

### For The Quiet Hour

#### THE FOUR GATES

By C. L. Cowan, in "East and West."

Somewhere I have read that Caius College, Cambridge, is the proud possessor of four handsome gates that impress all who see them.

As you enter the College from the street the first gate through which you pass is the gate of "humility." Go a little farther in and the next gate you enter is that of "wisdom." Still proceeding, you arrive at the gate of "virtue." Then, so my information goes, "at the farthest side of the quadrangle there is the finest gate of them all, richly sculptured and surmounted by a cupola—the gate of "honor," through which the student passes, after completing his curriculum, on his way to the Senate House to be capped for his degree."

Let us look at these gates in the order given above. First, the gate of Humility. The truly great men are humble in nature. The would-be great are not. General Gordon, one of Britain's most beloved soldiers, was the most approachable of men, and the humblest soldier of the ranks could get an audience with him. But the secret of that humility of Gordon's lay undoubtedly in the fact that he was a man given to much prayer. Every day in his campaigns he made it a rule, "midst the pressure of other duties, to have at last half an hour's communion with his Heavenly Father. When his handkerchief lay outside his tent, all his officers and men knew that on no account must he be disturbed—that time was God's time! This led to the famous general becoming like his Master, the Lord Jesus, who humbled himself to live and suffer with and for men though He had equality with God.

Pride is wrong; it is not of God; it is condemned by God. No youth makes a mistake who prays that the mind of Jesus may be in him. This is a sure way of entering the gate of Humility.

Our next gate is that of Wisdom. A wiser person than any one of us has said that wisdom is above rubies. It is also above knowledge. I used to think of wisdom as knowledge; but now I think of it as a wise way of using knowledge! If we think of wisdom as common sense we get near to its meaning. A story will explain.

Two gallant knights met one summer's day in the olden time, in the still greenwood, and soon got into a high dispute about a very small matter.

A broad shield hung between them, fastened to the branch of a tree. Neither of the knights knew to whom it belonged, or why it was left hanging there, and each began to ask the other concerning it.

"Whose is this white shield?" "White? Do you call it white? Why, it is black!" "Do you take me for blind, or a fool, that you tell me what mine own eyes can see is false?"

And so the words were bandied about from one to the other, until the dispute became so violent that they had actually drawn their swords for a bloody conflict, when a third knight came riding towards them,—a man of noble bearing and serene, calming eyes. Looking at the angry men, he said, "You should be brothers in arms. Why do I see these passionate gestures, and hear these fierce words?"

Each knight made haste to explain the imposition which the other had tried to practise on him. The stranger smiled, and riding to the one side of the shield, and then to the other, he said very quietly, "Do not charge with your weapons just yet. Change places!"

They did so, and behold the knight who had seen the white side of the shield saw now the black side also; and the knight who had been ready to do battle for the black stood face to face with the white side. Ashamed of their hot haste, they apologized one to the other, and rode out of the greenwood as good friends as ever.

The passionate knights needed common sense, wisdom. We used to hear that the greatest needs of men were, Grit, Go and Gumption,—maybe, and, if they are, to my mind, the greatest of these is Gumption! We need wisdom; it certainly is a gate well worth going through.

The gate of Virtue is the third. No one will ever regret being good. Goodness is eternal. Tom Moore wrote, "That life and time shall fade away, While heaven and virtue bloom forever."

Virtue enables you to look others straight in the eye without flinching, and as Moliere said, is the first title to nobility. The true aristocrats of the earth are our good people.

Not only is virtue a splendid thing in life, it is helpful at the end. When Sir Walter Scott lay dying he said to Lockhart: "Be a good man; be virtuous, be religious. Nothing else can give you comfort when you come to lie here." Surely the gate of virtue is a tempting one!

The fourth and final gate is that of Honor. It is a splendid thing to retain one's honor untarnished, to play the game right through life. Some have sold their birthright of honor for a mere mess of pottage; but others have gallantly refused. Of the latter kind was Sir Arthur Wellesley, afterwards Duke of Wellington. Samuel Smiles tells us that Sir Arthur was offered a large sum of money by the prime minister of the Court of Hyderabad, for the purpose of ascertaining what advantages had been reserved for his Prince after the battle of Assaye. Sir Arthur looked at him quietly for a few seconds and said:

"It appears, then, that you are capable of keeping a secret?" "Yes, certainly," replied the prime minister. "Then sa am I," said Wellesley, and with that he bowed the minister out.

Throughout life we shall be placed in positions that require strictest integrity; but you need have no fear of yourself if you have passed through the gates of Humility, Wisdom and Virtue. These, through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, enable you to walk, head erect, eyes serene, through the gate of Honor to receive your reward.

EDUCATORS TELL US THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE PART of education is atmosphere. Also that daily life is a university, the home is a college, the office, factory and farm are high schools with more courses than any university can offer. These are the only places where most of us get the opportunity of a college education.

