

For The Quiet Hour

POISON IN BIBLE BINDINGS

Not only must Bibles be attractively bound and well printed, but some of them must be perfumed, peppered, and poisoned as well. Bibles going to the Gilbert Islands contain in the binding glue and the paste which fastens the cover a mixture of oil of cloves, cayenne pepper and corrosive sublimate.

This is to ward off a certain worm, peculiar to these islands, which destroys the bindings of books. Twelve hundred such Bibles have been sent recently by the American Bible Society on their fifteen-thousand-mile journey to Ocean Island by way of Sydney, Australia. Rev. Dr. Hiram Bingham, the famous missionary translator, gave his life to the preparation of the Bible in the Gilbertese language. The Bibles are printed and bound by the American Bible Society in New York and a consignment is shipped every few years to the Gilbert Islands.

TAKE YOUR SUNDAY WITH YOU

(By R. W. Wright.)

When a man goes travelling he takes with him certain things which he regards as indispensable. It is well not to have too many of these, else he finds himself encumbered with an excess of baggage. But even for a short trip the grip contains a few articles the lack of which would mean much discomfort. There are things also which cannot be packed into a hand-bag, or even a trunk, which ought to be regarded as absolutely necessary.

Conscience should not be left behind. It is a sad and deplorable lack if one arrives in a strange place and has left conscience in an easy chair at home. A sense of responsibility should be carried along. We are ever influencing others, creating an atmosphere about ourselves. Do we forget this when in a distant place, having hung our obligations to others on a hook in a closet until our return?

It is very important to take our Sundays with us on our vacations and visits. The fact has been greatly lamented that so many church people while enjoying a period of relaxation at summer resorts or elsewhere, have left their Sundays behind them; presumably with their Bibles, hymn and prayer books in the church pew at home. Sunday is an easy matter to carry along; it does not add weight to the baggage, it does not have to pass customs' inspection; it does add weight to the character, and helps one to satisfy the Great Judge of all. Like a clean linen, a good razor, and a tooth-brush for the external appearance, it preserves for the soul an air of spiritual respectability, of purity, of wholesomeness. Jesus always took his Sunday with him; in Nazareth, in Capernaum, in Jerusalem, he was in synagogue or temple on the sabbath day.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

It is wise to put first things first and to "remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

That it is not a sign of superior intelligence to express disbelief in God. Some more or less famous men like Gladstone and Lincoln have differed from you.

To confess your inability to understand Relativity does not necessarily mean that you are deficient in intelligence.

To learn to say no. It will serve you better than to be able to read Greek and Latin.

To say you have not read "If Winter Comes" is not to commit the unpardonable sin.

That your opinions regarding the mistakes of the Bible do not matter much. Suppose it is true, where do you stand?

That eventually you must face the question: "What think ye of Christ?" Why not now?

WHEREVER IT GOES the Christian Gospel is the herald of peace. What conditions were like in a part of Africa before and after the missionaries of the Cross had been there is seen from the following extract from the life of Dr. Robert Laws of Livingstonia:

It was a vast region where cruelty and bloodshed and cruelty prevailed unchecked. The people were riven into thousands of independent units, warring continuously against each other. Every circle of huts was the scene of endless disputes, witchcraft trials, beer-drinks and moonlight revelries. It was a country where the thoughts and desires of the heart were evil continually. No woman would venture on the bush paths alone. She would have been a victim of the first man she met and would probably have been left stabbed to death. Terror made it a sleepless land. "We want sleep" was the cry of the people to Dr. Livingstonia.

Nothing had been evolved throughout the centuries to stimulate them to progress. The glories of nature had no influence on them for the better. Not a single force had raised them an inch above the dead level of savagery.

"Everywhere now there is sleep profound. Peace lies upon the lake and the wide-spreading bushland and the villages. Men still carry spears but it is to ward off the wild beasts. The faces of the women are free from the old sullenness and suspicion. In the deep heart of the forest, far from the symbols of ordered law, they travel alone in absolute security. Industry is unrestricted and workers have more property than their chiefs in former days."

