

### For The Quiet Hour

THE TWO SEAS  
(By B. Campbell.)

**The Sea of Galilee**  
I looked upon a sea,  
'Twas bright and blue  
Around its shores were life  
And verdant hue.  
'Twas fed by many rills  
With fountains source  
On Hermon's snowy peak  
Whence Jordan's course,  
But Galilee's blue sea  
Lives not alone  
Because it gets these streams  
As all its own.  
It lives because it gives  
Its waters blue  
To other shores, and then  
It fills anew.

**The Dead Sea.**  
I looked upon a sea  
And lo, 'twas dead  
Although by Hermon's snows  
And Jordan fed.  
How came a fate so dire?  
The tale's soon told;  
All that it got it kept  
And fast did hold.  
All tributary streams  
Found there their grave  
Because this sea received  
But never gave.  
O Lord, help me my best  
Myself, to give  
That I may others bless  
And like Thee live.

WHAT HAS CHRISTIANITY DONE FOR THE WORLD? Frequently even in this day we hear the question asked. A few days ago in "The Life of Faith" we came across the following extract from a letter which Mr. Gladstone wrote to a friend. The greatest statesman of the nineteenth century and staunch defender of the Christian faith sets forth in the following words a few of the benefits that the Gospel of Christ has conferred upon the world:

"I say, then, choosing points of the most definite character, that Christianity abolished (1) gladiatorial shows and other specimens of horrid cruelty to man; (2) human sacrifices; (3) polygamy; (4) exposure of children; (5) slavery (in its old form, and has nearly accomplished the work in its new); (6) cannibalism. Next, Christianity drove into the shade all unnatural lusts and, indeed, all irregular passions. But the former is effectually stamped as infamous. Next, Christianity established (1) generally speaking, the moral and social equality of women; (2) the duty of relieving the poor, the sick and the afflicted; (3) the peace, instead of war, as the ordinary, normal presumptive relation between nations. Here is a goodly list. I speak not of what it taught. It taught the law of mutual love. It proscribed all manner of sin. But the preceding particulars refer to what, besides saying, it did; besides trying, it accomplished. And in every one of these instances, except in glaring contrast, not with barbarous, but with the most highly civilized life, such as it was, exhibited by the Greeks and of Romans in the most famous ages of both. Now, I think that is a fair statement not easily shaken. I admit that many of these results are negative. And as to those of them which are positive, there are other and higher results in the excellence and perfection of the human soul individually; but I have taken such as are palpable, and, I think, undeniable."

IT IS THE TEN MINUTES AFTER PRAYER THAT MATTER. You say your prayers, but before God has time to answer you are up from your knees and off. We do not hear what the answer is: we do not wait to hear what it is. It may be that for years God has been trying to say something to us, but we have never given him time to speak to us, "Be still, and know that I am God."—Bishop of London.

A PRIVATE, SERVING WITH THE AMERICAN ENGINEERS in France, in reply to a letter his pastor had written him urging his immediate acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord, said: "I owe you a debt of gratitude I can never repay for the faith which your letter more than anything else helped me to gain. I guess there's always a time when men ask themselves just what there is to eternity, if there's a God, and if so where, etc. When that time comes there's nothing helps like someone who knows." A consecrated pen always carries evangelistic ink. Paul's did. Why doesn't ours?

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM CARRIED ON AMONG THE Australian aborigines at Monamona is demonstrating the uplifting power of the gospel among people of whom it was said that they could not be civilized. Some of these people have become faithful servants of Christ. John Williams taught the natives of the Society Islands how to build houses, make chairs and other furniture, and build boats without nails. He also showed them how to get a building plaster out of coral. It was said of him that he never lost an opportunity of leading a soul to Christ, no matter what he was doing.

A MISSION TO INDIA WAS RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY the Church of England, not a mission to convert Mohammedans, Brahmans, Buddhists, or Parsees; it is a mission to Europeans in India. The work of the twenty-five clergymen and six women missionaries will be among the official classes, the military forces in the large commercial and business community, and in the schools of English-speaking children. This mission, planned seven years ago but delayed by the Great War, is in answer to the appeal of the Anglican bishops in India who have long felt the need of a quickening of the spiritual life of their own countrymen.

PRESIDENT A. J. BOWEN OF NANKING UNIVERSITY HAS this to say of the anti-Christian agitation that was set in motion at the time of the World's Student Christian Convention last year: "The movement carried on for a time a rather widespread propaganda against Christianity in certain magazines and papers, but the criticisms of Christianity were in general so sweeping and contrary to the facts, and the leaders were, apparently, so lacking in constructive plans or policies, that it has had relatively little influence, and seems to be dying out. It has by no means been a harmful thing for Christianity or the church. It has brought Christianity to the attention of multitudes who otherwise would have given it no attention, and it has stimulated the leaders of the church to greater care to eliminate from the church manifest defects, and to zeal in Chinese leadership and the really vital elements of our faith."

