

For The Quiet Hour

LIFE'S SYMPHONY

Just to be kind, to be tender and true.
Just to be happy the whole way through.
To lighten the burden for someone each day—
For never again shall I pass this way.

Just to remember that God's in His Heaven,
Just to be thankful for all He has given,
Just to give beauty for ashes away—
For never again shall I pass this way.

To consider the lilies that toil not nor spin,
To fight a good fight in the battle 'gainst sin.
To gather the flowers from my pathway each day—
For never again shall I pass this way.

To smile in the dark when the way seemeth drear,
To speak a kind word some faint heart to cheer,
To give the soft answer that wrath turns away—
For never again shall I pass this way.

Just to love right and hate nothing but wrong,
Just to make life "one grand sweet song."
To lie down in peace at the close of life's day,
And awaken to meet Him, Who once passed this way.
—Ailsa Craig.

REST AND RECREATION

By Esther Hooley.

In order to make more money the owner of a boat decided to run seven days a week. At the end of the season he found that he had lost money. The boiler had become covered with scales as a result of it not having had time to cool off and be properly cleaned. So he decided to give up Sunday work in future.

It has been proven that machinery in order to work efficiently must have rest. How about human beings? The life that accomplishes the greatest amount of good work is the properly balanced one that takes time for needed rest and recreation, that lays aside one day in seven for worship and praise.

So often we foolishly persist in rushing ahead with our work because we know that there is so much to be done. And our loving Father, knowing the weakness of our frame, lays His gentle hand on our throbbing brows and says: "Come ye apart and rest awhile," and on a bed of sickness He talks to us, and reveals truths, which we never would have learned in the rush and stress of daily toil.

Sometimes we are in danger of making life so hard for ourselves that onlookers are apt to think that our God is a taskmaster instead of a loving parent. Work becomes easy when God rules.

GRATITUDE

Few classes of men receive more gratitude than doctors. Nearly all who have been relieved of pain feel that they wish to show some kindness to the physician in addition to the payment of a fee. Especially do family doctors who have attended two or three generations of one family become familiar friends and their names are mentioned with respect and even with love. Special gratitude is felt when deliverance is given from some mental or nervous disorder that causes the patient great discomfort and humiliation. Happy is the doctor who can minister to a mind diseased.

The Great Physician received many evidences of gratitude from those that He healed. Some wanted to worship Him, doubtless many offered to pay Him. Among the crowd there was great curiosity concerning this wonder-worker, but in the hearts of the sufferers who had been cured, was heartfelt gratitude.

GIpsy SMITH RELATES THAT HIS FIRST BIT OF REAL Christian work was done for the British and Foreign Bible Society soon after his conversion. He says: "I was hawking my wares, and as usual ever anxious to get a chance of telling people about Jesus. I went to a large house, and two maids came to the door to see me. I began to preach to them about the Saviour, and I discovered that they were both of them Christian girls. They took me into the kitchen, and we had a nice little conversation together. On the table was a collecting-box, which they told me was one of the British and Foreign Bible Society's boxes. I asked them for a box. Their master was the Secretary of the Bible Society for Cambridge, and when they told him he gave me a box. I carried this in my basket, collecting halfpennies and pennies for the Society. When I took the box back to the man who gave it me I had collected from 15s. to £1. I never felt so proud in my life."

ALMOST A GENERATION AGO THE LATE W. T. STEAD endeavored to ascertain from any notable men and women then living what hymns had helped them most in their lives. The replies he received were compiled and published in a small volume called "Hymns That Have Helped." A similar canvass has just been made in the United States by the well-known musical weekly, The Etude. The five greatest favorites among the 32,000 titles sent in were, in their order of popularity, "Abide With Me," "Nearer My God to Thee," "Lead Kindly Light," "Rock of Ages," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." William Jennings Bryan expresses his preference for Phoebe Cary's "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"; Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, admires more than any other religious verses, Addison's "The Spacious Firmament on High"; Mary Roberts Rinehart prefers "Lead Kindly Light," and so does James H. Rogers, the American composer.

