

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

God in the Shadows
by Hugh Redwood

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Hugh Redwood is also the author of "God in the Slums," which book was published in 1929 and has had a sale of two hundred and thirty thousand copies.

The author says that "God in the Slums" was a personal testimony written in the belief that the world is hungry for the truths of God. It does not profess to be more than a fragment; nor does "God in the Shadows" complete the tale. It is only another fragment. Nothing is unimportant which helps us to establish the existence of a God with a definite plan for individuals. He is the God whom men and women are seeking.

In "God in the Slums" the author tried to tell of "lives that were hourly

proofs to God," and also tried to show how he "himself had been helped by them to recapture the faith of youth."

The people in "God in the Shadows" are all real people and every single incident is an unembroidered fact.

The first division in the book is a story of Peter Rowling's doings and experiences in life after he had bidden farewell to school. It makes very interesting reading and is really the author's life. In the second division of the book he is known as Big Brother and this second division is a story of some of his experience after he had taken "the Hand that was offered him, and, devoid of faith as he was, prayed that faith might be given him." This action was taken after an awakening while listening to a service over the radio on prayer. The preacher with great earnestness entreated his hearers to pray for his friends. "Nobody knows what he may be doing if he prays for a friend tonight. Did someone pray for Peter? Someone whom he had forgotten, someone who suddenly remembered him or perhaps had been patient in prayer? There was no one to answer, but it is certain that while the words of the preacher were still in his ears

Peter began to be conscious of an irresistible influence and side by side with it an immense self-revelation. He did not hesitate, he did not doubt. He prayed and he knew his prayer was answered for an extraordinary sense of lightness came to him, a buoyancy, a gladness, a singing at the heart. The days passed, but the experience only deepened. The change in him was none the less apparent because he did not speak about it. It was noticed at the office where his work and his bearing reflected it; and at home it was clear that something had made him more kind and considerate.

Through long months of trying experiences he presently came to see the "Golden threads of a plan in his life; threads that even the wasted years had not succeeded in breaking. He learned much that he never expected to learn, but chiefly this, that Christ requires of His followers not a decision to render this or that particular service, but an absolute and unquestioning readiness to undertake anything. Given this readiness they need never doubt that they will receive their orders." After he had made a complete surrender of the ship of his soul to the great Cap-

tain, whose sailing orders "are generally sealed orders, only to be revealed to us when we have ventured forth upon the Deep." He found that doors began to open to him in a most astonishing way and so many of these open doors and opportunities came through his work. St. Paul's advice to the Thessalonians was also for him: "Study to be quiet and to do your own business." It flashed upon him that this must be taken literally, that in and through his own business he would be permitted to serve. It was the answering to his questioning.

The author tells the story of how he came to write "God in the Slums" and the many wonderful blessings that followed. Finance was not to be the aim of the book. God would look after that. The book was to have a purely spiritual object. The many incidents in connection with the writing of this book and the fulfilment of the promise in his particular case that "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," will be an encouraging thought to many readers of these pages. "The contacts which his book enabled him to make with the work of almost all denominations were, immensely

stimulating to his faith. Everywhere he found the evidence that where God's word was accepted literally, His power was plainly manifest. Miracles happened, miracles of vocation, protection, guidance and provision, above all, miraculous changes in human hearts."

Many are the evidences that came to the author of the good that was done in human hearts in all parts of the world from his books but eternity alone will reveal the many lives he touched. One great man has said that "every effort put forth for good helps the one who made the effort." The author put the very best that was in him into his writings for his books were gifts to God, and the results that he can see from this effort will not only strengthen his own certainty but that of many of his readers that "The promises of God are sure."

"God in the Shadows" clearly shows the existence and continuity of a Divine plan for the individual and the importance of furthering the plan by taking advantage of every opportunity.

A Walk Through Durham

(By RAMBLER)

Here's a good one!

There were some week-end visitors in town recently. We asked them what they thought of our town. This was their reply: "Well, to tell you the truth we couldn't see much of the town, for we had to watch the sidewalk too closely to be able to see anything else." That's straight goods.

And isn't it about right? The main street is a wreck. That old "line" about it being down so many years is all worn out; as is the sidewalk. The fact remains that we need a new sidewalk, and it is common knowledge that there is no better time to get it done. The men need work and the town needs new sidewalks.

While Durham has done very well as far as relief is concerned there are a number of men who could not hold out another winter like last winter without some employment. And direct relief is not a pleasant thing in the estimation of the majority of our citizens. How much better it would be to give these men work and get a new walk on the main thoroughfare at least. Economizing may be all right in its place, but we do not think that this is the proper place for it.

We read some time ago that it had been suggested to the council to construct new walks. We do not think this matter should be dropped. We do not see much pleasure "tripping" along the sidewalks.