A PROTEST AGAINST GAMBLING from the pen of the Headmaster of a boys' school in England has just been issued by the Anti-Gambling League of the Old Country. In it the writer points out the puerility of the argument that because the Bible does not condemn this particular vice it is legitimate amusement. It might just as well be argued, he says, that because Scripture says nothing about the exposure of new-born children there can be no harm in this cruel practice. Neither can it be said that betting is a lawful pleasure for the rich but a sin for the poor. "Statisticians tell us that over £350,000,000 is spent every year on gambling—and yet at this very time the country is almost tearing its hair over the provision of a tithe of that sum to meet the needs of its million unemployed! Note further: All we get for it is an army of bookmakers who were estimated to number over 20,000 before the war. Betting is an offence against the law of property. It is worse. In all gambling and betting of every kind the happiness of the winner means the misery of the loser, and therefore it is an offence against human brotherhood."

Anyone who has visited the Old Land in recent years must have been impressed by the extent to which the gambling evil has a strange hold on the life of a very large part of the nation, and must have been forcibly reminded of the words of Blake, that "The winner's shout, the loser's curse, shall dance before dead England's hearth."

IN KAVIRONDO, Kenya Colony, where the Church Missionary Society is at work, there has been a noticeable movement toward Christianity, which has received perhaps its greatest impetus from the remarkable transformation in the lives of those who have become Christians. In the Church Missionary Outlook for August is told the story of Mulama, half-brother to the paramount chief Muma, who on his baptism relinquished eleven of his twelve wives, a complete reversal of the custom of the land. For about two years after his baptism the tribe had before their eyes what to them was a very strange example. Their chief sought honor, not in a large harem, but in walking justly and righteously before his people. His decisions in the native courts of law were no longer to be bought, but every case was settled on its merits. He gave his people an entirely new conception of what home life meant, and delighted to do honor to his wife.

"IF ANY MAN." There is no arbitrary selection in Christ's dealings. He does not choose here a man because he is of singularly beautiful character and say, "That man will become my friend." He does not single out there a woman because she is of a spiritual nature and say, "That woman will come the more readily into my fellowship." But with all the breath of the great love of God he says, "If any man!"—J. Stuart Holden.

"FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES DAY" in the Barphur Church at Fatehgarh, India, resulted in the making up of quarrels and enmities of years' standing. It was a crisis in the church, for old-time feuds and hatreds had burst forth anew and involved the whole community. Then came a revival, and the Spirit who had until that time hindered came in fulness.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of February 12, 1903.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. Alexander McComb. Interment will be made Friday at 2 p.m. in Trinity Church cemetery.

The Public Library has a branch reading room down town in the new J. M. Hunter block.

A citizen was fined \$25 and costs for buying whiskey and giving it into possession of another citizen to whom the sale of intoxicants is prohibited. This is simply a warning and as it would do no good we withhold the names of the parties concerned. Mayor McIntyre and J. W. Crawford were magistrates.

On Friday evening February 6 a number of young people from Hutton Hill invaded the homes of Mr. James Milligan and Mr. George Turnbull and presented Mr. Milligan with a handsome armchair and Mrs. Turnbull with a fine rocking chair.

Mr. Philip Eva is still quite low, but apparently on the mend.

George W. Brown, M.L.A., of Regina, was a caller at this office on Wednesday, in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. W. T. Petrie of Holstein.

The Royal Stock Company, a local aggregation, made their first appearance here on Friday evening when they gave a fine exhibition of their dramatic ability in presenting "The Scout of the Philippines." The personnel of the company consists of Bert Moekler, Norman McIntyre, Wes Theobald, Lauder Buchan, Miss Munro and others.

We give a ten-column report of the County Council in this issue.

"A Curious Ratepayer" has a letter in this issue urging the Council to take some action to have the town lighted.

Mr. John Lawrence, Jr., is preparing to make an addition to his barn this coming summer.—Springbank cor.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

The mothers of the twentieth century will go down into history as being true patriots. They have fearfully, ungrudgingly and bravely given of their own flesh and blood that true Democracy might prevail throughout the world and that the strong arm of Imperialism should be shattered once and for all. Now the war is won it can be said in more ways than one that it was won by the mothers of the country.

But you mothers, who sent your dear boys "over there" to fight for world-wide liberty, also have a duty to perform with reference to the babes in your arms and your sons and daughters of tender age. Do you know that not long ago at different Y. M. C. A.'s hundreds of boys were examined and 50 per cent. of them were found to have some form of spinal trouble? If those boys had been examined by a competent Chiropractor when they were yet infants, these faults could have been corrected.