THE SON OF BISHOP BERKELEY ONCE ASKED HIS FATHER what was the difference between the cherubim and seraphim. His father replied that the word "cherubim" came from a Hebrew word signifying "knowledge," and that "seraphim" came from a Hebrew word meaning "burning," from which it was inferred that the seraphim were spirits famed for their burning love. The boy said, "I hope when I die I shall be a seraph, for I would rather love God than know all things."

What would knowledge, religion or life itself be without love? The lad chose wisely. His choice included all things because "love is the greatest thing that God can give us, for himself is love; and it is the greatest thing we can give to God, for it will also give ourselves, and carry with it all that is ours."

A LAWYER ONCE ASKED THE QUESTION: "HOW CAN ONE get rid of so many appeals?" "That is easily enough," was the reply. "Just stop giving altogether, and in a little while the public will find it out, and will let you severely alone as they do many others."

"Yes," said the lawyer, "I suppose that is so, but what would be the effect upon me if I should stop giving?" "Why, your soul would probably grow small just in proportion as your bank account grew large."

Who wants to pay such a price for the privilege of withholding?

THE LORD GOD PLANTED A GARDEN The Lord God planted a garden In the first white days of the world, And He sent an angel warden In a garment of light entangled.

So near to the space of heaven That the hawk might nest with the wren, For there in the cool of the even God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden closes, With their shade and their sun-flecked sod, And their lilies and bowers of roses Were laid by the hand of God,

The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth— One is nearer God's heart in a garden Than anywhere else on earth.

—Dorothy Frances Gurney.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of September 24, 1903.

Rev. H. R. Diehl, rector at Tara, will conduct Harvest Thanksgiving service here and at Allan's School on Sunday next. Dr. Brown of Holstein will render special music.

What Must the Young Man Be Who Asks My Hand in Marriage, was Rev. Mr. Newton's topic Sunday night, when he addressed a packed house in the Baptist Church.

Miss Banks was in the city last week when she made extensive purchases in some of the newest things in fancy goods.

Mr. Harry Benton is the first in town to secure a diploma for engineering from the International School at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Wray R. Smith and Mrs. Smith, who were spending a holiday with friends at Winona and Grimsby had their visit cut short on account of the death of Maud Irwin.

We are pleased to learn of the safe return of Miss Belle MacKenzie from Denver, Kansas City and other Western centres.

The Chronicle will reach its readers late this week. No apology is made beyond saying that in our opinion before the issue is read through and the unfortunate bereavement of the Editor, which compelled his absence from the office, is known, none will be needed. The Fall Fair Prize List has taken much time and the grouping of such untoward circumstances is entirely beyond our control. The several departments of the paper which have made it characteristic of the Editor are necessarily omitted. The office staff—and a fine, courteous lot of young people they are, too—and the temporary scribbler, have done their best. If you like the paper, tell the editor about it, if you do not like it, bury your dislike in the oblivion of silence and pray that sorrow may never again darken the dim recesses of the editor's sanctum.

On account of our forced absence this week we have handed over the editorial quill to Inspector Campbell who will fill our place well, and to whom we are exceedingly grateful for the services so willingly rendered.

Garafaxa street is gradually changing its old-time appearance. The old warehouse on the south side of the Mocker property, recently purchased by Mr. Limin, is being refitted for a butcher shop where, doubtless, the new proprietor will soon cater to the wants of his many customers. It is a pity the old building could not be replaced by a brick structure more in harmony with its closest neighbor, the Beggs Block.

Last week was a red letter one in the little village of Ayton, for it was then the first sod was turned for the binder twine factory.

Married.—On Wednesday, September 23, by Rev. William Farquharson, William John Vessie of Bentinck to Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Ritchie of Glenelg.

This week The Chronicle goes to its many readers without the friendly supervision of the editor-in-chief. Any defect in its make-up or matter will be kindly dealt with when it is known that untrained hands have taken up the quill that sorrow has compelled him to lay down. This week he passes through one of the severest trials through which mortal man is called to pass. After two brief weeks of struggle with typhoid fever his daughter, Maud, on Monday morning peacefully resigned her spirit to the Great Father above, leaving her little sister, Rita, and

her father behind to bear the load of grief and the silent pain which such a bereavement inevitably brings to sensitive souls. Brother Frank, too, in a distant and foreign land, will mourn his departed sister, for he loved Maud with a brother's strong love. In all his wanderings he did not fail to write to her of his doings and doubtless he will rejoice, now that she is gone, in having performed his duty of love.

### KNOWLEDGE OF CANADA VERY LIMITED, SAYS JUDGE

Walkerton Judge Returns From Michigan.—Americans Poor On Geography and Think Canadians Pay Their Taxes to the King of England.

Judge Klein of Walkerton arrived home a week ago after spending a couple of weeks at Battle Creek, Michigan and, according to The Telescope, His Honor states that there were no less than fifteen hundred guests and patients at the sanitarium, most of the countries of the world being represented in the cosmopolitan crowd. In conversation with Americans from different parts of the States he was impressed, as he had been on former occasions, with the scant knowledge many Yankees have of this country. They would ask if Ontario was in Canada. Some had the impression that Canadians paid taxes to the King of England. The Judge found business conditions a bit dull in Michigan. The fact that almost the entire working population have to finance the upkeep of cars, many of them high-priced ones, makes it bad for some other lines of business when money is not plentiful. Years ago every workman's home had a little outhouse. Now it is a garage.

