

For The Quiet Hour

MY PRAYER

To grow a little wiser day by day;
To school my mind and body to obey;
To keep my inner life both clean and strong;
To free my life from guile, my mind from wrong.
To shut the door on hate and scorn and pride;
To open them to love the windows wide;
To meet with cheerful heart what comes to me;
To turn life's discords into harmony;
To share some weary worker's heavy load;
To point some straying comrade to the road;
To know that what I have is not my own;
To feel that I am never quite alone—
This would I pray from day to day,
For then I know my life will flow
In peace until it be God's will I go.

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THERE IS AN AMUSING STORY OF THE EARLY DAYS of the Russian Revolution. After the Czar had abdicated, a stout old woman was seen leisurely walking down the middle of one of the busiest streets in Petrograd, at no small peril to herself and to the great confusion of traffic. A policeman pointed out to her that there was a pavement for pedestrians, and that the streets were for wagons and automobiles. But she was not to be convinced. "I'm going to walk just where I like," she said: "We've got liberty now."

You cannot help having some sympathy with that old dame. She didn't understand what liberty was, but she had had little chance of learning in that land of tyranny. Liberty was a new thing to her, like a new toy. She didn't know how to use it, but she wanted to see what it felt like. She had got liberty, and surely she could walk where she pleased. She didn't see that, if everybody walked or drove just where he pleased, heedless of anybody's inconvenience or danger, the result would be chaos. To get along at all there must be rules of the road that limit our right to do as we like.

The woman had not thought it out. The golden age had come, and she wanted to feel its reality, to show that she was unmistakably free.

When we assert our right to "do as we like," to "live our own life," we are as thoughtless as this old dame in the streets of Petrograd. Freedom is not a question of doing as we like; it is rather a question of doing as we ought. Liberty is a responsibility before it is a right. Freedom implies voluntary obedience to the moral law.

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THE MAN OR WOMAN WHO GIVES FIVE MINUTES or fifteen minutes or thirty minutes a day to pleading definitely with God in prayer for the various missions throughout the world is surely doing as definite a bit of work as the missionary himself who has gone forth to the foreign field. O that we might believe it!—The Bishop of Sierra Leone.

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A METHODIST MISSIONARY IN KUTIEN TELLS HOW even brigandage may be used "to the furtherance of the Gospel." He writes:

"The robbers who are over-running the country are careful not to molest Christians, and in many places the people are coming with their goods for protection. In order to test them, the person is required to repeat the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles' Creed, or to answer questions from the Bible or catechism. If a satisfactory knowledge is shown, the victim is counted a Christian and released. The result is that a knowledge of Christian truth is spread, and the Gospel is brought to the attention of many who would never hear of it otherwise."

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BUT IS IT NOT SURPRISING IF NOT INCREDIBLE that Paul should know this truth by experience? Was he not a persecuted man, an outcast from his people, hunted like a wild beast over the earth and at last run down under a Roman executioner's sword? Could Paul know out of such an experience that all things were working together for his good? Why, yes, that is just the kind of people that do know this truth best; not those that are out in the sunshine of prosperity so well as those that are in the shadow of adversity and sorrow. The author once had a remarkable confirmation of this in his pastoral experience. There was in the town a family consisting of an esteemed physician, the mother and three daughters, cultured young women who were the admiration of the place. The three daughters rapidly vanished one after another into the unseen. Then one morning word flew around that the husband, a man of apparently ruddy health, had suddenly expired in the night. When I went to that home that morning, I felt afraid to enter. I was ushered into the presence of the widow sitting alone, with the body of her husband beautiful in death visible through an open door. She was slightly pale but calm and seemed to be enveloped in a mystic halo that awed me into silence. I did not tell her that all things were working together for her good, because I did not have faith enough to tell her that; but she told me; it was the first thing she said. Yes, she knew better than anybody else in all that sorrowing town that morning that all things were working together for her good. Her heart told her so, by experience she knew. "The friend of Jehovah is with them that fear him, and he will show them his covenant."—J. H. SNOWDEN, *Is the World Growing Better?*

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THE CLERK OF A BROADWAY HOTEL IS SEEKING information in regard to church services.

"It is a new question our guests are putting to me that has made me turn inquirer myself," he said. "Many of them want to know in what church they can hear old-fashioned congregational singing and join in if they feel like it, without attracting undue attention to themselves. That is a poser. I know where crack quartettes, sextettes, octettes and full choruses can be heard, but I do not believe there is a church in town that makes a speciality of congregational singing. If there is, it does not advertise the fact."—The *Norfolk Sun*.

