

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

So often in life we hear this remark, "It is a thankless job." An answer to this remark is given in "The Monastery by the River" by G. Stanley Russell, M.A. and published by Thomas Allen, McClelland and Stewart, Ltd., Toronto.

The author went week by week into the ruins of the old Abbey "to see what was happening and being said within its walls", in other words to receive divine inspiration to write a good thought to pass on to his boys during the service on Sunday morning. The key to the many beautiful little stories in this little volume are found in the first chapter telling about the abbey. "It may well be," Abbott Stephen would say, as he moved amongst them, a father and saint to every one, "it may well be that we may live even when our Abbey stands no more, for lives of goodness often make their way through the world, when stones have crumbled into decay. Therefore let us deal very gently with each other, working and reading together, keeping ourselves to prayer and the offices of God's house, being of good service to the cottager in the village, the traveller who passes by and the beggar, who knocks at our gate. So let us live that, even as our vesper bell sends its benediction through the valley, so our presence here may leave a peaceful fragrance when its note is heard no more, and the passerby may be moved to pray because he feels that fragrance in the air."

So often in life we feel that the one we have tried to help or the task we have tried to do well in church life, or community life are tasks which are thankless. Let us remember Abbot Stephens' words to Ambrose when he returned from his task feeling he had received no thanks. This chapter is entitled:

Not Appreciated

"After Brother Ambrose had taken the place of the priest down in the village while that poor man had the plague he returned to the monastery with a sharper tongue than ever. What annoyed him most, he said, was that of those who came to hear him preach, some were thinking how well their neighbors deserved these rebukes, others were not listening at all, while others again were seen to be nodding their heads very wisely because they thought they heard the echo of their own opinions. The Brothers said that surely, then, he had found joy in the homes of the villagers, to which the surly monk answered that, of those he went to see, half were flattered into doing their bare duty and the other half were indifferent to it and to him. He had returned from his task without thanks and felt religion to be in a sorry state. It was not often that Abbott Stephen rebuked Ambrose, but on this occasion he kept no silence. "My son," he said very gently, "I sometimes wonder how you know some things, and how you fail to know others. I wonder still more that you should think of thanks. Why should any man be thanked for just fulfilling his vows?"

And is it not the simply duty of all Christian men—let alone all good monks—to do everything possible for our Blessed Lord's service? Why, then, thanks—and from whom? and what is more, if all people are as lacking in gratitude and grace as you would have it, is that any excuse for your being less than your best, or for your falling into their error? What other people are or do only affects what you are or do, after they have proved themselves stronger than you, you hold on your way. Besides, I know that, at least one man turned from sin—even if his two brothers reviled you; that at least one old woman died peacefully under your prayers; and that at least one poor child was made happy by your kindness. What thanks would you have save those ancient words: 'Unto the least of these as unto Me?'. Brother Ambrose was not often silent but that night he asked for a penance, "For," he said, "I had forgotten how to be a Christian in that I coveted thanks."

The Thing Worth While

Whatever may be the thing we do,
Or the end for which we strive,
If worthy the aim which we pursue,
As onward and on we drive;
We may be sure as the days go by,
If we truly and earnestly try,
That ever closer the goal draws nigh
Where some day we shall arrive.

For the thing worth while is to keep right on
With a purpose fixed and true,
Resolved with the coming of each new dawn
To do what we have to do;
Unmindful of steepes we are forced to climb,
As we plod each weary mile
Sustained by a magical faith sublime
In doing the thing worth while.

Great in Little Things

Lord, make me strong enough to bear
My little round of anxious care.
The day returns. For this I pray:
Sufficient wisdom for the day.
Although I may not walk with kings,
Let me be big in little things,
Grace me with modesty and teach
Me kindness of thought and speech;
Let me not hasty be to chide
The children walking at my side
And spoil with imperfection slight
The record which the day shall write.
Lord, make me big enough, I pray,
To triumph in a lesser way.
When petty disappointments rise,
Let me be patient, gentle, wise,
Missing the joy that greatness brings,
Let me not fail in little things.
Lord, I would work and neighbor here
Too big to hate, too wise to sneer.
I would be helpful, cheerful, kind,
Gentle of speech and broad of mind,
And though not far my circle swings,
Let me be great in little things.

Like a Side Dish

"How did you like the banquet last night?"
"Not at all."
"Wasn't the food good?"
"Yes, very good—but I sat next to a lady who squinted, and she ate off my plate all the time."

