

For The Quiet Hour

REV. HENRY J. SCUDDER, OF THE ARCOT MISSION IN South India, writes in the Bible Society Record of a young man who had bitterly opposed some of the outcaste villagers who had been baptized. One day he became, as the people say, possessed of a demon, the symptoms resembling closely the New Testament description of demon possession. The native pastor whom he attacked sent for a Bible and when it arrived, he ordered the young man to listen to the words recorded in the fifth chapter of Mark. As he read he prayed earnestly that by the power of the Word the demon would be cast out of the young man before him. With solemnity he read the words of the Master, "Come forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man." When he had finished reading the passage, he said, "Such is the power of my High Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. What have you to say now? Upon this, to the astonishment of every one, the demon-possessed young man lifted his hands over his head, clapped them together three times, and fell down in a swoon, and the demon was gone! His relatives lifted him up to a sitting posture, and he opened his eyes; his tenseness was all gone, and he was his natural self.

DR. FRANCIS E. CLARK, FOUNDER OF THE CHRISTIAN Endeavor Society forty-two years ago, reports progress in many lands. During the last two years more than 6,000 new Christian Endeavor Societies have been formed in the United States alone, and in every State a net gain of from five to forty per cent. In numbers has been made. Latvia, Esthonia, Finland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, all are making progress in Christian Endeavor lines. Two consecrated young Finnish Endeavorers have recently been in America, holding evangelistic meetings among their own countrymen with blessed results. A National Christian Endeavor Union has been recently formed in Portugal, almost the last country in Europe that was not thus equipped. For the first time an all South American Christian Endeavor convention has been held in Sao Paulo, with delegates from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, and a number of the Brazilian States. From Australasia comes the most soul-stirring meetings in Brisbane, Queensland, with hundreds of delegates, scores coming from South Australia, 1,500 miles away, and some from New Zealand, equally far removed by sea.—The Continent.

AMONG THE HOPEFUL SIGNS OF PROGRESS TOWARD Christian unity, the secretary of the World Conference on Faith and Order notes the following: In Canada the Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians have reached almost the final stage of union and Methodists and Anglicans are appointing commissions to confer. In England, members of the Church of England and of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Moravian and Presbyterian Churches held remarkable conferences last winter. In Australia, Anglicans, Baptists, Christians, Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians are discussing the matter seriously. The Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland have almost completed their reunion. In Egypt, members of the Church of England and the Greek Orthodox, the Coptic, the Syrian Orthodox, the Armenian, and the Presbyterian Churches are continuing hopeful conferences.

OUT OF THE FORTY-SEVEN MEN NAMED AS THE GREAT- est living Chinese in a recent competition held in China to discover China's greatest men, twelve were mission-trained Christians and members of the Chinese Reformed Church. This church has a membership of less than half a million, or one in every eight hundred of the population; yet, judging by the votes cast, the influence of Christian men in the State is as one to four. For the encouragement of the missionary, The North China Daily News, in commenting on the competition, says:

"These Christians all passed through mission schools, and must owe a considerable measure of their success in life to the training there received. . . . A boy coming under the influence of a cultured and enthusiastic teacher (and such we judge most missionaries to be) cannot fail to be impressed by him, and have his mind turned in the direction of progress and reform. We confess to a feeling that it is all for the good of China that so many men fitted to influence their fellows have come out of Christian institutions."

FOR THOSE WITH A PASSION FOR STATISTICS THE following figures of Roman Catholicism and Protestantism may be of interest. The total population of the globe amounts to approximately 1,537 millions. Of these Roman Catholicism claims 265 millions and Protestantism 202 millions. The totals for Europe are 191 millions of Roman Catholics and 109 millions of Protestants. Contrary to the general impression, these figures compare not unfavorably with those of 50 years ago, when there were in Europe about 74 millions of Protestants as against 147 millions of Catholics. In the United States the Roman Catholic population is 15 millions as against 81 millions Protestant. The percentage of Protestants to the whole population of the world has risen from 7.9 in 1872 to 11.7 in 1918. Something of the magnitude of the task that still awaits the Church may be realized when it is remembered that paganism still outnumbered Christianity by almost two to one, 850 millions of people being still in the darkness of heathendom.

THE FOLLOWING REASONS ARE QUOTED BY "THE RECORD OF CHRISTIAN WORK" why we should read the Bible and pray in the morning:

- We owe first things to God.
- We are most likely to be able to secure a quiet time in the morning.
- There is much danger of Bible study and prayer being crowded out entirely if it is not enjoyed in the morning.
- The mind is then free and fresh.
- First impressions last.
- Bible study and prayer make a good foundation for the day.
- We should seek a high level start.
- By this we are put on guard against sin.
- Many good and holy persons recommend this as one of the chief secrets of the deep spiritual living.
- There is Biblical authority for the habit: "My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up."