If your little baby is sick, weak, puny or not properly developed in some part of the body there must be a cause and nine times out of ten it is found in the spine. Do not wait with the expectation that the baby will outlive the weakness; have the spine palpated and, if necessary, adjusted. Many a boy, many a girl, has gone to a premature grave or lingered through life a miserable cripple when a spinal analysis made in infancy would have detected some weakness which Chiropractic Adjustments would have corrected.

Nature is the only true Healer. Spinal adjustments eliminate the cause of the trouble and Mother Nature heals. You say, "Oh, yes, that's a beautiful theory, but like all other beautiful theories, it's too good to be true." It is not only a beautiful theory, but it is beautifully true, as the thousands of men and women who have been helped will attest any day.

"Save the Children." The children of to-day will be the men and women of to-morrow.

You can do this by safeguarding their health while they are still in your arms.

Call and see us. Consultation free. Drs. C. G. and Bessie MacGillivray, Chiropractic Specialists, Middaugh House, Durham, Ontario.

FORMER BENTINCK RESIDENT DIED IN CALIFORNIA

A letter is to hand announcing the death on December 13 of Mr. James Corbett, a native of this locality, who passed away suddenly at his home in Covina, California. He was a son of the late Joseph Corbett of Bentinck and a brother of Mrs. Thomas Livingstone of Hamilton. Mr. Thomas Corbett of Port McNicoll, John and William Corbett of Sault Ste Marie, are brothers of the deceased, and Mrs. J. T. Armstrong of Gravenhurst, Mrs. B. M. Parker of Detroit, and Dr. Anna B. Montgomery of Chatham, are sisters.

Deceased was born in Bentinck and was the first of a large family to leave home. He learned the blacksmithing trade in Priceville with the late Michael Reiley and afterward conducted a business of his own, our informant tells us, "about twenty miles east of Flesherton" where he proved himself a skillful artisan and was well liked. He next went to Kirkwell, east of Galt, and conducted his business for about a year with like success. Then in company with a John Patterson of Galt he spent a year or two farming in the west and from there went to Seattle where he purchased property and resumed his trade as a blacksmith. In a few years he went to California, where, with the exception of a year or two at the Canadian Soo, he spent the remainder of his life.

The following excerpts from the Covina, California, Argus, gives an account of his death and burial:

"A genial, lovable character known to all the pioneers of Covina Valley was removed by death yesterday (December 13, 1922) in the person of James Corbett, blacksmith and wheelwright, who established himself in Covina twenty-two years ago and who plied his trade here during all the days when this valley was being improved and promoted. "Jim Corbett" was one of the ablest men of his trade that ever came to this locality and in years gone by was famed for miles around for his physical strength. On many occasions he bested some of the strongest men of Southern California in informal tests of brawn and muscle and his good nature and loyalty to friends made him a strong place in the affections of the people of the valley.

For many years he was either employed by J. N. Wilson or in business for himself, but of late years, with the coming of the automobile he retired to a small ranch on Gladstone Avenue, where he made his home and conducted a small shop. Mr. Corbett had a loving wife and a happy home and was united with the Covina Methodist Church by confession of faith and belief in God as his saving grace, and all knew him a sincere Christian by his love for his Bible and his willingness to help on a needy cause.

Yesterday afternoon he came in from his work complaining of a pain in his chest, a pain he had spoken of a number of times during the last few days. His wife left the bedroom where he was lying down to get a hot-water bottle and on returning found that he had passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett had no children. Funeral arrangements are in abeyance awaiting word from a sister in Ontario. Mr. Corbett was a native of Canada, having been born in Durham, Province of Ontario, in 1863. Twenty-eight years ago he married Ada Moody at Fullerton, and six years later the family moved to this locality.

An account of the funeral appears in the same paper, which we give below:

Funeral services were held at nine o'clock Tuesday morning (December 19) from the parlors of Custer & Christensen, conducted by Rev. George Chamberlain and Rev. Harcourt and Rev. W. H. Peck, Rialto, pastor some fifteen years ago of Covina Methodist Church. The funeral music was furnished by a mixed quartette composed of Rev. Howard Clark, Roy Blanchard, Mrs. E. P. Warner and Mrs. J. H. Coolman. The casket was massed with floral wreaths and flowing sprays, expressions of sympathy for deceased and the bereaved widow. The friends of many years who served as pallbearers were: W. B. Gimmel of Ontar-

io; B. O. Pittinger of Long Beach, R. M. Netley, W. B. Frey, J. M. Wilson and J. McCarthy. The funeral was largely attended and many of the older residents of the valley were present. Later, interment was made at Santa Ana, where loved ones of Mrs. Corbett and family are at rest."

