For The Quiet Hour

A NEW YEAR'S MOTTO

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet,
I asked, and paused—it answered soft and low,
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried,
But ere the question into silence died,
The answer came—"Nay, this remember too—
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell—
"Yea, this one thing, all other things above—
God's will to love."

—Exchange.

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FROM RUMANIA COMES THE NEWS THAT 572 RUMANIAN Baptist laymen have given themselves to evangelistic and general religious work in an effort to supply the lack of pastors and evangelists. "These men," says "Home and Foreign Fields," "are going out and proclaiming the Word of life as Philip and Stephen did in the days when the New Testament was in the making."

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IN CONTRAST WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IS THE low cost of health.

It costs you nothing to have plenty of fresh air in your home.

It costs you practically nothing to exercise daily in the open air, to take deep breaths, and to walk erect.

It costs you nothing to eat slowly and to chew your food well.

It costs you nothing to select and to eat the foods best suited to properly nourish your body and thus keep in good physical condition.

It costs you nothing to clean your teeth night and morning.

Finally, it costs less than nothing to be kind and cheerful, to quit worrying, to be courteous instead of grouchy, to give the glad hand and the good word instead of the cold shoulder and the knock.

The above are among the essentials for good health, long life and happiness. And they cost you no more now than they did before the war.—Sel.

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THE RUSSIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORTS THIRTY-FOUR representatives at work under Soviet rule in Russian Poland. Rev. R. Boyd Morrison says that in one part of the country a thousand people had been baptized in one year. It was simply marvelous, and there was no outstanding revivalist or missioner, just the simple testimony of men whose hearts were filled with love to Christ and the souls of the people. Missionaries are needed, Bibles are needed; a missionary told him of the village in which he lived where there are ten families and only one Bible for them all.

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"DO MOSLEMS NEED CHRISTIANITY?" IS THE TITLE OF a fine article in the current number of The Church Missionary Review, written by a missionary of ability and experience. Among its many valuable points, this is worth noting—it is the substance of conversation with a Moslem sheikh:

We talked of God and the need of repentance, but to him repentance was an easy matter. "In any case," he said, "if I repeat the creed before I die, I am certain of paradise." I turned over the leaves of my New Testament, wondering at what point I could pierce his armor of complete self-satisfaction and ease. I began to read bits of the Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies." This aroused in him mocking scorn. He hated his enemies because they were also the enemies of God, and he sighed for a holy war that would bend the proud neck of the world to the yoke of Islam. "Whosoever looketh on a woman, etc." This stirred something in him; he thought deeply for a minute or two and then said: "Thank God, I am not a Christian." "Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause is in danger of the judgment." This time something had struck home, for he jumped up, exclaiming: "That is a lie." Other sheikhs came round, and to each one I had to read the verse, and they all agreed with me that it was right except my host, who became more and more excited and angry. A small crowd collected, and everyone agreed that the verse was true and that the motive was the test of the action. The sheikh continued to storm and fume until a lad standing near exclaimed: "I know why the sheikh hates that verse. Last night, in a fit of temper, he tried to murder his brother." The sheikh stood for a moment, his face crimson with shame and walked out in silence.

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LAST FRIDAY ELIZABETH WAS GIVEN A TASK TO DO IN school. She was to make a pen and ink copy from memory of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech without errors in spelling, capitals, punctuation or words of text.

Elizabeth knew the speech by heart, so she felt safe. Still she studied hard, to make sure of capitals and punctuation.

She wrote the paper, as did all the class. The papers were then given to the pupils of the 8th grade to correct. Her paper was marked 100. Only one other paper got 100.

When the teacher returned the papers to the scholars, Elizabeth found no less than six mistakes which the pupil who had examined her paper had overlooked: a comma instead of a semicolon; "may" instead of "shall"; etc.

Elizabeth was in tears, but she marched straight up to her teacher, and showed her the errors. The teacher said:

"Well, Elizabeth, your mark will have to be changed, but you are an honest girl."

The child went home at noon heartbroken. She sobbed and cried, until her mother said:

"Well, Elizabeth, you got 100 in heaven for your courage and honesty; that is best!"—Contributed.

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A NEW YEAR WISH

Each day I pray, God give men strength anew
To do the task I do not wish to do,
To yield obedience, not asking why,
To love and own the truth and scorn the lie,
To look a cold world bravely in the face,
To cheer for those that pass me in the race,
To bear my burdens gaily, unafraid,
To lend a hand to those that need my aid,
To measure what I am by what I give,
God give me strength that I may rightly live!

—Youth's Companion.