THE NINETY-FIRST PSALM IS AS ONE OF THE HEAVEN- ly mansions dropped upon the earth, through whose hallowed courts the troubled ones can safely walk in the companionship of the king of glory.

The 91st Psalm is like the mines of Cornwall, of which it is said that the deeper they are sunk the richer they prove. Though some lodes have been followed a thousand and even fifteen hundred feet, they have not come to an end.

The 91st Psalm is like the myrtle tree that the heathen naturalist Pliny tells of. A spray of it carried in the hand prevented the body from weariness, and so exhilarated one that no despondency or discouragement was experienced.

REV. S. R. ANDERSON, OF SOOCHOW, CHINA, REPORTS IN "The Missionary Voice": "At Wushih the manager of one of the silk filatures has turned over two rows of two-storey houses to the Church and is giving an annual contribution of \$500 for work among his women employees. The Church has a free hand; and if it succeeds he says he is ready to increase his gifts. A kindergarten, sewing classes and night classes are being conducted in these buildings. The preacher is cooperating all he can. We have also rented a residence and chapel near this place for work among the workers in the brick yard and factories."

SAID REV. S. M. ZWENER IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance in Toronto: "The Bible is the best selling book all the way from the Euphrates to the Nile. The Missionary Press cannot begin to meet the demand for Christian literature."

A MAN ONCE SAID TO A POLICEMAN: "IF I HAD A backer like you I would not be afraid to go anywhere in this wicked city." "You might have a mightier backer than I," was the reply. "for if you go on God's errands he will take care of you better than I could. Read the 91st Psalm, and see if I am not right about it!"

ONE REASON WHY THE BIBLE IS DISLIKED BY MANY people is that it is such an extreme book. It never advocates compromise. It says, "No man can serve two masters," "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." It is not given to the use of euphemisms. It says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell."—G. H. C. Macgregor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of May 7, 1903.

Money at 4 1/2 per cent.—MacKay & Dunn.

The walls are up on Mr. E. Kinnee's new house on Garafraxa St. Mr. John O'Donnell, a very old gentleman of the town, died Tuesday evening.

The cement mill is working full capacity and large shipments are being made daily.

There is considerable stir in the building line. In addition to places referred to in previous issues we may add a row of four new residences on Bruce street between Lambton and George streets. Mr. Sparling is putting up two pressed brick buildings, Mr. Catton one and we understand Mr. Crawford intends to add another.

A pretty wedding was solemnized April 30 when Miss Islay Jean Coult's daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Coult's of Durham, and Mr. James Ferguson Giles were united in marriage by Rev. John Neil at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The stone work of Mr. Aljoe's new house is now completed.

Since the taking of the census in 1901 the population of Durham has increased from 1,424 to 1,714.

The Town Council has decided on the advisability of getting a street sprinkler and has written for terms.

Mr. P. O'Neil of Mulock, advertises his farm for sale on easy terms.

The two down-town hotels were opened on Monday morning, each under a new management, Mr. Allan McDougall in the Knapp House and Mr. Stockton of St. Thomas as successor to Val. Hahn in the Middaugh House. Mr. Hahn retires after spending two years and eight months here.

The lacrosse club purpose celebrating the King's birthday on Monday, May 25. Among the features of the day will be a calithumpian procession.

Mrs. (Dr.) Jamieson left Monday morning for Toronto, where she intends to spend a year or so.

GREY COUNTY CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED AT CALGARY

A meeting of former residents of Grey County, Ontario, was held in the Board of Trade rooms in Calgary on April 12 for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a Grey Old Boys and Girls' Association in Calgary. About twenty-five former residents of Grey County were present and it was decided to go ahead with the organization of the Association and for this purpose a committee was named to attend to details and draw up a constitution. It was also decided to hold a banquet for all former residents of Grey in the near future when the formal organization of the Association will take place. A list of all former residents of Grey County is being made up and in order that none may be overlooked it is requested that all former residents of Grey County living in Calgary or district would forward their names to Mr. I. W. McArdle, 303 Maclean Block, Calgary. It is also requested that present residents of Grey knowing the addresses of former residents now living in the Calgary district would forward them to Mr. McArdle as it is desired to have the list as complete as possible.

Had Chilly Experience.