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A GIFTED YOUNG CHINESE WOMAN, GRANDDAUGHTER of a viceroy of Canton and daughter of a sub-viceroy of Nanking, was one of the Christian workers in the Eddy campaign.

"She was brought up in luxury with six slave girls of her own. After a normal course she went to a Christian college to learn English. Hating chapel and Bible periods, she would smuggle in Chinese novels to read surreptitiously at these times, and was given over to all the trivial vulgarities of cigarettes, playing cards and the like. She planned to engage in literary propaganda against Christianity, but one day was convicted of sin and realized the presence of the living Christ. She immediately set to work among her relatives. Her mother, bitterly anti-Christian and an opium smoker of thirty years' standing, together with eleven other members of the family were, after some months, converted. Daily this gifted young woman is witnessing with great power for the Lord."

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DR. PARKER WAS DISCUSSING WITH SOME IMPATIENCE the long words which are used to express simple concepts. "You talk," said he, "of environment: you mean the world. You talk of heredity: you mean the flesh. You talk of tendency: you mean the devil."

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance

Dipped Hand in Boiling Pitch

Mr. John Pugh, a former well-known resident of Brussels, met with a painful accident in Stratford recently by dipping his hand into a pail of boiling pitch in mistake for a pail of water. He will be incapacitated for some time. Mr. Pugh, who is a man of 70 years of age, had in some manner spattered his hand with drops of the hot mixture. To ease the pain, he attempted to put his hand into a pail of water which was standing beside the pail of boiling fat, but in his hurry mistook the one for the other and put his hand into the pitch. Mr. Pugh was able to walk home, but it was necessary to give him an anaesthetic while his hand was being dressed.—Wingham Advance-Times.

severe burn on his left hand, when it came in contact with the hot grease. The injury is quite painful and will lay him off duty for some time.—Grand Valley Star and Vidette.

Stick Pierces Cow's Udder

While delivering a good milch cow, which he had sold to Mr. C. Guyer or Saugeen a few days ago, Mr. James Heron saw the eighty bucks which he was to receive for the bovine fade into thin air when the beast stepped on a pointed stick which upended and passed clean through the cow's udder, making a painful and destructive wound, which bled profusely. The beast was taken home and the sale called off.—Port Elgin Times.

Destructive Fire in Formosa Village

The village of Formosa was visited Thursday by the worst fire of its history, when two fine buildings were completely destroyed, with a loss estimated at \$85,000. The buildings burned were the Notre Dame Convent, with separate school rooms, including continuation school, together with the entire contents, a loss estimated at \$75,000; a fine brick residence owned by John W. Waechter with entire contents, loss estimated at \$10,000.

The fire broke out in the Waechter residence shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon, caused by the explosion of a coal oil stove. The blaze soon spread to the roof of the convent, and in a very short time both buildings were beyond saving, and the entire village in danger of destruction. The Mildmay Fire Brigade, along with some firemen from Walkerton, arrived at the scene about four o'clock, and an hour later the blaze was well under control. The buildings in danger were the Formosa Hotel, Opperman's Hotel, Dentinger & Beingseller's general store, the head office of the Formosa Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a real estate office, a number of private residences and also the park. A number of other business places at the other end of the park were not in such danger.

The convent, which was a large brick structure, was built and donated by the late F. X. Messner some years ago. There was an insurance of \$19,000 on the building and \$2,000 insurance carried on the Waechter dwelling.—Walkerton Sentinel.

Old Man Drowned While Fishing

Joseph Casanette, an old resident of Chelstow, was drowned while fishing in the Teeswater River, just west of that village, on the afternoon of Dominion Day. A party of young men who had been attending a picnic about a mile from the scene of the tragedy took a trip up the river in a motor boat and found the body of the aged victim lying in a rowboat with his head hanging over the edge of the boat and under the water.

Mack—Wilson: That the County Treasurer be instructed to erase from his books the arrears of taxes appearing against lot 17 and lot 18, concession 8, amounting to \$1186. The taxes having been paid. Carried.

Ferguson—Wilson: That the contract for the construction of a reinforced steel and concrete bridge at lot 27, concessions 7 and 8, be awarded to Seymour Woods, Mount Forest, at a cost of \$975.00 for cement work and \$725.00 for steel work, a marked cheque to the amount of 10 per cent of contract price to be given before contract is signed.

Wilson—Mack: That the Reeve be instructed to sign the pay sheets for work performed upon the roads for the period from June 21 to July 13, the amount of expenditure for road improvement being \$3,201.38. Superintendent's services \$65.00.