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THE LEARNED AND LEVEL-HEADED DR. ST. CLAIR TISDALL believes that back of much spiritistic phenomena is nothing else than demonism, and in an article on the subject in "Evangelical Christendom" gives this bit of evidence:

"In India a native friend of mine many years ago used to relate that having as an ascetic made a toilsome pilgrimage to Cape Comorin from his home in the Punjab, he had there some strange and terrible mental or spiritual experience so awful that he never dared to tell any one the details. Years later, when a convert to Christianity and on a preaching tour in the Punjab, he heard related to him in fluent Sanskrit by an ignorant village woman, when claiming to be under demonaic possession, the exact details of his fearful experience. This she did in order to convince him that she was possessed, and she succeeded. . . . What is called automatic writing may or may not be altogether deliberate fraud, but writing inside a planchette is less easily accounted for. Cases are well vouched for in which language of the vilest description has been written in this way by an invisible hand."

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In meditation we see things in God's light. Many a thing unquestioned before begins to be doubtful, and many a thing lightly excused begins to be condemned, and in that presence there is given grace and resoluteness to put them down, cost what it may.—Mark Guy Pearse.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interesting News of Nearby Towns Clipped From Local Exchanges.

A Nervy Thief

(Kincardine Reporter)

Recently some unknown person entered the fox pen of Mr. H. Emerson, lake shore south, and killed one of his choicest foxes, stripping the skin off the carcass. The parties who did the deed understand removing a hide and were also judges of the best. Mr. Emmerton is much put out at this depradation.

Fire Started in Port Elgin Church

(Paisley Advocate)

When live coals were left in a wooden vessel in the basement of Port Elgin Methodist Church, the only thing that saved the building from destruction by fire was Reeve McLaren's acute sense of smell. While going to his office on Friday afternoon, December 26, Mr. McLaren smelled smoke, and on investigation, found that a pile of pine lumber had been ignited by the wooden receptacle in which the live coals had been placed by the caretaker when it caught fire. Prompt action, however, saved the church from damage of any account.

Had Thumb Amputated

(Mildmay Gazette)

John Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schill of Carrick, met with a very unfortunate accident last Saturday while assisting to make wood in Simon Breig's bush. The lad was holding some limb wood across a log for his brother to cut up in stove lengths. While swinging the axe for a stroke, Clarence's foot slipped; and the axe came into contact with his brother's hand, cleanly severing the right thumb at the first joint. The loss of this portion of his thumb will be a serious handicap to the lad for the rest of his life.

Orangeville's Big Log

(Orangeville Sun)

The largest hemlock log ever brought to Armstrong and Robinson's sawmill, Orangeville, was delivered there on Thursday by Clinton McCutcheon and Joseph Jackson of Mono Township. There were five pieces 12 feet long and one 16 feet. Before the tree was felled, it stood 90 feet high, was 3 feet 6 inches at the stump and 1 foot 3 inches at the top.

Chesley Merchant Wins

(Chesley Enterprise)

Robert Dolphin, grocer of this town, has been informed by Hugh Walker and Son, wholesale grocers of Guelph, that he is the winner in this territory of their Orange Contest, the prize being a free trip to California. As Mr. Dolphin had some pretty hard opponents in Guelph and Hanover, the win is a most deserving one, and the citizens of the town and the grocers are pleased to learn that he is the winner. The Chesley hustler got rid of 275 cases of oranges during the year, more than one case a day, and topped his nearest competitor by 16 boxes. Present indications are that the trip will start from Guelph the end of this month. Mrs. Dolphin will accompany her husband to sunny California where snow-shovelling at this time of the year is not included in the program of outdoor sports.

Later information states that the trip will likely commence around the 21st to 27th of January. The route to the Coast will be via Chicago, New Orleans, El Paso, Riverside, Redlands to Los Angeles with stop-overs at these points. The return journey will start from San Francisco via Sacramento, Salt Lake City, Denver, Kansas City, back to Chicago and then home. The time occupied will be 3 weeks or more.

Stung Again!

(Flesherton Advance)

A young Flesherton lady went into Eaton's store in Toronto before Christmas and ordered a pair of snowshoes for a younger sister as a Christmas present. When the parcel came, it was a big one—big enough to contain eight or ten pairs of snowshoes, and when the thing was opened, it was found to contain a storm door instead of the snowshoes! Some Christmas present, what?

Band Serenades Reeve, Council and Trustees

(Tara Leader)

Memories of olden days were brought back to our citizens on election night when the band visited the homes of the newly elected Reeve, Councillors and Trustees. Our former bands usually did honor to our elected officials in this way, and we were glad to see our new organization come out and do likewise. Mr. Wesley Strong brought out his tetam and bus and drove the band around. Reeve Tindale was visited first, then Councillors Duff, Brunton, Dopfer and Bailey and Trustees Strong, Miller and Dr. McAsh. A nice sum was realized which will help the band in their running expenses.