### BRUCE COUNTY YOUTH WON VALUABLE PRIZE

Brant Township Boy Captured \$100 Prize for Happy Title.

Recently the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company, for which Mr. A. J. Fehrenbach is the local dealer, offered cash prizes for the best title for a picture in which a group of men were painting a building and a small boy got a can on the sly and was dabbing a red coat on his dog. The first prize for Canada, says The Walkerton Telescope, has been won by Master Hugh V. Johnston, son of Mr. John Johnston of Brant, who suggested the happy title, "The Paint That Won't Bark Off." Hugh gets \$100 cash for his clever answer. The second prizewinner is a British Columbia man and the third prize goes to the Province of Quebec.

### MOTOR CAR LICENSE FEES MAY BE RAISED NEXT YEAR

Motor vehicle licenses may cost more next year. While in Stratford recently Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, hinted that the price of car licenses would have to be raised to provide revenue necessary for the roads which are being built. Returns from the present fees, he stated, were not keeping pace with the amounts expended for road construction by the province, and further revenue was therefore necessary. No suggestion has yet been made as to the extent of the possible increase. At the present levels, however, the fees payable by the various classes of motor vehicles in Ontario are lower than in several of the provinces.

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### SPANKING BY MACHINE FAVORED AT WINNIPEG

Canadian Association of Child Protection Officers Favor The Lash For Serious Offences.

The question of corporal punishment was discussed last week at a meeting of the conference of the Canadian Association of Child Protection Officers and was ultimately referred to a committee for investigation and a resolution. Most of the speakers favored the use of the lash for serious offences.

"The only thing boys of the bully type understand is physical pain," declared M. Brackin, in charge of the Vancouver detention home. "Lashes for serious offences are the only solution in my opinion."

"Jail is a joke to-day," another protection officer asserted. "Good, warm clothes, comfortable quarters and a moderate amount of labor result in making the average offender more comfortable than at home. Imprisonment is no deterrent to the mentally deficient. The lash to stop social crimes and burglary is the solution."

D. S. Hamilton warned against hasty action, as he declared corporal punishment was the lazy way of correction.

A spanking machine, which would have instruments varying from a broad paddle to a cat-o-nine-tails, and so geared as to be administered with different degrees of severity was advocated to take the place of jail sentences for first offenders under the criminal code, by Crown Prosecutor R. B. Graham, K.C. Mr. Graham is serious about the use of some sort of a machine instead of the infliction of corporal punishment by the human hand and believes that such an innovation would materially reduce the crime record. The offender could be "machine" spanked



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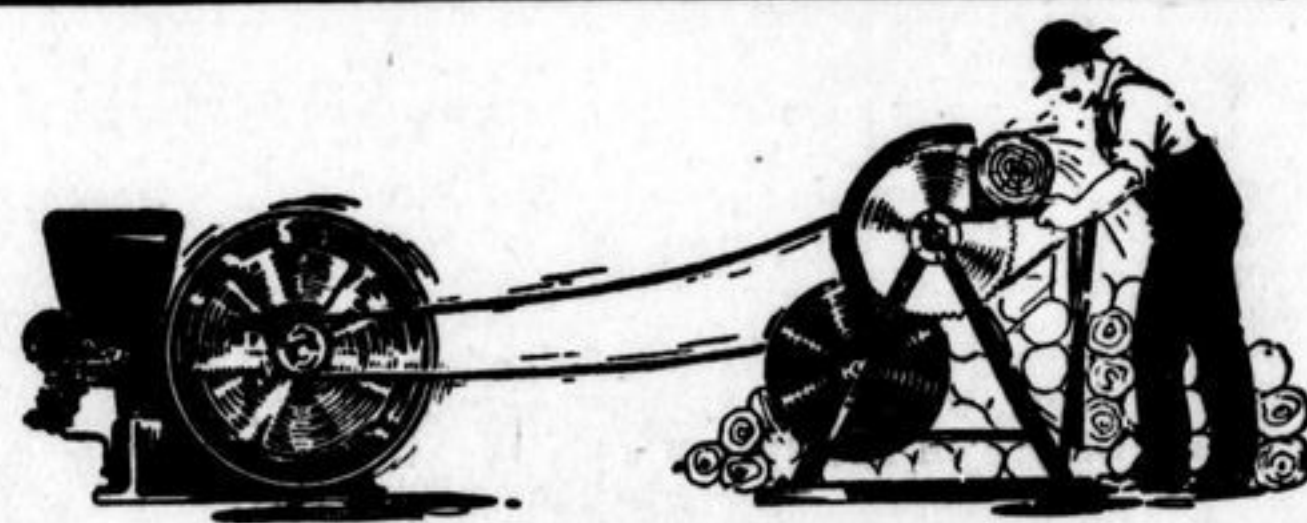
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