Mack—Wilson: In reference to the request of the Mount Forest Cemetery Board re the improving of the road in front of the cemetery, that the Reeve and Deputy Reeve be a committee to meet the Board to consider the matter. Carried.

Ferguson—Wilson: That the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Hutchinson, Mount Forest, to remove his hives of bees located at lot 49, concession 3, as they are a source of danger and annoyance to the public. Carried.

Mack—Ferguson: That a grant of \$100.00 be given to the Egremont Agricultural Society. Carried.

Mack—Wilson: That the following accounts be paid: Hugh Lamont, sheep killed and injured \$30.00; Alexander Ross, inspecting sheep \$15.00; Canada Ingot Iron Company, Guelph, culvert \$91.30; Reeve, for services re bridge, lot 27, concessions 7 and 8, \$2.00; Members of Council attending meeting to date \$12.00; R. Christie, use of room, \$2.00. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet Monday, August 9, at 10 o'clock a.m. for general business.

—DAVID ALLAN, Clerk.

Hatred

Mother (scrubbing Johnny's ears)

"I certainly hate dirt."

Johnny—"I do, too, ma."

Mother—"I'd never believe it!

Why do you hate dirt?"

Johnny—"Cause it makes you wash me."

Eye Badly Injured

Miss Winsome Grabil, ex-teacher of Johnston Corners School, was hit by a stone thrown by a 10-year-old boy while bathing the other day in the Saugeen at the Bend. The ball of the eye was injured, and a severe hemorrhage resulted. A local doctor who has the affected orb under treatment, has arranged for Miss Grabil to interview an eye specialist at Kitchener next Sunday to prevent any risk of the sight being permanently impaired.—Walkerton Times.

Injured in Runaway Accident

Harry Raven, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Raven of Orton, received severe internal injuries on Monday of last week while driving a team of horses engaged in hauling gravel near Marsville. The horses ran away and Raven was thrown on the whitetree, where the horses kicked him while they travelled about 200 yards. He then fell to the road, and the heavy wagon passed over him. He was removed to Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville. His injuries consisted of a fractured right arm, left arm badly lacerated and crushed, legs bruised and other internal injuries. An operation revealed his left kidney so badly crushed that it had to be removed. A blood transfusion was found necessary, his father supplying the blood. Pneumonia later developed, but latest reports of his condition are favorable.—Grand Valley.

The Goat

The examiners got an eyeful when they came across the following essay on "The Goat."

"A goat is about as big as a sheep if the sheep is big enough. A female goat is called a buttress, a little goat is called a goatie. Goats are very useful for eating things up. A goat will eat up more things than any animal that ain't a goat. My father had a goat once. My father is a fine man. Everything he says is right, even if it ain't so. That's all I know about goats."

Divers

Bobby: Pa, did people go swimming a lot in Bible times?

Father: I don't know. Why?

Bobby: Well, it says here that they died of divers diseases.

Injured in Explosion

Bobby Sawyer, 11-year-old son of ex-Councillor Thomas Sawyer of the 14th concession, Greenock Township, had the tips of all the fingers of his right hand blown off and the front of the hand badly mangled some time during Monday afternoon when he exploded a dynamite detonator cap by placing the cap on a stone and striking it with a hammer. The boy was fortunate in escaping with his life.—Clifford Express.

Fishing Tug Loses Rudder

Mr. Roy Thompson had a rather perilous trip with his fish tug the Casey Jones, on Wednesday night of last week. He was setting fish hooks at a point some distance south in Lake Huron when he lost the shoe and rudder of his tug. He filled his yawl boat with stone and, using it as a rudder, he was able to make opposite the Saugeen river harbor, but the yawl then upset. The tug's distress signals brought out Captain Longe with the tug Douglas M to his assistance, and they made the river harbor safely.—Southampton Beacon.

Small Fire at Grand Valley

What might have resulted in a disastrous fire in one of Grand Valley's business blocks was nipped in the bud hastily at about 6:30 o'clock on Saturday evening when fire was discovered in the rear of Carman Jelly's butcher shop in the Richardson block. Mr. Jelly had been rendering some fat on a gasoline stove when the latter boiled over and took fire, setting fire to the wall and ceiling of the building. The blaze was first noticed by passers-by, who rushed in with extinguishers and put out the blaze, but not before a large hole was burned in the wall and the ceiling badly scorched. In attempting to remove the stove from the premises, Mr. Jelly received a

Egremont Council

Council met July 13. Members all present with the exception of Councillor Robb. Minutes adopted.

Ferguson—Wilson: In reference to the recommendation from the Board of Health regarding Dr. Taylor's account for medical services re Mrs. Fidler, that no action be taken. Carried.

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