman. "Not at all. After all, it's only just putting two and two together," replied the parson.—The Humorist.

EGREMONT COUNCIL

Council met May 26, members all present and minutes of last meeting read.

Councillor Ferguson requested information to be given in reference to two motions that were voted on and lost, but were not signed by the Reeve, consequently were not inserted in the minutes. The Clerk stated that the motion papers were not on the file when he went to enter the minutes in the minute book.

Calder—Groat—That the minutes as read be adopted. Councillor Ferguson requested the yeas and nays, to be recorded on the motion adopting the minutes. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Councillors Groat and Mack voted yea. Councillor Ferguson voted nay.

The Reeve reported: W. J. Wallace, winter work, \$3.00; J. Morrison, repairing bridge, \$1.12; William Smith, bonus wire fence \$12.00, John Eurig \$12.00; S. Peckover, winter work, \$4.80, dragging road, \$4.05; W. Hies, dragging road \$4.50; greivelling, \$4.50; E. Smith, dragging road, \$5.40; George Hunt, winter work, \$12.40; Fees, \$2.75. Report adopted.

Comr. Calder reported: H. Love, dragging road, \$4.75, winter work, \$6.10; Fees, \$1.00. Report adopted.

Comr. Groat reported: Jas. Smith, bonus wire fence, \$9.00, dragging road, \$2.25, raking stones, \$3.37, moving drag, \$1.25, winter work, \$4.20; N. Horsburgh, bonus wire fence, \$48; J. D. Drimmie, winter work, \$1.00; Fees, \$2.00; searching for grader, \$1.50, plowing, 60¢. Report adopted.

Comr. Mack reported: L. Allan, dragging road, \$5.85; W. Aitchison, repairing road, \$2.70, winter work, \$1.20; R. Bryans, winter work, \$2.00, filling washout, \$2.00; F. Noble, winter work, Egremont and Glenelg Town Line, \$6.80; E. Stewart, winter work, \$6.20; J. Hargrave, winter work, \$6.80; J. Brown, winter work, \$15.20; Fees, \$1.00. Report adopted.

Comr. Ferguson reported: John McEachern, dragging road, graveling, etc., day labor, \$15.39; J. Shand, winter work, \$17.20; Stewart, winter work, \$2.00; William Stewart, winter work, \$5.20; D. McQueen, work Egremont and Proton Town Line, \$1.80, dragging road, day's labor, \$26.09, supervising work \$6.00. Report adopted.

Calder—Groat—That the Council form a Court of Revision on the assessment Roll for 1924, with the Reeve in the chair.—Carried.

The members subscribed to the required declaration. The following appeals were disposed of:

Robert Aitken, Lots 31, 35, 36, Con. 2, reduced \$15.00; Stewart, Aitchison, Lot 16, Con. 17, reduced \$200; Arthur Irvin, Lot 5, Con. 11, reduced \$200.00; George H. Raw, Lot 17, Con. 7, reduced \$100.00; Jane Roberts, and J. D. Roberts, Lot 10, and Back Lot M. St. W. S. Holstein, reduced \$200.00. Property Changes: W. William Hunter, tenant, Lots 23, W24, Con. 4; J. Collis, tenant, Lot 1, W24, Con. 4; R. Carmount, owner, Lots 2 of 10, 3 of 10, Con. 1, 23 Con. 2; William Pollock, owner, E. Pt. 22, Con. 2; R. Noble, tenant, Lot 23, Con. 3; William Burns, owner, Lot 1, W24, Con. 1; J. Eurig, owner, Lot 58, Con. 2; C. Calder and W. Calder, owners Lot 6, Con. 14; W. S. Aitchison and W. Ferguson, joint tenants, G.A. Con. 21; W. Ferguson, owner, W24, Con. 21; W. S. Aitchison, tenant, Lot 7, Con. 3; F. McCaw, tenant, Lot 2, W24, Con. 12; J. Troup, owner, E3 and Pt. 3, Con. 12; G. Bovingdon, tenant, Lot 11, Con. 2; W. Pike, owner, G.A. Con. 6.

Names removed from Roll: J. Drimmie, J. Mear, J. McQueen, J. Hastings, C. Hastings, D. Drimmie, E. Drimmie, S. Keith, C. Burrows, J. Love, A. Weir, M. McDonald, H. Sinclair, E. McKenzie.

