

For The Quiet Hour

A "HOLDING" CHURCH IS A GREATER ESSENTIAL THAN a "drawing" preacher. What if the latter is secured; the former must also be a condition if the gains are to be abiding.

A minister deserted by his representative men dies. He dies by inches. No man can preach with sustained fire and hope whose leading people show by their desultory attendance that public worship is to them one of the incidents or electives of life.

Laymen who think they are "the backbone" of the churches must value rightly these facts: not so much "Does the preacher draw?" but "Does the Church hold? Does the Church maintain and retain those who come within her walls?"

A SHORT MAN WANTED TO DRIVE A NAIL IN A WALL to carry a big picture. He stood on a chair,—he was not high enough. His wife put on a hassock; still he was not high enough.

That settles the whole question of the "note of certainty" and the "note of uncertainty." It depends upon the foundation on which the preacher is standing. A man need have no note of uncertainty if he believes the Bible and has "Thus saith the Lord" for all he preaches.—J. W. C. Fegan.

THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY, AS DOES no other literature in the world, says President E. Y. Mullins. This authoritative note which rings so clear in the Bible is not due to anything external to itself.

"THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA" IS THE NAME adopted for a united church at a meeting of delegates of the Presbyterian, American Board and London Missionary Society churches at Shanghai.

The following doctrinal basis of union was adopted, which together with a constitution, will be submitted for ratification to the lower courts of the three bodies.

"Our bond on union consists: 1. In our faith in Jesus Christ as our Redeemer and Lord, on whom the Christian Church is founded, and in our earnest desire for the establishment of his kingdom throughout the whole earth.

"2. In our acceptance of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the divinely inspired words of God and the supreme authority in matters of faith and duty.

"3. In our acknowledgment of the Apostles' Creed as expressing the fundamental doctrines of our common evangelical faith.

"Believing in the unity of the body of Christ, we declare that every one who from the heart accepts the above credal statement is sincerely welcomed by us and recognized as united with us in the one communion."

ASKED FOR A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE AND LABORS, REV. Kim Chang Sik, a Methodist minister and Korea's first ordained Protestant minister, said, in part: "Under these various appointments I have moved ten times; have been privileged to enter new territory where there were no Christians and there helped raise up a Christian church in 48 places; have been privileged to preach the gospel in 125 different centres, and have gone as a visitor to about 45 other places and preached. Altogether I have travelled on foot and have preached at 170 different centres where churches have been organized. I have visited nearly all of our Methodist churches in Korea. In all this I have been privileged to work for the church for thirty years without having been once sick, and have never missed a Sunday service in all these years: for which I thank my God."

THE GROWTH OF THE CHINA INLAND MISSION FROM its founding in 1865, as shown by the number of persons baptized, is given as follows: 1890—5,000; 1900—13,000; 1915—50,000; 1921—86,000. The total receipts of the mission during 1921, exclusive of famine funds, was \$648,510.

A STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROTESTANTS IN Brazil says that last year they were divided among nine denominations, of which the most important is the Lutheran. These are mostly of German origin and number 227,000 out of a total of 291,558 Protestant communicants. There are 531 pastors, and 1,319 Sunday schools with 52,500 scholars and 5,500 teachers.

SANDHU SUNDAR SINGH PLANNED TO BE BACK IN INDIA for August or September after an extensive visit in Europe. First Switzerland was visited, then Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and England. Great interest was manifested everywhere, with blessing. "After completing this tour I plan not to leave India again. If it should be God's will, I shall devote the rest of my days to India and Tibet," he wrote.

A LITTLE COLORED BOY, SO THE STORY GOES, HAVING watched his old mammy's success in bleaching clothes, covered his face with soapsuds and lay down on the lawn in the hot sun with the hope of turning white. It was a very uncomfortable little boy whom his mother admonished a couple of hours later.

"Lan's sake, chile! Don't yo' know yo' can't make white folks of yerself by bleachin' from de outside?" she asked.

Did you ever see a man or woman trying to follow Christ by the bleaching method of the colored boy?

A JEWELER WILL TELL YOU THAT AN IMITATION diamond is never so brilliant as a genuine stone, but sometimes the inexperienced eye cannot detect the difference. A simple test is to place the stone under water. The imitation diamond is practically extinguished, while a genuine diamond sparkles under water and is visible. The contrast between the two when under water will be apparent to the least experienced eye. Many a Christian has failed at the water test.—adversity.

"THEY THAT WILL BE RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."—1 Timothy 6. 9.

