

For The Quiet Hour

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day—
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say "I can";
No shamefaced outcast ever sunk so deep
But yet might rise and be again a man.

—Young People.

PERILS OF PROSPERITY

A comparatively poor woman, who was noted for generosity had a fortune left to her. To the surprise of her many friends she ceased to be generous. To the cause, which she in her poverty gave a guinea, she now contributed only a shilling and said to relate she gave this grudgingly. When urged to tell what caused this change in her life she said, "When I had only the shilling purse I had the guinea heart, but now when I have the guinea purse I must confess I have only the shilling heart."

This happens far more often than we realize. Rowland Hill felt this when he asked for prayer for a man who had money left to him. John Wesley tells about a man to whom he had applied for help for some religious work. This man said "I have the disposition but not the means." Afterwards when he had become rich, Wesley again asked him for a contribution and his answer was, "I have the means but not the disposition."

All this goes to show how prosperity tends to petrify the heart that feels for a neighbor's woe and is willing to help out those who are in distress, even though it may have little of this world's wealth. Many who have been saints in the shadow and in the storm become backsliders in the full noonday glare of prosperity.

"Give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me," is a good prayer for us to offer up.

THE "MARCHING ORDERS" of the Church's Head have not changed. Speaking to students, Dr. Robert E. Speer gave the following stirring message:

What profession is it that you believe warrants you in giving your life to it instead of to the missionary enterprise? . . . I present to you an opening in which we cannot find enough men, doctors, teachers, ministers, workers of all sorts, all over the mission field: a thousand million sinning and suffering men and women, and only a little handful of men and women giving the Gospel to them. I do not understand the moral constitution of the man who can deliberately face that comparison and then set up the claim that he feels he is chosen to practice medicine or law or teaching here in this country unless he has a special call designating him as one of the men to go out to the immensely greater need, and such a call as he has not regarded as necessary to his practice of medicine or law or to teaching.

These words must surely challenge the splendid young manhood of our own land. The commands are—not only "pray ye" and "give ye"—but also very clearly and authoritatively, "go ye!"

What if your own were starving,
Fainting with famine pain,
And yet you knew where golden grew
Rich fruit and rip-ned grain,
Would you turn aside while they gasped and died,
And leave them to their pain?

"THE KNOWINGNESS OF GOSSIP" is the title of a note in The Lutheran, and wisely says the following:

The watchful "hunter for facts" that enables absentee Church members to see the evil in their congregation, and wrong methods in the Church generally, excites us further. Pastors find progress difficult, and united effort by their people nearly impossible because a group of vigilantes in the midst of their workers have discovered dangers that did not exist until these keen-eyed discoverers "detected" them. Generally speaking, said perils have only a remote basis—the human quality that can never be entirely avoided. Practical co-operation—real engagement in the work of the congregation, actual personal contacts with the workers—would overcome them in a flash.

One of the most emphatic calls today is that of loyalty to the true man of God who has been placed as shepherd of the Church flock. Growingly it is difficult, the work of the pastorate, and earnest men should rally to the upholding of God's undershepherd, and even a mighty defense of such men. Too many take into their own hands the removing of ministers when God's time for change has not come. The Divine command still obtains: "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm!"

ONE WINTER in a Canadian town the local Church had evangelistic services which continued for several weeks. The only fruit of the revival, in actual accessions to the Church, was a lad of thirteen. It seemed a very poor return for the praying and preaching of several weeks, but that solitary accession to the Church was Frank W. Warne.

Bishop James M. Thoburn, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia (including India), was delivering a missionary address before a body of ministers in a Chicago church, when a young minister dropped in. Whilst listening to the address a powerful conviction took possession of this young man that he should one day occupy the position in India held at the time by the speaker of the hour.

Within a twelvemonth (1887-88) the young minister received his appointment to Calcutta from the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. After a very successful pastorate of nearly thirteen years in the large Methodist Episcopal Church on Dharamtala Street in that city, the minister referred to, Frank W. Warne, was elected in 1900 Bishop for the Southern Asia field, becoming the actual successor of Bishop Thoburn, since retired because of ill-health. Bishop Warne, now residing at Lucknow, is finishing twenty-one years of episcopal service in what is generally regarded as probably the most prosperous mission field of the church to which he belongs.

Teacher: "What was Nelson's farewell address?"
Pupil: "Heaven, ma'am."

CULTIVATE the friendship of God, and you make a lifelong friend, manifesting himself all along the road, at every turn of the way, in all the changes of your fortune, until at last you will find the only fortune worth the name—a place in your Father's house, and a share in the unveiled glory of the Lord!—J. H. Jowett.

A MISSIONARY in West Africa had for a helper in some building operations a man who was so bad the natives gave him a name which had for an equivalent in English "Kerosene." When asked why they had named him this they replied that he was so bad that when he died and went to hell Satan would have to use kerosene to make it hot enough for him. This man, however, came to know Christ as his Saviour, and the first money he earned after his conversion, two dollars and fifty cents, he dedicated to his Lord by handing the missionary two dollars.

DEATH OF MRS. W. A. ROSE

A member of the pioneer Chadsey family of Chilliwack, B. C., passed away on Monday, in the person of Mrs. W. A. Rose of Chilliwack City. The Chadsey brother settled in Chilliwack in the years 1865 and 1867, Mrs. Rose arriving a few years later. The late Mrs. Rose, who was the last of the original family to pass away, was highly esteemed. She was a woman of generous disposition, hospitable to a degree, with many rare qualities of heart and mind, and old-timers the Valley over will regret to hear of the death of one who maintained the old traditions of neighborliness, so markedly a feature of pioneer days. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the family residence to the I.O.O.F. cemetery on Little Mountain, Rev. Duncan Campbell conducting the service. The floral tributes of love and sympathy were very numerous and beautiful.

