

For The Quiet Hour

THE TORCHBEARER

Hold high the torch! You did not light its glow;
 'Twas given you from other hands, you know
 'Tis only yours to keep it burning bright,
 Yours to pass on when you no more need light.
 For there are little feet that you must guide,
 And little forms go marching by your side;
 Their eyes are watching every tear and smile,
 And efforts that you think are not worth while
 May sometimes be their souls would give most heed,
 Actions to which their souls would give most heed,
 So that in turn they'll lift it high and say,
 "I watched my mother carry it this way."
 If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,
 Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?
 Then lift the torch! you did not light its glow;
 'Twas given you from other hands, you know,
 I think it started down its pathway bright
 The day the Maker said, "Let there be light!"

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO AND when he is old he will not depart from it," is a dictum of the wise man's that 5,000 years of human experience have not yet falsified. With few exceptions the right training in youth will keep the life strong and steady in the stress and strain of maturer years. Sunday school teachers may well take encouragement in this. Illustrating the value of Sunday school training in the life of the nation the current issue of The Sunday School Times quotes the following recent experience of a home mission worker:

"On Sunday he had spoken in a rural church which had a small Sunday school that had been in operation for more than half a century. Of the many who had attended during their childhood and moved away to other parts of the world, 1,000 had been traced in one way or other. Of the entire 1,000 not one had ever been arrested for crime, and many of them were occupying high places in religious, educational and political life."

The following Tuesday the same worker spoke to the men in a great State reformatory. By an unusual coincidence, 1,000 young men—there were no old men in the institution, they being cared for elsewhere—faced him as he spoke. After the service he was invited to look over the Chaplain's record. This record showed that, of the 1,000 men who had heard the speaker that day in the great penal institution, only three had ever been regular attendants at Sunday school, and they for only a short time.

Roger W. Babson, the famous statistician, has said: "The religion that we talk about for an hour a week on Sunday is not only the vital force that protects our communities, but it is the vital force that makes our communities." This, he adds, is proved by statistics.

THAT THE ENEMIES OF CHRISTIANITY HAVE NOT BEEN slow to appreciate the value of child training in these doctrines are to be maintained, is evidenced from the spread of Communist Sunday schools in Great Britain. So serious has this menace become that the question of prohibiting them by law has been brought up in Parliament. We are not Christians; we are members of the revolutionary working class. We fear no God; we are revolutionary socialists. It is this doctrine that is destined into the minds of the pupils who attend these red Sunday schools. Commenting on the situation as it exists in England at the present time, a writer in Evangelical Christendom says: "The danger is at our doors, and must be overcome by Christian teaching. . . . Rightly in England we enjoy great freedom, and believe that a safety valve is an advantage. But it is far better to avoid danger than to promote it by inactivity. Here and there parents may wish to have their children indoctrinated with anti-Christian communism, but the majority of parents desire their little ones to grow into good men and women, and in the depths of their hearts they know that Christ alone can bring this to accomplishment. The best way to defeat the red schools is to work more wholeheartedly for the Christian Sunday school."

THE FIRST GAIN OF FIDELITY IS GOD.

It was while he was keeping flocks for Jethro that God appointed Moses lawgiver for a new nation.

To Gideon, while he threshed wheat, was given "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

Elisha was at the plough when Elijah cast his mantle upon him.

Zachariah was performing his priestly duties when the angel Gabriel brought him joy and gladness.

And the most glorious message ever sung by angels was given to shepherds watching their flocks upon the Judean hillsides.

Then let us choose his choosing,
 All selfish choice refusing,
 Nor question which is better,
 To serve him here or there. —(Adapted.)

A POOR SEAMSTRESS PERSUADED A BOY TO GO TO Sunday school. He was converted to God, went as a missionary to India among the Telugus, where he started work which soon numbered its thousands of converts. And the poor seamstress went to her reward without knowing anything about the part she was to receive through her simple fidelity in the life of Amos Sutton. Then

Yield thy poor best, and mind not how or why,
 Lest one day, seeing all about thee spread
 A mighty crowd, and marvelously led,
 Thy heart break out into a bitter cry,
 I might have furnished, yea, even I,
 The two small fishes and the barley bread!

WHEN ALL THE PARTS OF AN IRON BRIDGE HAD BEEN put together except the last span, it was found to be too short. Is there shortage in the structure of your life?