Calder—Mack—That the Court of Revision adjourn until next meeting of Council.—Carried.

Council resumed. Ferguson—Calder.—In reference to the communication from the matron of the Mount Forest Hospital re Isaac Williamson, that the Clerk be instructed to give notice that this Council does not admit any liability in said matter.—Carried.

Ferguson—Mack—That five road drags be ordered from the Canadian Ingot Iron Company, Guelph.—Carried.

Ferguson—Mack—That the Assessor be paid balance of salary, \$25.00, also account for postage, telephoning and adjusting assessment of Bell Telephone Company in different school sections amounting to \$5.75.—Carried.

Mr. Walter A. Reeves, who has been for over a period of fifteen

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Court of Revision, adjusting mileage re Bell Telephone Company, post cards and postage re pathmasters, \$6.05; members of Council, attendance at meeting to date, \$15.00; B. Gibson, use of room, \$2.00. Council adjourned, to meet Monday, June 23, at 10 o'clock a.m. for general business.—D. Allan, Clerk.

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CROWN ATTORNEY T. H. DYRE DISCUSSES MORAL CONDITIONS (Owen Sound Sun-Times.) Much has been said and written during the past few months and weeks with respect to the moral situation in and around Owen Sound, and the question has been discussed both publicly and privately, and just now a lot of people are greatly interested and many are anxious to do what they can toward making conditions better and safer for the young people. At the annual congregational meeting held on Tuesday evening of last week at the First Methodist Church County County Attorney T. H. Dyre delivered a very plain spoken and interesting address in which reference was made to many causes responsible for such conditions which have been so forcibly brought to his attention. The address was listened to by those present with profound attention, and was freely commented upon afterwards. The attention of the speaker was drawn to the address by Mr. Timms who was present, and Mr. Dyre was asked for a copy for publication, and although he is not seeking to unduly publicly readily consented to have his remarks published, which were as follows: I have been Crown Attorney of this county for the past ten years and could I but tell the secrets of my prison house I could a tale unfold whose lightest words would harrow up your souls, I don't wish to do that, but there is one matter, among the sad and sordid cases which almost daily comes under my notice on which I would desire to say a few words. There is to my mind nothing in life more beautiful and joyous than a young and innocent girl without in any way disparaging the older ones, who has her life all before her, with all its rosy dreams, hopes and aspirations and for whom, as was said in the case of Mary Queen of Scots, 10,000 swords should leap from their scabbards to threaten her with insult. But the day of chivalry seems to have gone and we find, alas, too many of the brightest of these damsels are made the prey of ravening wolves who walk upright like men and who wear men's clothing and who are in many cases a menace to society. During the past twelve months I have prosecuted and had sent to prison quite a number of men for offences against young girls under sixteen years of age—one this morning—but I fear that only a mere tithe of the offences which should have been prosecuted have ever been brought to my attention and many other girls have been wrecked on the rugged rocks of immorality, and those responsible for their downfall have gone free. In many cases I have had to send distracted mothers away with heart break in their eyes and voices because I could not, under the present law, which requires the girl's story to be corroborated, advise them to take proceedings against their daughters. The Police Magistrate, the County Judge and I have had many conversations as to what we shall do to stem the flood of crime of this sort which seems so full, but we can only administer the law as we find it, and on the strictest rules of legal evidence. Sending these men who are convicted to penitentiary or the reformatory does not seem to help much and certainly does not restore these children, for such I call them, to their former happiness and innocence, and many children born out of wedlock without there being any legal determination as to by whom the flame of their lives have been kindled. There must be a cause for all these sad and sordid cases and it seems to me that the parents and the teachers in our schools should take this question up more seriously and teach the boys and girls who are under their care the enormity of the

offence and follow common sense. Do not pay the price of all the wrongs that have been done. On the other hand, do not let the law be a mere formality. Let it be a living force. Let it be a power that shall strike at the root of the evil. Let it be a power that shall bring about a better and safer world for the young people. Let it be a power that shall bring about a world in which the law is not a mere formality, but a living force that shall strike at the root of the evil. Let it be a power that shall bring about a world in which the law is not a mere formality, but a living force that shall strike at the root of the evil.

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