CLifford Creamery Burned

(Clifford Express)

The Clifford Creamery was totally consumed by fire this (Wednesday) morning. The proprietor, Mr. Henry Bieman, had just started a fire of wood in a heating stove shortly after 7.30 and was going to start up the furnace in the boiler. With startling suddenness, an explosion took place in the newly lit box stove, and immediately the whole place was in flames. The lid of the stove hit Mr. Bieman in the breast, rendering his unconscious for a few minutes. A piece off the stove went through the roof. When he recovered, he was unable to combat the flames in any way but gave the alarm. The conflagration spread rapidly, and building and contents were soon consumed.

We understand Mr. Bieman has an insurance of about $6,000 but just at present is discouraged over the second fire within a year, and may not rebuild. It is hoped, however, that after adjustment of insurance, he may reconsider and start on once more.

On March 2, 1924, the Creamery building was totally burnt. The cause then was a mystery. Mr. Bieman energetically rebuilt a neat, structure, put in new machinery and was in full operation in a few weeks. He lately installed Hydro power, and was doing a good business.

The fate which befalls him in the way of fire is a mystery, and it does look as if some enemy is pursuing him.

Must Contribute

(Chesley Enterprise)

All Houses of Refuge will be easier to finance in future because it has been made compulsory for the family of parents sent to the House of Refuge to contribute to their support if the family is in circumstances to assist the parents. This is a good law and will save this County about a thousand dollars a year. In the days of Joseph, it wasn't found necessary to have a law to compel sons to support their parents. It wouldn't be necessary in so many instances in this country if parents only knew enough to keep their property in their own right and title until they could claim a title clear to mansions in the skies.

CHATSWORTH PROPHET DECLARES JUNE, AUGUST FROSTS PROBABLE

J. B. Bowes, the Weather Expert, Issues His Annual Prediction.

J. B. Bowes, the Chatsworth weather prophet, whose prognostications have attracted considerable interest throughout Ontario in years past, has again issued his predictions for this year. Mr. Bowes bases his predictions on purely scientific principles and claims his theory is absolutely correct. Following is the complete statement issued by him:

January—first week has finish of snow and windstorms of last two weeks of December, 1924. Balance of month, decidedly mild.

February—First 10 days mild, then colder with snow. Last two weeks quite mild.

March—First week strong winds with heavy rains, snow and frost. Second week colder than average. Latter portion of month very mild.

April—First 10 days very mild, then very strong and persistent winds with heavy rain and snowfalls; very cold for about two weeks. Last few days very mild.

May—First two weeks very strong winds, heavy rains and possibly snow. This storm will last until the 12th. Latter portion of month very mild and dry.

June—Very warm and dry. Strong winds, rain and probably frost about the 20th.

July—First and last two weeks very warm and dry. Strong winds and heavy rains about the 10th.

August—First half of the month warmer than average and very dry. About the 15th unsettled. Rain and very likely frost around the 25th.

September—First 10 days quite mild. Rain and frost about the 13th. Last of month very mild and dry.

October—First few days mild. About the 7th, strong winds, rain and frost. Balance of month very mild and dry.

November—First nine days very mild and dry. Very strong winds, heavy rains and snowfalls about the tenth; very cold. Latter portion very mild.

December—First ten days very mild, then strong winds, heavy rains and snow and quite cold. Last of month very mild.

January, 1926—First third of month quite mild, then decidedly cold. Strong, persistent winds, heavy snowfalls for balance of month.

February, 1926—Decidedly cold, with very strong winds and heavy snowfall for about two-thirds of month. Balance of month quite mild.

March, 1926—Very mild.

The strongest winds for the year 1925 (all over the globe) will occur on approximately the following dates: January, first week; February, 10; March, 5 and 12; April, 15 to 25; very severe and strong, May 1, 10 days; June 20; July, 10; August, 25; September, 13; October, 7; November, 9; December, 11;

EXPENSIVE ILLNESS

Tobermory, on the extreme northerly limit of Bruce Peninsula, is over thirty miles distant from medical aid, and the result is that a trip of a doctor to this district amounts to $30 or more per visit. The Women's Institute of that section is urging that the Government station a medical man here for severe months of the winter.

NEVER MISSED ONE COUNCIL MEETING IN PAST 44 YEARS

A municipal servant with a notable record is Joseph Wrigley, clerk and treasurer of North Dumfries Township, who has never missed a meeting of the council in 44 years. He has been clerk and treasurer for 35 years, and served nine years previous to that as councillor, reeve and warden.

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