Paul does not say, "Thou that ARE rich"; he says, "They that are minded to be rich." The thirst is on them. At all costs they propose for themselves to be rich.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

I am waiting for the coming Of the Lord who died for me; Oh, his words have thrilled my spirit, "I will come again for thee!" I can almost hear his footfall On the threshold of the door. And my heart, my heart is longing To be with him evermore!

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of April 2, 1913.

A crayon portrait of Rev. Mr. Park has been presented to the Presbyterian Church by Mr. Robert Macfarlane, Sr.

William Willis, of the firm of Caldwell & Willis, Dauphin, Manitoba, met with a bad accident Saturday night at their stables. While arranging bedding for a horse, the animal became frightened and kicked Mr. Willis on the right leg, breaking his thigh, knocking him down and tramping on his head and face, and otherwise injuring him before he could be rescued.

The Macfarlane property on Bruce street occupied by Ye Editor for over six years, was purchased recently by Principal Allan.

The Middaugh property near the station, recently purchased by Mr. Catton, is rapidly being divided up. Last fall Mr. Catton built a new house for himself, which he now occupies. A portion was sold to Mr. Crawford and a few days ago Mr. James McNally bought the corner lot, including the house and barn.

On Monday night a large audience assembled in the Town Hall to discuss a proposition from Mr. William Broomall relative to the building and operating of a cream separator factory. Broomall proposed to invest \$15,000 in a plant and stock and asked the town to supplement this by a free site, tax exemption for ten years and a loan of \$7,000, repayable at \$1,000 a year after the third year. The company guarantees employment to 30 skilled workmen right from the start, with a prospect of doubling the number inside of 12 months. The proposition was favorably received and operations will commence shortly.

Miss M. A. Jackson of the Glenora recently for Nicola Valley, B. C.

Messrs. Roy and Alister Gordon left Tuesday morning for Brandon, Man. Mr. William Willis left by the same train for Dauphin to visit his son, who is suffering from a broken leg.

From the Hansard report of March 6 we notice our member, Mr. Richardson, has been putting in a plea in the interest of farmers, looking hopefully forward to the establishment of a system of rural mail delivery. He says: "This, I believe, would probably be a very expensive undertaking and one the Department could not enter on completely at the beginning; yet some experimental steps might be taken in order to find out what the cost would be in extending it over the whole country. I believe that at any rate we should take some measures to show our disapprobation of the practice of erecting costly post offices, far more costly than the requirements warrant."

Millinery openings advertised for Friday and Saturday of last week at Morlock's, Ireland's and Miss Dick's were all well patronized and the ladies were pleased with the magnificent displays in all three places.

MOUNT FOREST CHILDREN WILL TRY TO TAME DEER

While on their way to school recently children of Mr. Joseph Robinson of Monk, near Mount Forest, discovered a deer lying helpless by the roadside. They returned home and told their father, who went to the exhausted animal, loaded it into a sleigh and took it to his barn, where it has since remained. It had probably strayed from the marsh and had been chased by dogs until worn out, it had thrown itself on a snowbank to die. A kinder fate was, however, in store and the animal now seems content to be numbered with Mr. Robinson's farm stock and the family are endeavoring to make a pet of it. Dr. Allen reported the occurrence to the Department of Game and Fisheries and received permission for Mr. Robinson to keep the deer until December 31, 1923. If the animal is then alive and happy the permission will be renewed. Mr. Robinson is to be commended on his humane action in this incident.

ARTHEMIA CITIZEN UP FOR MENTAL INVESTIGATION

On Thursday last Magistrate Crescor of Owen Sound, County Constable Pembroke and a representative of the Royal Constabulary came down to investigate the sanity of an elderly citizen of the Mount Zion district. Last year this gentleman refused to pay his taxes and a distress warrant had to be issued. He claimed that because he was not a married man with a family he had no right to be called on to pay school taxes. This year he had not paid any taxes, although financially well fixed and prosperous. He says a coat which he wore was charged up on his tax bill! He also claimed that the Clerk and Municipal Council were responsible in some way for his celibacy. He could have been married several times had it not been for the evil influences wielded by that body. He also explained to the judge how the actions of the Council had "hurt his head" and how the signs of the zodiac affected it periodically.

A refusal to pay taxes was not construed by the judge as an evidence of insanity—under present conditions—and he wanted more facts as to the dangerous nature of the malady. The coat claim was not so easily brushed aside, and when evidence was given that the accused had threatened that he would soon shoot the whole d—d Council as he would a mad dog, that clinched the argument and he was taken on a little holiday jaunt to Owen Sound where more evidence of a disordered mind was given on Monday and it was decided that medical treatment in some public institution was necessary. In the meantime authorities are seeing to it that his stock and farm interests do not suffer.