Few there are who have not at some time been moved by the subtle influence of sacred song, and there are more heart throbs enshrined within the hymnbooks of any denomination than in all the poetic anthologies that have ever been compiled. What stories of indubitable human interest are bound up with some of these old hymns and tunes. Within the pages of the Lyra Sacra of the Church men and women through the centuries have found comfort for the soul in time of trouble, joy in days of sorrow, courage for the conflict, and hope and peace at the close of life. How could it be otherwise? Have we not here "the very best thoughts of the best men, expressed in their best language in their best moments"? Through its pages resounds the tramp of the armies of the Church militant, we hear the clash of the conflict in the warfare from which there is no discharge, the shout of the conqueror, the song of the victor, and feel at the long last the prophetic hush of a mighty peace when the trumpet is hung in the hall and war is learned no more. All this and more is to be found within this sacred treasury of song we call the hymnbook.

A SHORT TIME AGO REV. DR. JOHN McNEILL, FOR MANY years minister of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was invited to preach a sermon on a Sunday afternoon in New York to be "broadcast" throughout the United States. His feelings on that occasion are related in these words:

"To stand up in a fine, quiet, 'empty' room—anybody present is behind you, in absolute stillness—and face an upright, five-foot pillar affair with a flat disc on top (not a telephone receiver) at all, isn't exhilarating. And that's all you have to talk to. You feel foolish at first; and pitifully self-conscious. This pillar think neither smiles, nor cries, nor sleeps, nor wakens. Just stands there, while you stand in front of it, and give it heaps and heaps of good advice! Presently, however, imagination begins to work, and you realize that friend pillar, though silent, is taking it all in and passing it faithfully on. To whom? you ask; and where? Ay, there's the wonder! Do you know that that 'Radio' has broadcast the human voice as far north as Hudson Bay, as far east as the Azores, as far south as Yucatan, and as far west as Honolulu? Isn't it amazing! No wonder our friend Frank Goodman had taken me into a corner before service, and had prayed most earnestly for the "power of God to be upon the speaker's tongue."

"It is quite within the range of possibility that one million souls may have heard the message. My text was in the ninth chapter of John and the eleventh verse: 'A man that is called Jesus made clay and anointed mine eyes and said unto me, Go to the Pool of Siloam and wash; and I went, and washed, and I received sight.'"

"If I didn't tell the world a few things about that Man when I got going, then I surely deserve such condemnation as preacher never got before. But prayer was answered. I felt so, at any rate; and the Lord was magnified; the Spirit of God would see to that. You can always depend on Him, when Christ is to be exalted, and extolled, and made very high' (Isa. 52:13). We all felt privileged to take part in such a service. I have since heard from friends in the city, and over in New Jersey, that they heard every word distinctly."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of October 29, 1903.

Inspector Burgess, District Deputy Grand Master of the A.O.U.W., paid an official visit to the lodge here on Monday and ably addressed the members.

There passed away in the person of Joseph Firth of Glenelg, one of the earliest settlers of this locality, at the age of 92 years. Death came to him on Wednesday, the 21st inst., after an illness of six months.

On Monday, the 19th inst., an old pioneer of Egremont in the person of Mr. George Clever passed away. He was born in England in January 1825.

Mrs. M. K. Beaton of Trout Creek died on Monday night last of pneumonia.

Mr. Robert McClinton died last week at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. James McCracken of the second of Glenelg.

Mr. P. H. Thibaudeau of Wetaskiwin will accept congratulations over his success in taking his B. A. extramurally from Queen's University.

The by-law relating to the purchase of the flowing well was voted down last week by a majority of 19.

Mr. Abraham Crutehley raised his new barn on Tuesday last. Messrs. Thomas McFadden and George Binnie were captains and Mr. Binnie won out in the contest.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson died on the 19th inst. He leaves a widow and two small children.—Glenmont cor.

Mr. Alex. Beggs offers his farm stock, implements and household furniture for sale at Lot 46, Con. 3, Bentinck, on Friday, November 6.

MULCHING OF SMALL FRUITS AND PERENNIAL FLOWERS

(Experimental Farms Note.)