Should Wake Up

We got quite a kick out of "Old Timers'" letter last week. And there is more truth than poetry in what he said. It is pretty near time the council woke up and got wise to themselves. They seem to forget that there are young people in the town and naturally they are entitled to some entertainment. It is too bad that the young folks have to go out of town for what amusement they can get. Depression or no depression people must have recreation, and it is up to the town fathers to supply a little at least. Apparently they forget they were young once—?! If they are trying to drive the young blood out of the town they are certainly going in the right direction. We need the young people here and the best way to keep them here is to give them some of the pleasure for which youth craves. Take a look in front of the Bank of Commerce building most any evening and you'll see a real congregation of local swains, with nothing but "time on their hands."

Better get some pep into this old burg, Councillors; some of the old-time life and enthusiasm. Perhaps some real fun would waken you up.

WHY NOT FROM TORONTO?

The railways are getting good business by advertising cheap week-end excursions to Toronto from all along their lines. Why not have cheap week-end trips from Toronto to all outlying points? People would be glad to get out of the city to visit their friends and to spend a quiet day in the towns village and country places, if tempted by cheap fares. It would also be safer, cheaper and less tiring than making long auto trips, and should help to fill up the trains both ways.

It is suggested that our Town Council and Chamber of Commerce should take up the matter with a view to bringing some of the city dollars to the country, instead of having the tide flowing all the other way.—Mount Forest Confederate.

Further reductions in the salaries of officials of the Canadian National Railways above \$5,000 per annum will be made shortly, it was learned in Ottawa on Monday. It is understood the reductions will take effect on August 1.

News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Busy Readers

Heavy traffic over Ontario Highways on the days between Canadian and United States holidays was the chief factor in the sharp rise of the accidental death toll over the week-end. Sixteen people were dead according to reports throughout the province Monday and of these 12 lost their lives in automobile fatalities. Three men were drowned and one man was gored to death by a cow.

The five chief creditor powers at the Lausanne reparations conference finally agreed on a formula for solving the great reparations tangle, and submitted it to Germany on Sunday.

After shooting his wife with a sawed-off shotgun Saturday night John W. Terrill, of Winnipeg, defied police attempts to enter his house and took his own life when tear gas bombs were used in an attempt to bring him to submission.

Heavy clouds of ashes began to settle over a wide area of Chile on Sunday as volcanoes in the Andes quieted down after a new outbreak of activity.

Although the Irish Free State delegation to the Imperial Conference is preparing to leave for Ottawa Friday, it is reported the decision of the Free State to be represented at the conference may be changed at the last moment as a result of the course the British Government may take in the House of Commons at London this week.

Despatches from Bucharest Sunday said 25 lepers from the isolation colony at Tichilesti carried out a threat to "march on Bucharest" and entered the town of Isaccea, spreading panic.

Shot in the head just after midnight Sunday morning following a heated argument with a friend earlier Saturday evening, Edward Snook, 19, of 61 Newcastle street, Mimico, was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital in a serious condition. Physicians reported that the youth would probably recover.

Alfred E. Smith, in the manner of one who is triumphant in defeat, arrived in New York on Sunday from Chicago and intimated that he would place no obstacles in the way of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for the presidency.

Two hundred revolver bullets were exchanged in a fight along the St. Lawrence River just below Montreal, between Quebec Liquor Commission police and the crew of the barge Skipalong. The police captured 1,200 gallons of alcohol. No one was wounded.

Two fast-working bandits who visited Zimmerman's drug store at 901 Main street east, Hamilton, at 11.50 o'clock Saturday night, robbed the cash till of \$60, and after searching the owner, J. L. Zimmerman, told him to "spread out" on the floor until they completed their "job."

Learning that detectives had been in search for him since the arrest of William McDowell at the Orange Crush plant, London, early Friday morning, Frank Cahill, ex-convict, surrendered Saturday night and is held on a charge of vagrancy.

Three men kidnapped C. A. Young, cashier for the Coca Cola Company in Winnipeg, in his own car, forced Young to drive them around the city and then left him, escaping with \$1,800 that the cashier was to have deposited in the main branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Defying 500 unemployed who quit their day's relief work, for which they have been receiving a weekly voucher of \$4.40 for groceries, until the authorities paid them in cash, York Township Council late Monday issued an edict that all those who refuse to "work out their relief order" this week will be denied any further relief.

Six youth blown to bits in Montana—ten men shot to death in Kentucky feuds—a dozen persons drowned in Texas floods. Those were the major tragedies of the three-day Fourth of July holiday in the United States, as automobile, fireworks and swimming deaths the country over brought the fatality total close to 200 Tuesday night.

Five men were arrested and three required hospital treatment, one with a possible fractured skull, as the result of an unemployment demonstration in Vancouver on Tuesday.

Manufacturer—"How did my son carry on the business while I was away?" Manager—"Oh, he carried on all right, but he forgot the business."

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