A STORY FROM CHINA QUOTED IN THE CURRENT ISSUE of The Missionary Review of the World well illustrates the transforming effect of the Christian gospel on the Chinese mind. The head Chinese teacher in the Union Kindergarten Training School in Peking is an earnest Christian woman, whose parents were killed by the Boxers when she was a little girl. Relatives still living in the home village, and not Christians, have urged her to revenge herself on the man who murdered her mother. Recently she persuaded one of the Christian teachers in Peking to go home with her, and all the village gathered to see and hear her. She told them of her life since leaving home, and continued, "I am not going to revenge as you do. I am going to revenge as a Christian should. I am what I am because the foreigners came here and preached the religion you killed my father and mother for. They believed in educating girls. I want the girls in Tich Chang to have a chance like mine to get this religion and education. So we have come to start a school in memory of my mother, and I want you to let your girls come."

IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO UPROOT CHRISTIANITY THE Communists of Russia have forgotten in the tyranny of custom the lessons of history. In his new book just issued entitled "Victory Out of Ruin," Dr. Norman Maclean of Edinburgh says, in proof of the power of custom, that when nations and empires were perishing they knew it not. "All nations have gone the one road. They have abolished God or the gods! They have cast duty to the winds; they have given themselves to Mammon and to pleasure; and they perished—but they never knew that the world that seemed to them so secure was passing away." Dr. Maclean has no illusions regarding the power of treaties to establish peace in the earth.

You cannot make a treaty when there is no sense of truth and honor. You cannot make a treaty with paganism. There is no truth or honor there for a treaty to rest on. And the world is still overwhelmingly pagan. Europe may have been baptized, and America also, but Asia still dreams that its day will return. Japan is haunted by the dreams of Potsdam, and the hunger of empire is in her eyes. China, India, Africa, and the Turk are not even yet baptized! And yet people think that we have arrived at last within sight of the millennium. The characteristic of humanity is its credulous simplicity. Men cannot rid themselves of the fond belief that they can reform the jungle by manuring the tiger's claws. The deliverance of the world is not by way of renewed or remodelled treaties, but by the old, old way of renewed and converted souls.

### WHAT MAY BE MURDER CLUE UNCOVERED AT WALKERTON

Bruce County Capital Newspaper Gives Details of What May Prove to be Another Bluebeard Tragedy.

A Walkerton nimrod while hunting in Allen's bush west of town on Saturday afternoon, says last week's Walkerton Herald and Times, lowered his gun to watch a man and a woman in a Gray Dort drive by. As there was nothing unusual about this he renewed his bombardment, but again stopped the artillery when the gent returned alone, and anchoring his bus in the centre of the swamp, and stepping into the bush threw a parcel clandestinely into the thicket. The local came out and conversed with the stranger who seemed somewhat excited and after sizing him up suffered him to depart without getting his number. Going later into the swall where he had seen him do the tossing stunt he came upon a big bundle of papers all covered with blood. Thinking that there might be some connection between the absence of the woman and the presence of the blood, he came into Walkerton and notified the police, and instantly stories of a murder were rampant about town. As nearly an hour had elapsed between the time when the pair were last seen together and the occasion on which the gent returned unaccompanied and deposited the gory bundle, the period was sufficient to permit of a sensational tragedy being enacted in some secluded spot further up the road. Whether there is one less woman because the man came back alone and threw some blood-stained papers into the thicket is something the immediate future may have to decipher.

### TORONTO PRINTING HOUSES WELL-PAID FOR WORK

Local Printers Generally Are Much Lower in Their Prices Than Those in the Big City.

At the last meeting of the Mount Forest Town Council, Mr. A. W. Wright presented his account for the printing of Voters' Lists. The report of the meeting states that "in regard to this account some discussion took place as the amount seemed large, caused by the increased number of names on the list. The rate per page, \$2.75, is the same as for several years. Chairman Young of the Printing and Education Committee had written to printers in Toronto and London and received offers to print the list at \$3.50 and \$3.00 per page."

It is the same old story. Far away fields look green, and while there may at times on the surface appear certain things that make it look as if the local printer is staging a "hold-up," it can generally bear investigation. It is easy enough for flip travellers to quote certain prices for a certain class of work, especially if he is informed beforehand that the local printer is in on the figure, too, but it is quite another thing to get the printing house to accept these same contracts at the prices quoted.

### MILDMAY MAN DIED SUDDENLY AT LONDON STATION

Veteran of Great War Expired From Hemorrhage While Waiting For Train For Hamilton.

Stanley Schwalm, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Schwalm of Mildmay expired very suddenly at London a week ago last Thursday. He had arranged with his parents to go on a visit to his brother at Buffalo and had gone on Wednesday to London to consult an ear specialist expecting to rejoin his parents at Hamilton on Friday and proceed together to Buffalo. On Thursday afternoon he purchased a ticket to Hamilton and while waiting for the train was suddenly seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs and before medical aid could be secured life was extinct. The body lay on a stretcher on the station lawn until the arrival of the coroner but an inquest was not considered necessary. The deceased was thirty years of age and contracted tuberculosis while serving with the Canadian army in France. Interment was made at Mildmay.