At an inn at which Whitefield was staying some men were carousing. He went to their room and rebuked them. A friend asked: "What did you gain?" "A soft pillow," replied Whitefield.

Are you, dear friends, gaining soft pillows because of your fidelity to the dictates of conscience?

TAKE CARE WHAT WORDS YOU USE! THIS IS IMPORTANT an account of the association of ideas. Speak of the "mission" of the church, rather than of "missions," and of course avoid the phrase "foreign missions." The church has only one great mission, which has been described as, "To carry a message received from God, and to deliver it to every man, woman, and child within reach,—to John Smith around the corner in my town quite as much as to John Chinaman in Hanchow, and vice versa." The plural "missions" suggests an adjunct, and leaves people room to say, "I don't believe in them," whereas no Christian dare say, "I don't believe in the mission of the church."—Rev. F. Mellows.

REVELATION TEACHES US THAT WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER not only in a brotherhood of sin, but in a brotherhood of redemption.—Bishop of Oxford.

PORTO RICO

When Spain ceded this island to the United States in the fall of 1898 there was not a single school building belonging to the state. All school rooms were rented, and only 21,000 children were attending school out of a population of school age amounting to 322,000. Now there are over 185,000 children in the Public schools out of a total population of school age of 450,000. There were 325 teachers, now there are 3,000.

Moral conditions are the same as in other parts of Latin America, with this favorable exception, that the influence of the Public schools under American supervision and the example of most of the American government officials have told in recent years as a powerful factor in raising moral standards. Concubinage has been as common here as elsewhere in the past, but as the island has been more thoroughly covered by Protestant missions than any other part of Latin America the ministry of our pastors has contributed materially to a reduction of the number of cases. It was also due to the efforts of Protestant pastors that the people were educated to understand the evils of alcoholism to such an extent that Porto Rico approved of prohibition by a decisive popular majority two years before it was achieved by the nation.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of November 12, 1903.

We regret to learn of the death on Tuesday of our esteemed friend, Mr. W. T. Petrie of Holstein.

A meagre account of the sad accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Perrin of Hampden is to hand in this office. The deceased was a son-in-law of Mr. Whiteford of Hampden, and had been engaged for some time as clerk in Walkerton. He subsequently went to Michigan, and instantly killed. The remains were taken home and interment took place Sunday under the auspices of the Walkerton Oddfellows, to which lodge he belonged. Messrs. Lenahan, Theobald, Burnett, Siegner and Livingston from the lodge here were in attendance at the funeral.

Mr. Frank Shields returned Tuesday from a three- or four-months' sojourn in Manitoba. Shortly after, he lost a child from small-pox at his home in Bentinck, and on returning finds his wife laid up from some injury received recently.

Mr. J. A. May, the thirteenth member of the family of Dr. S. P. May, superintendent of Public Libraries, was in town Wednesday and called on Ye Editor. Dr. May, our visitor's father, is a great success as a family man, being the father of 23 children. He once told us of being in company with two others belonging to the educational department, Quebec, and the children of the three families aggregated 72.

Mr. John Clark has taken out a license as an auctioneer. See his card in this issue.

The sportsmen of Muskoka haven't sent us any word of their success. The contingent from here consisted of Messrs. Pete Paterson, Billy Calder, Tom Holt and Alex. McLachlan, all true nimrods.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Duncan McMillan, a pioneer of Proton.

A most successful meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas McGirr on Thursday, the 5th inst.

Mr. Joseph O'Neil, late of Pomona, has opened a livery business in town.

Owing to the overcrowded condition of the school the trustees have decided to add another teacher, making eight in all.

On Monday morning the family of Mr. C. L. Grant had a narrow escape from asphyxiation through gas escaping from a coal stove.

On Friday last when his bronchus jumped sideways off the road and began to run away, Al Jack, the Chatsworth stage driver, was thrown out and received a nasty cut on the top of his head.

November 19, 1903.

We regret to learn that Mr. Henry Willis of Bentinck is suffering great inconvenience from almost total blindness.

Dr. Arthur Gun is in Chicago taking a post-graduate course in medicine and surgery. During his absence the business here will be attended to by Dr. Cochrane.

The weather has been exceedingly fine up to this date. Wednesday morning, however, was a cold one, and the mill-dam was completely frozen over.

The electric lights were turned on Saturday night and their reappearance was much appreciated. Full repairs at the power-house are not yet completed.