THIS BLACKMAILER DID NOT STOP AT MURDER

In its story of the late Solly Joel's life which is appearing in the News of the World, reference is made to Franz Von Veltheim, who was probably the most daring blackmailer of the nineteenth century, and whose career J. V. McAree traces in his column in the Mail and Empire. He was a German who had fallen into the hands of the police in his own country and had made a practice of victimizing women, committing bigamy with great freedom. He was a man of powerful physique and fine appearance, in addition to having the nerve and audacity to live on his wits. He turned up in South Africa at a time when the relations between the Uitlanders and the Boers were nearing the breaking point, and shortly after the death of Barney Barnato, uncle of the Joel boys and one of the richest men in South Africa. Worry had driven Barnato into jumping from the ship that was taking him to England, and his vast affairs passed into the hands of his nephews, Solly and Woolf Joel. Von Veltheim was almost at the end of his resources when he worked out a scheme to blackmail Woolf Joel, whom he had met in Johannesburg where both were conspicuous figures on the streets and in the night life of the town. The acquaintance was short and slight before it had its tragic end.

Plot to Kidnap Kruger

The German's scheme was to blackmail Joel by threatening him with exposing to the Boer Government details of a plot which Barney Barnato had engineered to kidnap Paul Kruger. The truth is that while Barnato, like all other Englishmen then in the Rand, was dissatisfied with the Dutch Government he had kept on terms of personal friendship with Kruger, and nobody was less likely than he to have concocted such a hare-brained scheme. Ignoring this fact, if indeed he was aware of it, Von Veltheim sent threatening letters to Woolf Joel. He demanded £12,000 as the price of his silence. Why Joel did not immediately lay the letters before the police and have the German arrested for blackmail is not clear. Perhaps he thought that the ill-will between Briton and Boer being so intense at the time his complaints would be brushed aside. In that case it might have been more sensible for him to have yielded to the demands of the blackmailer which would have kept him quiet for a time at least. The course he finally adopted cost him his life.

Murder of Woolf Joel

He temporized with Von Veltheim and made an appointment he did not keep. The blackmailer sensed his timidity and became more aggressive. He forced his way into Joel's office and demanded the money. Joel showed pluck, but at the wrong time. He said that Von Veltheim had no claim whatever upon him, but that he would do what he had promised to do, namely, lend him \$200 if he could find anyone to endorse his note. The German lashed himself into a passion and drew a revolver. Strange, the secretary of Joel, seeing the action, drew his own pistol and was unlucky enough to fire the first shot which missed. In the



CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

The Bond-Selling Campaign is still on! It had been planned to announce the results in South Grey and also the prize-winners in the Corner this week, but last Friday and Saturday all mentors and other officials received notification from the Ontario Board that the final date of the campaign had been extended until the fifteenth. This gives the boys another week in which to work and judging by comments received from various parts of the Province, the campaign promises to be a great success.

Locally Hanover and Durham are putting up a great battle as to who will raise the most. The Durham boys asserted that they could sell twice as much as Hanover and now the Hanoverians are out to make them eat their words. Guelph and Owen Sound have a challenge between to raise \$100 more than last year. Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Peterboro and Oshawa are all out to double their last year's total and from numerous other places comes word of gains over previous efforts.

This year the South Grey Board are offering special prizes for the campaign in addition to the medals offered by the Older Boys' Parliament. To the boy in South-East Grey who sells the largest amount of bonds the Board will offer a week at the forthcoming summer camp at Holstein free of cost. To the boy in each of the five localities covered by the Board, that is Hanover, Durham, Flesherton, Holstein and Dromore, who sells the largest amount in his community, will be offered a week at camp at half-price. This should prove an inducement to those boys who intend to attend the camp this summer. Keep working right up to the 15th, boys! Let's put South Grey up among the leaders in this campaign. And it can be done by everyone doing his best.

Holstein

Plans are being made to hold a father and son service in Holstein on Sunday evening, February 21st. This service will be under the auspices of the Tuxis and Trail Ranger boys. Plans are being made for a boys' choir and Alex. Sim, director of Boys' Work, will give an address. Alex has just returned from a trip on which he spoke to boys and boys' workers in Hamilton, Guelph, Owen Sound, Hanover, Chesley, Wingham, Harrison, Listowel and Palmerston, and he will have a message of worth while interest for boys and all interested in boys' work.

The Trail Rangers of Holstein met on Friday evening and opened their meeting with the usual opening ceremony. An interesting reading was given by Vincent Ellis. The mentor,

meantime Von Veltheim had his revolver in his hand and Joel drew also. But he was too late. Von Veltheim fired three shots into Joel's body killing him and then waited to be arrested. The trial provided a tremendous sensation. Von Veltheim pleaded self-defence. Strange admitted that he had fired first. Von Veltheim said that he saw a revolver in Joel's hand and in the excitement of the moment supposed that he, too, had shot at him. In the end Von Veltheim was acquitted and walked from the court room a free man.