Although the mulching of small fruits and perennial flowers is useful in the attaining of several objectives, its chief use is for winter and spring protection. Ordinarily, our common hardy species do not suffer much harm from freezing, but are usually killed by alternate freezing and thawing. By the use of a good safe mulch, properly applied, the plant, after freezing will, as a rule, stay frozen during winter and early spring thaws, and when it finally thaws out, severe weather, and the danger of its again freezing will be over. It frequently happens that a few quite warm days will occur during early spring and the high temperatures not only thaw out unprotected plants, but induce growth as well. Such unseasonable weather may be followed by severe cold which will damage or kill the newly started growth and often kill the plant itself. It is, therefore, evident that a mulch for winter protection is not so much a protection against cold as it is against unseasonable heat by preventing premature thawing and too early growth.

Nature's protection, or mulch, is ideal, although unsightly. The stems of herbaceous plants, after dying, remain upright and catch wind-blown leaves and later snow. As the season advances these stems break down and form a protection in the early spring for the crown of the plant. Shrubbery holds leaves that are blown into it, and anywhere necessary, leaves and litter collect to form an efficient mulch. It is, however, usually desirable to clear up fall litter of this sort, as it has an untidy and unsightly appearance, but if this is done, artificial protection, of a similar nature, in the form of a mulch, should be given the plants. Generally speaking the best material for a mulch is coarse straw or very strawy horse manure. Close lying or dense material, such as well rotted manure is not satisfactory, as heating may often start and kill the plants. The mulch should be applied to a depth of two or three inches as soon as the ground is frozen, in the fall, and removed when danger of severe cold is past the following spring.

Practically all of our common perennial flowers are benefited by a mulch two to four inches in depth of straw, leaf mould or strawy horse manure.

Many follow the practice of digging this material into the soil and thus enrich the soil and get rid of the litter at the same time. Strawberries are best mulched with coarse straw spread evenly over the rows to a depth of two or three inches. The canes of blackberries, tender varieties of raspberries and grapes should be laid down and covered with four to six inches of soil. Currants, gooseberries and hardy raspberries are benefited by mulching around the roots with ordinary barnyard manure, which can be worked into the ground by cultivation during the late spring. As a rule many plants will survive and even appear to thrive without mulching, but experience has shown that mulching, if properly done, will benefit practically any variety or species of small fruits and perennial flowers.—F. S. Browne, Assistant to Superintendent, Experimental Station, Lennoxville, Quebec.

JUDGE'S CHOICE IS NOT ALWAYS BEST

Do You Sometimes Disagree With Fall Fair Awards?—Shows Are Educational.—Live Stock Can Get Much Out of Annual Fairs.

As the fair and exhibition season closes it would be well for all who contemplate attending same seriously to ask themselves this question: "Do I get as much out of my visit as I should?"

Fairs and exhibitions provide a means of social intercourse and entertainment for the people of the surrounding community, but fundamentally they are educational, particularly to the rural community. Their main object is the improvement of agricultural conditions by comparisons of inferior and superior live stock, crops, etc., and the donating of premiums to the latter class.

The pleasures of the social and lure of the entertainment features should not be allowed to supersede the interest that should be taken in the educational features. Every agriculturist is, or should be, interested in making the most of his business and he can find numerous aids in a day well spent at the fair.

Speaking more particularly from the live stock man's point of view, he should make a point of seeing as much of the live stock as possible, as it is being judged, so that he can see the good and the bad types and correct his own breeding operations accordingly.

Undoubtedly the spectator will not always agree with the judge, as do the best of them make mistakes (as do the best of farmers), but to the dyed-in-the-wool stock man there is no greater pleasure than to stand at the ringside and pit his opinion as to the meritorious animals in a class against that of a judge. It is well to remember, however, that the judge has the advantage in that he is able to handle the animals and view them from all angles and may see or feel something that is not evident to the man at the ringside.

The management of fairs and exhibitions should endeavor to plan the live stock judging program so that too many classes would not be going on at the same time. This, of course, is difficult at a one- or two-day fair, but comparatively easy in the case of a four-day or full week exhibition. Having the judging rings located fairly close together would help considerably, for then two classes of stock could be followed at the same time fairly intelligently.

The program of the judging of live stock should be published in the press previous to the dates of judging and on notice boards around the grounds while the fair is going on, so that the visitor may go to the ring of stock in which he is most interested. For instance, at the Central Canada Exhibition at Ottawa this year notices were posted around the grounds giving the time of judging of various classes and sections of live stock.