David Rutherford and Clarence Schultz of Owen Sound, while taking a canoe ride in the harbor at Owen on Monday of last week had an upset and were in the ice-cold water forty minutes before being rescued about midnight near the Grand Trunk docks. Victor Richards heard their cries for help and arrived in the nick of time.

He Was Well Recommended.

A kind-hearted farmer dismissed a hired man who used to steal grain and vegetables. For the sake of his wife and family, however, he gave him a testimonial worded thus: "I hereby certify that A. B. has been my farm hand for over two years, and during that time he has got more off my farm than any other man I ever employed."

ANOTHER U. F. O. GIVES VIEWS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS

The following letter has been received from a Chronicle reader who is evidently getting worked up now that the Provincial election is but two short months away—or less. He says:

Dear Sir,—I see by The Chronicle that some of the Grit U.F.O.'s are beginning to wander, but there are people who would not be satisfied if they had a member who would give them their land and give them free taxes. I believe they would then want them to do their work. I fail to see where they have anything on either of the old parties as to grafting, and they had their time. I fail to see what great success they made of it. Some of our forefathers are forever howling about the good old times there were in the farming community when the Conservatives were in power, and others howl about the times when the grasshoppers were here and after the Liberals got in power how the grasshoppers made their disappearance and immediately the good times came.

Well, there was a war on since then, and our country is in a heavy debt. That we know, and also that our taxes have gone up and are bound to go up more.

I would like to ask some of those Grit U.F.O.'s how many farmers had cars in the time of the Ross Government or the John A. Macdonald Government, or even in Lauriers' time? How many received \$4.50 to \$6.00 a cord for 16-inch wood, and buzz-wood at that? And they had to pay 10c. a pound for sugar. They forget, I suppose, when they sold their sheep for from 75c. to \$1.50 apiece, and four-year-old steers for from \$16 to \$18 apiece. They forget when they drew logs out for seven to twelve dollars a thousand. This all happened in the past.

Not many years ago I reaped those harvests. I sawed 22-inch hard maple and drew it out and sold it for 90c. a cord, and the tree brought me something like \$3.20. To-day, the same tree would be worth about \$35, over ten times as much, and the work is no harder than formerly. The better roads make the drawing much easier. At the same time I bought a set of plain black harness and it took 33 cords of 22-inch wood to pay for them. Recently I bought a new brass-mounted set of heavier and better harness, and better material, for 20 cords of 16-inch wood—and buzz-wood at that.

I venture to say the U.F.O. are making some mistakes, but if any man can prove to me that Conservatives or Liberals never made mistakes, they can gain another voter and not one, but half a dozen right here.

Where we got to step, and step lively, is on the combines and unions and teachers' salaries and lawyers and doctors' fees, and ministers getting up in the air, and those 8-hour a day men, and girls running machines that should be run by men. If these things were readjusted the results might be different.

They go hard on manufacturing companies and middle-men, but I fail to see how we can get along without them. With a poorer quality of raw material, higher prices, insurance, compensation, taxes, sales tax and government restrictions the manufacturer has a hard time to carry on; just like the rest of us.

As to the middleman, it hardly seems fair that the farmer should have the hard work and worry and the middleman the big end of the profits. For butter we get only 35c. a pound for it, while our brothers in the city have to pay from 55c. to 60c. for the same butter. But what about the butter that turns out bad on the middleman, and he has to bear the loss, and still get his expenses to carry on? The work cannot be done for nothing.

We have all got our troubles, but let us reason together. We can not fight the battle alone. If we all get together and strike and strike hard I'll venture to say we'll win. We have the best land on the globe to prosper in and we have what other countries envy us for. We have the fertility, the mines, the minerals.

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the timber, the fisheries. We have the rivers to convert into power to do our bidding. We have the railroads and water stretches to handle our transportation, our manufacturing industries to convert the raw material into the finished product, and in a general way we might say we have the best equipped country in the world. What we lack most is population, and to increase this by the ordinary immigration stuff is not my liking.

Well, here's to you, and me, and the rest of us.

EIGHTY-TWO YEARS OLD; ONLY TWENTY-ONE BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Riddell, a highly respected resident of the Hopeville district, died on Friday last at the age of 82 years. He was born on the 29th of February, 1840, and had only 21 birthdays. For many years, up to a few months ago, he ran a sawmill at Hopeville. He is survived by three sons and three daughters, Will, George, Ferguson, and Mrs. G. Smith of Hopeville, Mrs. A. Watson of Pense, Sask., and Mrs. K. Ellis of Arthur.

The funeral was held Saturday to Lundak cemetery.

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