### A LETTER FROM THE WEST

Interesting Communication Received by Ronald Giles of Town From James Langrill, Who Went West On Harvesters' Excursion.—The Birth of a New Poet.

Dear Ron:  
Just a line to say I'm fine  
And tell you this also,  
I like the West, I think the best,  
Of the many lands I know.  
Before we left for this long trip,  
Folks thought, we know right well,  
That if we had no friends out here  
It really would be hell.  
But I will show you, Ron, old boy,  
In verses yet to come,  
That instead of hell it was real joy  
Which happened here to some.  
We left the train at Rosetown,  
A Western village, small,  
Where we met a man named Haller,  
A man both kind and tall.  
He took us to his dwelling-place,  
Gave us a dinner swell,  
And said "If you have no other place  
You all may with me dwell."  
We stopped there over Sunday,  
And then on Monday, next,  
His son and son-in-law came out  
And took us all, by Heck.  
They took us to their homes of fair,  
Wide, rolling Western lands,  
And showed us bed and bedding  
As though we were their lambs.  
Then early the next morning  
We rose with much delight,  
And saw the sun ascending;  
'Twas a most lovely sight.  
For harvest, we were too early,  
But that's better than too late,  
So, Wesley went to haying,  
And I to cultivate.  
I hooked up a six-horse team.  
It sure seemed strange and queer;  
I really felt a kinder green  
To the ways of farming here.  
As I drove them on and on  
Had I trouble? Not the least,  
No more than with a 2-horse team  
In a narrow lane, back East.  
Now, I only have been here 3 days,  
So I think I've done my best,  
To let you know what I have learned  
While travelling through the West.  
Well, that's as far as I have gone,  
So I'll let you know again,  
Just how well we get along  
When handling the grain.  
So long! Hoping this finds you  
Well, I remain,  
Your friend, as ever,  
JAS. M. LANGRILL,  
Box 61,  
Elrose, Sask.  
c/o R. J. Haller.

### For Why, Ain't It?

A bank manager rang up one of his Jew customers to inform him his account was overdrawn. "Well, vat of it? Vull you look up and tell me vat my balance vas at April 30?" Presently came the answer, "You had a balance of \$157." "Vell, did I ring you up to tell you that?" and the Jew rang off.

### HOW TO KILL THE MINISTER

1. Complain because the minister does not call as often as you think he ought to. Forget that he must prepare two sermons each week; must marry the living and bury the dead, and be all things to all men.
2. Criticize his family, especially his wife. Say "She takes up too much of his time, she tries to run the Church, she is not in sympathy with his work, she has too many hats, she dresses too well, or not well enough."
3. Pay him a tinker's wage and expect a Titan's work, and be sure that his "hire" is always months behind.
4. Tell others that you don't like him; but never tell him why. If you told him he might show you wherein you were mistaken; then you would need to apologize to him for talking behind his back.
5. Criticize his sermons. Say "He's too old-fashioned in theology, or he's too liberal; his sermons are too long; he's too closely confined to his notes; he's tiresome, stupid, monotonous." Never tell him his sermon helped you; that might make him puffed up.
6. Go to some other church because you don't like your minister, and because the other minister is more sensational, more dramatic, more educated, more orthodox, more heterodox, more anything else that suits your fancy.

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### PRICE SETTING AND PRICE FIXING

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Any number of persons have a right to agree on a selling price for their services or products. If this price cannot be secured they have a right, after due notice, individually or collectively, to withdraw from such service or production.  
What people have no right to do is to bolster up their position by coercion or restriction. They have no right to prevent other people from engaging in similar service or production. They have no right to penalize other people who place a lower estimate on their services or products.  
The strike, the lockout, the boycott, are very questionable means of settling disputes and fixing prices. They are liable to great abuses.  
People engaged in public services on which the business, the safety, the health and the lives of the community depend should not have the right to strike. Other means must be found of settling disputes. There is always the right, after due notice, of individual withdrawal from service, or individual dismissal if conditions are not satisfactory on either side.  
The law of supply and demand should have free play. The principle of the open shop should be the one to prevail. Otherwise monopolistic labor is apt to be quite as unreasonable, tyrannous and selfish as mon-

### MUNICIPALITIES PAY THE SHOT

(Chesley Enterprise.)  
The cost of providing special voters' lists for provincial elections was formerly paid by the Legislature. This year the cost of advertising judges' courts for the whole riding and the salaries of members of the Election Board is assessed on the municipalities according to county assessment. We never thought we would live to see the day when part of the expense of conducting a provincial election would be shouldered on the municipalities, but it has come to pass before the millennium. We are getting nearer direct taxation all the time.

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