Another Blackmailing Attempt

So for some years he passed from the scene, though later it was learned that he had been in two or three gaols in the interval. Then one day Solly Joel, who had returned to England and set up as a sportsman, received a letter mailed in Odessa in which Von Veltheim demanded £16,000. He insisted that this was the amount of money Barney Barnato had guaranteed him. Perhaps by this time he had got himself to believe it. But Solly Joel was a man of harder grain than his brother Woolf whom he had sworn to avenge. Immediately he employed a firm of private detectives to hunt down Von Veltheim. Sleuths went to Odessa but found nothing. Then letters began to come from different European cities, and finally one announced that a man named Bumiller, of Antwerp, would call with bills for £16,000 which Mr. Joel would refuse to honor at his peril. Joel's agents temporized with Bumiller who said that he knew nothing about his principal except a hotel address where he was to report. But when the detectives went to Antwerp there was no trace of Von Veltheim to be found.

A Stern Sentence

Suddenly the news came that he was in Paris. The English police asked for his arrest but Paris was loath to respond. The year 1907 and the entente cordiale was not so cordial as it was later to become for a short time. Von Veltheim was eventually arrested and

Alex Sim, then challenged the boys in a short address to live the fourfold life. After a short recreation period the meeting was adjourned.

St. Catharines

Knox Tuxis boys received the first and second degree initiation from St. Paul's Tuxis boys and report that it was well and emphatically done. Later in the evening there was a third degree, featuring apples, doughnuts and coffee. From Owen Sound comes a similar report. Westside Trail Rangers and Mentor Bill Garbutt initiated twenty-four Trail Rangers and Mentor R. G. Halbert of First United.

Exeter

The newly organized Trail Ranger camp includes a boy who claims to have qualified for one proficiency badge, namely, the "smelling badge". The badge book does not contain this one but some research work revealed that he had passed one of the tests for the Observation badge. This test calls for blindfold identification of ten spices and drugs in separate paper bags. Do you know the other tests?

Timmins

The Excelsior Tuxis Square, the Es-wimos and Sloux Trail Ranger Camps are going strong in the campaign. They raised \$100 the first two days and are still at it.

Tara

The Trail Rangers of the Spartan Camp here are having a very successful season under the able mentorship of Ross Wright. Every boy in the group has qualified for one or more badges and recently the group was awarded the Certificate of Recognition. At their church's annual garden party they built their own booth and displayed two live alligators from Florida.

North York

Leaders of Trail Ranger and Tuxis work here are planning to raise \$1000 for equipping their new camp site on Georgian Island. The camp will also be used by the Canadian Girls in Training.

Boy Premier Confident of Success
Premier John Hunter says that four thousand boys, living in 285 centres throughout the province are participating in the parliament's campaign to raise \$13,000. His trip across the province convinces him that the members of parliament, the mentors and the local groups are all working hard to make the campaign a big success. Groups may keep selling up until February 15th but returns should be in to headquarters by the 17th.

Program Suggestions

St Valentines Day, February 14 falls on a Sunday this year. Why not arrange for a party on Saturday or Monday.

It is the light, sandy and gravelly soils and muck soils that as a rule are markedly deficient in potash, and on which profitable returns may be expected from the application of this element. The rate of application will, of course, depend on a number of factors, chief among which are the character and fertility of the soil, and the nature of the crops to be grown. For most grain crops an application of muriate of potash of 50 to 75 pounds per acre will probably be found sufficient. For clover and alfalfa these amounts might be doubled with profit. For potatoes, roots, corn and leafy crops generally, 100 pounds of muriate of potash per acre may be considered an average dressing, but frequently 200 pounds may be profitably used. As a rule it will be found more advantageous to use potash with forms of nitrogen and phosphoric acid than alone and it is always advisable to try out the fertilizer on a small scale before making large purchases.

THE USE OF POTASH

Advice with respect to the use and application of potash and other fertilizers may be obtained by writing the Division of Chemistry, Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Pamphlet 61-N.S., Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

FEDERAL ECONOMICS BRANCH EXTENDS RESEARCH WORK

Established a little over two years ago, the Agricultural Economics Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture now has seven major research projects under way. In certain cases the work has been initiated by the Branch while in others a co-operative arrangement has been made with the other branches of the Dominion Department or provincial agencies. In Eastern Canada a study of apple production and marketing is under way, this work being carried on in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario. Provincial agencies co-operate in all three areas. A study of milk marketing is also nearing completion. Moreover, an analysis of farmers' business organizations, which is national in scope, is being carried forward. In the West—ern provinces a study of the range sheep industry is being conducted in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This project is under the joint direction of the Experimental Farms Branch and the Economics Branch. Another study affecting the prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan is that dealing with settlers' progress and the factors affecting their success. This study will also show the costs of farm power. During the past summer a study of the economic effects of cutworm damage and the relation of such damage to farm practices was conducted jointly with the Entomological Branch. Preliminary work has also been done in rural credit, taxation and insurance.

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