

For The Quiet Hour

THE HARD TASKS

Give me hard tasks, with strength that shall not fail;
Conflict, with courage that shall never die!
Better the hill-path, climbing toward the sky,
Than languid air and smooth sward of the vale!
Better to dare the wild wrath of the gale
Than with furl'd sails in port forever lie!

Give me hard tasks, with strength that shall not fail:
Conflict, with courage that shall never die!
Not for a light load fitting shoulders frail
Not for an unearned victory I sigh;
Strong is the struggle that wins triumph high,
Not without loss the hero shall prevail;
Give me hard tasks, with strength that shall not fail.
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A STRIKING ILLUSTRATION OF THE ESSENTIAL character of Christianity has just come from another quarter. Mr. S. D. Gordon tells the following story:

An officer of a Japanese liner on the Pacific, pacing the deck one day, listening to an American companion talking about the Christian faith, with pathetic intensity, broke into his companion's talk with the abrupt question, "But is there power to make a man live it?" An Imperial University man, with the keenness characteristic of the Japanese, he touched the one critical spot. Happily he learned about the Man who died, lived again, and lives, and gives power to live it. His face showed something new inside. And for the rest of the voyage, he kept bringing men to his friend's stateroom to learn about the power, yes, the Man, that can help a man actually live the thing.

This is essentially Christianity. Christ is "the power of God unto salvation" and transformation of life.
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IN THAT INTERESTING AND USEFUL MAGAZINE, The Missionary Review of the World for December, a story is told of a woman who is described as having gone out to the mission field "eight times over instead of once only." About 50 years ago, a girl offered herself to a Foreign Mission Board, but was declined on the score of being too young. She subsequently married, and she and her husband both volunteered for foreign mission service, but the verdict of the board was, "Not advisable." Years passed, but the missionary purpose still filled their hearts, and when the husband was a pastor of 50 years of age, and his wife 45, they offered themselves once more. They had eight children and planned to place the older ones in school in America. At last they were accepted, their outfit was prepared, and they were ready to sail to Brazil. But at a meeting of the Presbytery, the question was again opened, and by a small majority, it was decided that it was too expensive to send a family to the field. At the close of the meeting, the pastor's wife was, naturally, full of sadness, and tears were in her eyes. But determination was in her heart, and she said: "You will not let me go, but I will send every child I have." She not only gave her children, but trained them for lives of service and spent about 25 years in getting ready to go, "Not as one missionary, but as eight missionaries—through her eight children." She did not live to see all go out, but she died perfectly confident that some day they would all go. And so in a real sense they did. Six of them are in foreign service today; another, who was unable to go because of ill health, is at work with missionary purpose in America, while a daughter is living in America training her own children for Christian service. Thus, she may be said to have gone, as the article remarks, "eight times over instead of once only."
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STATISTICS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF THE executive of the Canadian Bible Society held in the Bible House on College Street, Toronto, showed that during the past year more than 400,000 copies of the Scriptures in many languages had been distributed in Canada. In the same period, it was stated, more than 9,000,000 copies of the Scriptures were circulated in China by combined Bible Society effort, almost one-half of these by the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which the Canadian Bible Society is auxiliary.

The purpose and work of the society is the wider circulation of the Scriptures to every man in his own language without note or comment. Interesting stories of the colportage work along the shores of the St. Lawrence to Labrador, in the lumbering districts of the headwaters of the Ottawa and in the outlying districts of Ontario, were related.

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DUTY

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpet, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the shining record tells.

Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes,
After its own life-working. A child's kiss
Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense of service which thou renderest.
—Robert Browning.
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AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALCOHOLISM which has as its object the establishment of a working agreement with the League of Nations in the fight being waged against alcoholism in colonies and mandated territories, and discussion of the repression of alcohol smuggling, as well as the conciliation of conflicts between exporting countries and states with prohibition or restrictive laws, was held in Geneva in September. It was attended by one hundred delegates representing fourteen governments and twenty-four nations, and was the first actual meeting of the International Bureau Against Alcoholism, which is the European Scientific Department of the World League Against Alcoholism. All the delegations paid their own expenses.
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AN INDIAN MISSIONARY IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON was called on to address a large church gathering. Rising, he began to speak in the jargon of his tribe. Noting the look of consternation that spread over the faces of his hearers, he apologized, saying:

"I forgot for the moment that I was addressing foreigners!"
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THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST INDEPENDENT Christian Science Church of New York may be the beginning of a secession movement among Christian Scientists. They are human, after all!

IN THE "LADIES' HOME JOURNAL," THERESA HUNT Wolcott introduced an appeal for Sunday School work with this interesting passage:

A little girl whose parents were members of a famous religious sect always associated with Utah, was asked if she knew where Boston is:

"Oh, yes," she replied, "we send missionaries there!"

SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS FOR PAST MONTH

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WENTWORTH NOW REQUIRES LIGHTS ON ALL VEHICLES

Those interested in accident prevention works are to stage a province-wide campaign to induce other counties in Ontario to follow the example recently set by Wentworth, the County Council of which has passed a by-law requiring all vehicles to carry lights at night or face the penalty of a fifty-dollar fine. North Bay and Ottawa also recently passed laws on all vehicles at night by-laws, but important as such a regulation is in an urban centre, it is even more so in the rural parts of counties. The Ontario Motor League is taking a leading part in bringing this fact to the attention of county officials.

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(*) Present every day.

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Average attendance 34.

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Sr. Pr.—Juanita Noble', Walter Street.

Jr. Pr.—Esther White, Victor Street.

(*) Present every day.

—Reta L. Barbour, Teacher.

HOCKEY PICTORIAL BOOK OF CHAMPIONS

The editor has received a copy of the Hockey Pictorial, 1926 edition, which is now on sale at all newsstands, and which is at once the handsomest and most complete publication ever produced in the world for any single sport. It is a marvel in artistry and industry of achievement. It is impossible to speak too highly of it.

The book represents years of effort, typographically and pictorially, it is a "masterpiece." From cover to cover, it is embellished with group pictures of championship teams from 1888 to 1925, in fact, the history of Canada's Great National Winter Sport is told in pictures.

Old-timers will be interested in the handsome halftones of the teams who were prominent a generation ago, while the younger enthusiasts will enjoy the reproductions of the more recent winners.

The book is not only lavishly illustrated, but is literally crammed with much interesting information regarding individuals, clubs and leagues throughout the country.

Local hockey fans will also find very interesting group pictures of the United States Amateur Hockey Association Champions, who are practically made up of former well-known Canadian players.

The book, which is published by George King, 84 Victoria street, Toronto, a well-known Toronto sportsman, is a credit to the game and its publisher.

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Ikey: "Well, I'll tell only you how comes it. During der excitement, I had der presence of mind to kick my wife in the face."

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