Mr. Rose is a son of the late Hugh Rose of this town, and was married in Victoria and has been living in Chilliwack since 1902, with the exception of a couple of winters spent at Redlands, California.

RECENT REPORT BRANDED AS TISSUE OF LIES

A very convincing article appeared in a Walkerton paper some months ago which appeared to knock the props from under the Consolidated School idea. It quoted the experience of a rancher who had just returned from Conquest, Sask., giving figures, etc., which would seem to brand Consolidated Schools as an absolute fizzle. The article was widely copied in this district and must have had considerable effect in prejudicing people against the consolidated school idea. But along comes a statement from the Department of Education of Saskatchewan referring to figures quoted in the article as "being utterly absurd" and on top of it a letter from the Conquest newspaper publisher condemning the newspaper write-up as a "tissue of falsehood" from first to last. This letter replies at considerable length to various statements made in the newspaper article. For instance, in answer to the charge that the children are left shivering at the crossroads, he states that on the contrary the van calls at every house door and no child has ever lost a day of school through the van system. The statement that the school has been closed for the winter he refers to as "the crowning falsehood." "The school has never lost a day," he states, going on to give the certified attendance to show that it never fell below 90 per cent, except in threshing month, when it was 88.2. He further affirms that while some rural schools near Conquest cost less to run "the advantages are all in favor of consolidation." To an unbiased observer who is not posted on the Consolidated School scheme it looks as if its opponents must be badly put to it for arguments when they will resort to such wholesale mis-statements. The newspapers that republished the fine story will no doubt be glad to do what they can to undo the false impression created by the article.

HILLSBURG U.F.O. STORE ASSIGNS

Another U.F.O. co-operative business has gone up the spout, the Hillsburg Co-operative Limited having assigned to G. Powell, Hamilton. The headquarters of the concern was in the village of Hillsburg, where a store and elevator were situated and a general merchandise, potato and grain business transacted. For some time past affairs have not been going well with the concern and it has been losing money steadily. While no definite figures are available it is understood that the liabilities will far exceed the assets. A meeting of the creditors will be called in due course.

CEYLON

Ed. Cook and Miss Firth of Durham spent the first of the week at R. Cook's.

Mrs. William White spent Thanksgiving with Toronto friends. Mr. Frank and Miss Jean Collinson and Mr. D. McPhail motored to Durham on Friday and attended Mrs. Crawford's sale.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hawke is visiting with her sister in Toronto.

Mr. Haxton, who is working on the C.P.R. near Owen Sound, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. McWilliams, here.

J. C. McLauchlan, Toronto, was a week-end visitor under the parental roof.

Miss Reta Patterson, nurse in training at Grace Hospital, Toronto, spent Thanksgiving with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell and children of Coldwater spent the week-end at A. Sinclair's.

Inspector Beckett and Constable Blood of Owen Sound were in town the first of the week.

Duncan McMillan of Kitchener and Miss Katie of Toronto spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gigson and Mr. and Mrs. G. Suell visited Owen Sound friends last week.

Miss Helen Gibson and friend spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents.

Miss Myrtle Hemphill of Toronto and Miss Cook of near Salem were visitors at S. Hemphill's.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkey and other friends of Wroxeter holidayed at George Cairns'.

Norman Archibald and wife motored to Inglewood on Monday.

Elmer Muir spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P., spent the holiday with her sister at Shrigley.

Elmer Bryant of Toronto holidayed over the week-end at N. Archibald's.

There were married at Priceville on Wednesday, November 1, by the Rev. Mr. Bushell, Methodist minister: Sadie McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McLean, Salem, to Mr. Charles Chislett of this place. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for a short trip to Toronto and Niagara. On their return they will reside at the groom's home here. The good wishes of all go with them.

SWAMP COLLEGE

Most of the farmers in this vicinity have finished their fall ploughing.

Miss Elsie M. Cook spent the week-end with friends at Ceylon.

Mr. Jack McNaulty spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waite and family of Hopeville visited recently at Mr. Wilfred Black's.

A number of the residents around here spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Broughton one evening last week. The evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Broughton returned to their home at Ravenna one day last week.

Mrs. W. Flynn of Swinton Park spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones and daughter Marie, of Toronto, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McNaulty.

Little Russell Acheson had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking the car.

Mrs. Bates and children, Manitoulin Island, are guests of Mr. Robert Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Shearson, Mrs. Jos. Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Wauchope, visited at Dobbinton.

Miss Minnie Galbraith, Toronto, visited over the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Hugh Hodgins.

Mr. William Hazen, Owen Sound, was a guest at the home of Mr. Thos. Wyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Alox. Hopkins visited at Mr. Thomas Wauchope's recently.

Mrs. Charles Lyons spent Thanksgiving with her daughters in Toronto.

Mr. Sam. Batchelor, accompanied by Ida and Ed., motored to Toronto to spend the week-end.

Visitors at Mrs. Conley's over the holiday were: Miss Edith Conley, Reddickville; Mr. and Mrs. John Eddy, Mrs. Wilson and daughter Muriel, of Toronto.

Mrs. Still, Jean and Edith, spent a few days with friends at Mt. Forest.

Miss Clara Binnie, Toronto, spent the week-end with her parents here. Jack Hanley is spending a few days at his home here.

Miss Annie Neilson is visiting at Hanover.

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