NEWMARKET MAN BEATEN UP BY DETROIT BANDITS

(Newmarket Era.)

Ernest F. Laing, 1565 Davison West, Detroit, Mich., is a visitor in town this week. While here he is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Herschael Nixon, Prospect avenue. His head is completely swathed in bandages, owing to the result of clever professional bandits in the States. He held on to one, Mae Swanson, age 25, of Hamilton, Ontario, and she confessed to the robbery implicating Bertram Shepperd, age 32, who are both held in the county jail at Detroit on a serious charge of felonious assault with intent to murder.

Laing, who met the girl in one of the Detroit depots, was in sympathy with her owing to a false story put up by her. She said she was hungry and had no place to sleep. He then handed her a dollar and told her to go to a nearby restaurant. Instead, she lured him into an alley, where she confessed that she told untruths. Still thinking her story the truth, he stayed in the vicinity, and on the accused going up the alley he followed, thinking she would be molested, with the result that he is now laid up with terrific blows of an iron bar which the accused used.

The penalty in Michigan for the offence is from fifteen years to life imprisonment. The trial will take place in Detroit on April 15.

Laing is now an official of the Ford Motor Company and also Canadian Press correspondent at that point for all Canada. He is a returned man, formerly of the 2nd Canadian Battalion and was for several months stationed here.

NO WONDER WERE SICK

(Listowel Banner.)

Man drinks strong, black coffee, and that clogs the valves; he drinks moonshine liquor and that strips the gears; he gulps down lemonade, ginger ale, pop, iced tea and what not and then wonders why the boilers do not generate heat. If you should take a donkey and put him through a like performance he would be dead in a month. The simplest and plainest laws of health are outraged every day by the average man.

Did Adam smoke? Did Eve wear a corset? Did Solomon chew tobacco? Did Ruth chew gum? Did the children of Israel make for a cafeteria and a mess of French pastry after crossing the Red Sea? Did Rebecca eat chocolate bonbons and ice

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cream and call for soda water? Adam was the first man and was made perfect from head to heel. How long would he have remained so after eating a mince pie before going to bed? Suppose he had slept in a bedroom five by seven with the windows closed down and a steam radiator sizzling. Suppose Eve had been laced up in a modern corset, worn tight shoes with high heels, a double fig leaf skirt and sat up all hours of the night eating chicken salad and Welsh rarebits and trying to keep on four pounds of dead people's hair.

C. P. R. FREIGHT TRAIN TOSSED BULL INTO DITCH

(Orangeville Banner.)

A bull that was due for shipment to an outside point caused some excitement at the C. P. R. station here on Saturday. While the animal was being taken to the loading enclosure he made a clean breakaway and after eluding several attempts to recapture him headed down the railway track in the direction of Melville. When he had nearly reached Melville he decided to turn about and started back toward Orangeville. On the way he was overtaken by a freight train. His bullship held to the roadbed until the engine bumped into him from behind and dumped him over the embankment. When the train halted at the Orangeville station some of the party who had been engaged in the unsuccessful attempt to corral the bovine asked the engineer if he had seen anything of a bull down the line. The engine driver replied in the affirmative, adding that the train had hit the animal and he would be found lying dead in the ditch. Scarcely had he made answer when the bull was sighted entering the station yard from the south, apparently little the worse for his misadventure. This time his would-be captors were more successful and he was soon safely confined within the narrow limits of one of the loading pens.

BUY ROCK FOR HARD COAL

(Toronto Telegram.)

Watering milk, the "shell game" and other such get-rich-quick schemes at the expense of the public are put in the shade by certain coal dealers these days.

George Morton, 1512 King st. west, bought a ton of hard and soft coal mixed, pea size and lump. His receipt calls for delivery of 1,000 lbs. of pea and 1,000 lb. bituminous coal in lump for \$16.00.

Some dealers are advertising soft coal at \$13.50 a ton and the hard at \$17.00 a ton; the coal delivered to Mr. Morton actually came to about \$38.00 a ton, for when half of it was sifted out it was found that 55 per cent. was rock and 45 per cent. coal. This rock in former days was sifted out from the coal at the mines. Now the consumer pays for it.

Magistrate Ellis said that he did not believe there was a law to protect citizens in this respect and suggested seeing Mr. McRuer, Crown Attorney.

Mr. McRuer said it would have to be a matter for civil action, and doubted if a charge of fraud could be substantiated. "The dealer," he said, "might not have known the character of the goods."

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