A day intelligently spent in taking in the above-mentioned educational features of the fairs or exhibitions which you attend will be something to look back on without regrets, as there is everything to gain and nothing to lose. On the other hand, the sideshows and other questionable entertainment features invariably take in, financially and otherwise, more than they leave with the community, and their attendance at fairs and exhibitions should be discouraged by the deadly method of withholding patronage.

NEXT YEAR'S MOTOR MARKERS

WILL BE BLACK AND YELLOW

Yellow and black auto license plates—a vivid yellow background—with black embossed lettering, will adorn Ontario's motor vehicles during the 1924 season. They will be made by the St. Thomas Metal Signs Company and will cost the Government 12½ cents a pair. Since Hon. G. S. Henry, the new Minister of Highways, cancelled the contract let by the old Government with the Canadian Color Type Company of Hamilton, the Department prepared specifications and called for new tenders. Some 300,000 markers will be made and, according to the contract, as many more as Ontario's increased motor car population in the 1924 season demands.

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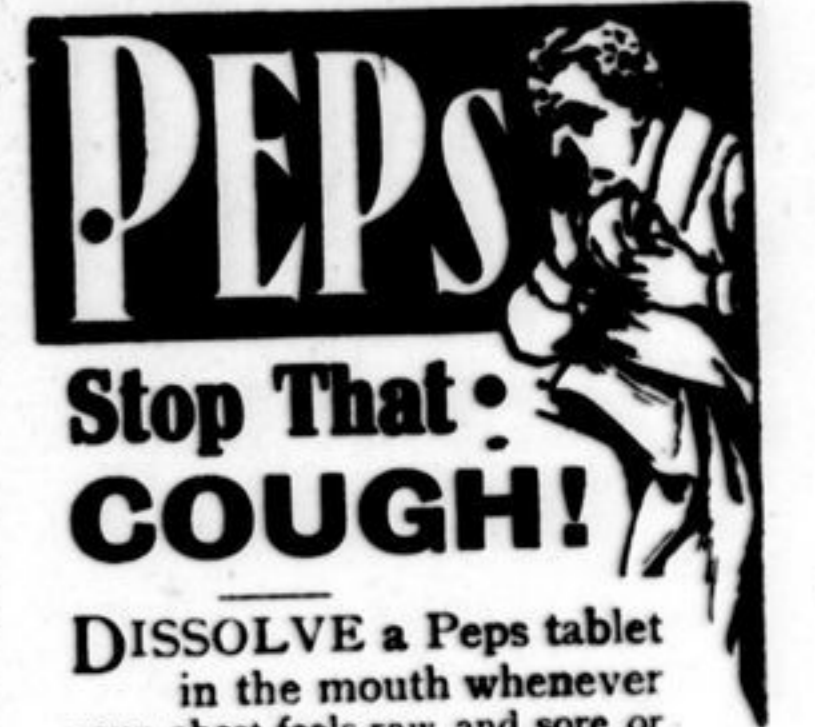
The Kroonland, of 22,500 tons displacement, will be joined in the fortnightly service between these ports by the Finland, also of 22,500 tons, sailing November 1, and the Manchuria, 24,700 tons, sailing November 22.

Since being taken off the transatlantic trade the Kroonland has been entirely renovated, her public rooms and cabins having been completely refitted and her deck space considerably enlarged.

The new service is stated to offer many advantages in the way of winter travel, a particular feature being the "one way rail, one way water" combination tickets, allowing passengers to cross the continent one way by rail, returning in another direction by water. Other features of the service include a complete baggage check system such as is used in railroads, and the carriage of uncrated automobiles, which are simply slung on to the ship and placed in special compartments in order to minimize delay in loading and unloading, for the benefit of those who wish to make the trip across the continent by road.

POLICEMAN IS BLINDED BY BOOTLEG WHISKEY

An investigation has been started in Niagara Falls, N.Y., into the blinding of Patrolman William Bittner. His condition is serious. His blindness and had burns in mouth and throat are said to have been caused by the drinking of poison whiskey in a soft-drink place. Doctors say his blindness is incurable and that he is in a serious condition.



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