DRUGS AND PROHIBITION

(Written by Rev. Peter Bryce for The Social Service Council of Canada.)

"I believed in prohibition, absolutely, but my faith is shaken," said a friend to me a few days ago. "The statement attributed to Judge Murphy," he continued, "in a letter in a morning paper last week, seems to me to make it clear that those deprived of liquor are turning to drugs, and the results are deplorable."

Judge Emily Murphy in her book "The Black Candle," in the chapter devoted to Prohibition and Drugs, makes it clear that she does not consider prohibition to be the cause of increased addiction in drugs. She believes it is "bad association and the urge of an illicit traffic seeking to profit by the sale of the habit-forming drugs that are the most potent causes for the growth of the evil." She further states, "In most places those deprived of liquor seek substitutes not in opium, cocaine or other allied drugs, but in raisin jack, home-made wines, Jamaica ginger, paragonic, essences or moonshine." Another argument, according to Judge Murphy, why drugs cannot be said to be a substitute for drink is the fact that such a large percentage of drug addicts are in their teens.

Many medical authorities confirm Judge Murphy's statement. "Joseph C. Doane, M.D., the chief resident physician of the Philadelphia General Hospital, states that from the testimony of their drug patients, there is no connection whatever between drug-disease and the inability to get liquor."

The New York City Health Department in the year 1919-1920 asked 1,463 drug patients the cause of their addiction. Only one per cent. came to it from alcoholic indulgence. The Secretary of the Rhode Island State Board of Health says, "We fail to find among the applicants for treatment any one formerly addicted to the free use of alcoholic beverages."

The City Health Officer of Jacksonville, Florida, reports that from the histories of addicts registered, "it appears that there is no relation between the habitual user of alcoholic liquor and the drug addict."

The Medical Committee of the Kiwanis Club, Vancouver, states: "Practically all observers state that there seems to be no special connection between the use of alcohol and the use of drugs. There is no evidence to show that the suppression of the use of alcohol increases to any appreciable extent the addiction to drugs, as drug addicts are rarely alcoholics."

Cora Frances Stoddard in her "Preliminary Study" on the relation between prohibition and drug addicts says, "Of 1,169 patients treated at the New York Narcotic Relief Station in one week (April 10-16, 1919) most of them were mere youths, nearly one-third of them are not out of their teens. One boy began at the age of thirteen." These youths are doubtless animated by a morbid desire to "imitate what they



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Ask For

Mrs. J. E. Bierwirth, of Canaduff, Sask., writes: "My little boy cut off the end of his finger and it seemed a case for a doctor. However, I applied Zam-Buk to stop the pain and bleeding and it gave the child such relief that I continued the treatment. Using nothing but Zam-Buk, I dressed the finger each day, and the wound healed perfectly."



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believe to be the habits of the "underworld" and "gunmen."

Dr. C. M. Crawford, the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, says, "Morphine and cocaine are responsible for certain type of mental disorder. There has been no increase so far as we can determine in either morphine addiction or cocaine addiction since prohibition came into effect."

Dr. G. H. Kirby, Medical Director of the New York State Hospitals, says "Since prohibition has come into effect alcohol mental disorders have practically disappeared and further morphine and cocaine addiction have not increased at all." He bases his statement on many thousands of cases.

If other causes have not shaken my friend's faith in prohibition, there is evidently no cause for the foundation of his faith being shaken by the facts regarding the drug traffic.

THE DISAGREEING PROFESSIONS

(Kincairdine Reporter.)

Now the fat is in the fire! The Chiropractors and the medical men are waging a bitter war. The latter would have the government refuse the drugless or bloodless practitioners the right to practice. It is said that when the conference ended one of the Cabinet laughingly suggested that the two bodies of men be placed in one room over night and that the survivors practice whatever they choose. We think that would be unfair. What's the use of putting a poor beggar up against an expert with a knife, or one who uses chloroform. His chances would be slim. Why all this row, anyway? What more harm can a chiropractor do than a doctor? They all make mistakes and nobody knows anything about them. It's the public who have to suffer.

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