On Thursday evening of last week the news went around town that Mr. Thomas Noble was in a very low condition from pneumonia. The best of medical attendance proved ineffectual and on Thursday night about nine o'clock he passed away. Interment was made under the auspices of the Canadian Order of Foresters. He leaves his widow, two sons and three daughters.

The brickwork on the Hunter Bros.' stores is going on nicely and were it not for delay in getting material would have been completed before this. Ritchie Bros. have the contract.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. J. A. Hunter of Winnipeg to Miss Christene Methven White of the same city, the event to

be solemnized next Monday at Knox Church. We take pleasure in tendering our congratulations.

The sportsmen returned, bringing with them the full complement of deer allowed by law, two each. Shirley McIntyre got home Saturday with two fine ones; the others arrived on Tuesday night. We have to thank our friend, Mr. Calder, for a generous roast.

William Jolley, an itinerant painter, was found dead in the Middaugh House stable Wednesday morning. We understand he was from Owen Sound, where he has relatives. He was about fifty years of age and an affectionate letter from a married daughter in Toronto was found on his person. As neither the name of the writer nor the street address was given she could not be communicated with.

Mrs. Lorne Somerville left Monday morning for Winnipeg to attend the marriage of her brother, Mr. J. A. Hunter.

A good brickyard is one of our greatest needs.

On Monday night at Allan Park Hotel a strange death occurred. Nicholas Stitche, a resident shoemaker of the place for the past twelve or fourteen years, went into the hotel and had a few drinks, after which he sat down on a chair in the bar-room. A couple of hours later when an attempt was made to wake him he was found dead and had been dead apparently for an hour or more. He was about 75 years of age and for some time, having premonition that he would drop off suddenly, had made provision for his burial and had communicated with one of the neighbors telling that the money would be found on his person.

VOLCANOES REGARDED AS EARTH'S SAFETY VALVES

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Etna, the "burning mountain," recently active after several years of comparative quiet, is Europe's biggest and most-dreaded volcano. It is 10,800 feet high—150 feet lower than it was 50 years ago—and measures no less than ninety-one miles in circumference at its base.

Although volcanoes are often referred to as "burning mountains," in reality they do not burn at all. Neither are they mountains in the true sense of the term. The scientific definition of a volcano is "an opening in the earth's crust, through which heated matter is thrown up from the earth's interior to the surface, where it usually forms a hill more or less conical in shape and generally with a hollow, or crater, at the top."

Where eruptions frequently occur, the heated materials forced upwards pile themselves to heights which cause them to be classed as mountains.

What looks like fire belching forth is merely the reflection of the molten lava on the clouds of steam which hang over the crater. The steam itself is often wrongly spoken of as smoke.

The cause of volcanic action is not known. The most popular theory is that it is brought about by water getting into the white-hot furnace below the earth's crust. In support of this fact is cited that nearly all the most active volcanoes are close to the sea.

Volcanoes are really safety valves. Without them we could hardly have existed at all, for scientists say it is due to volcanic action that the continents emerged from the sea. Earthquakes, which are usually more terrible in their effects than volcanoes, would occur much more frequently but for these safety valves.

Between six and seven hundred volcanoes have been counted in various parts of the world, and of these two hundred and seventy are still on the active list. Vesuvius was silent for over two thousand years before it suddenly woke up and destroyed Pompeii. Etna is known to have been active as far back as 500 B. C. In 1186 it destroyed 15,000 people, since when at varying intervals it has been the scene of a num-

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ber of disasters.

In Italy and in some of the volcanic islands of the Pacific the steam power issuing from volcanoes has been harnessed for engineering purposes. The people of the Tuscan town of Lardello light their streets heat their homes and do their cooking by means of volcanic steam pressure, which generates enough heat to cook a joint in less than half an hour.

In another district in Italy volcanic energy is exploited for the purpose of making electricity, which is supplied to many towns, some of them more than fifty miles distant. The steam is carried through pipes to huge boilers where its heat converts more water into still more steam which drives the dynamos and provides central heating in many houses. Similar installations are being erected in other parts of Italy, and the future may see that country become a vast electric power station, supplying electricity to half Europe.

The great spectacular volcano of Kilauea, in Hawaii, is to be made to justify its existence in the same way. The crater of Kilauea is a vast lake of molten lava and this

will be harnessed to supply the Hawaiian community with light, heat and power.

The time may not be far distant when the largest and most active volcanoes, instead of being a dreaded menace to the safety of man, will contribute materially to his happiness and comfort.

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