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*Depress the Tracks.
Give the Business Men Fair Play.
Build a New Village Hall.
Enforce the Traffic Laws.
Build the Truck Road.*

HOW TO USE LIFE

When the baby first sees the light of earthly day he does not ask the question, Is life worth living? but, What shall I do with it? He does not at once proceed to criticize life but begins immediately to figure how he can best use it. He finds himself cast up on a foreign shore and instantly takes advantage of his opportunities.

He comes into the world a bundle of dynamic energies. These energies develop themselves by feeding on people and things, and the child grows into a creature of habit. Being human, and therefore fallible, he can't make the best of his possibilities. But with the more or less good help of his parents he manages to eke out a living.

The proper retort, then, to the question, Is life worth living? is that the question is impertinent. The pertinent question is, How shall the surroundings, physical and social, be used so as to bring about in the individual, formation of the best habits? And this is the hardest question in the world to answer. Older people must, to a certain degree, answer for the young. But as one grows older he must answer it for himself.

It will be admitted that many

people, if not most, have little success if trying to make the best of life. They muddle along, taking things pretty much as they come.

We believe that scientific thinking is the best help in the enterprise of living.

WEATHER

It ought to be quite plain by this time that the weather was not made for man. At least the weather in this general neighborhood. The mercurial ups and downs of January conclusively prove that the weather may have been made for non-human beings but not for poor, sensitive man. Even water can range from thirty-two to two hundred and twelve and make no fuss. But, man, this little bundle of unstable chemical elements and mysterious something else, can tolerate in silence only a temperature with extremes separated fifty or sixty degrees, and that only with the help of fire and clothes.

We were, unusually worried by the worst of these recent sub-zero spells. The tragic thought occurred to us that perhaps the ice age was returning, that the Arctic Circle was stealing a march on the more temperate latitudes.

Today the ice and snow are thawing. Tomorrow the water pipes will be frozen. Wotta life!

LIFE LINES

After a northbound Northwestern train has come to a stop at the Wilmette station many people, both men and women, alight on the east side of the train, the side nearer the station itself. This is a dangerous practice. Often switch engines are using the southbound track, to say nothing of regular trains. We have seen and heard a conductor warn a woman against getting off on that side, but she paid no heed to him. If you MUST get off on that dangerous side, for your family's and friends' sake, BE CAREFUL!

Almost \$1300 in the N. T. Band Fund! Only \$700 more needed to enable the bandboys and girls to buy those becoming uniforms.

LAYING FOUNDATIONS

DOUGLAS H. CORNELL
(Pastor, Glencoe Union Church)

Pondering the matter of a "Religious Editorial" my thought flies to a fundamental question concerning which Fundamentalists and Modernists can have no differing opinions. I allude to the religious education of children, which, being amplified, means leading our children voluntarily to choose to live with God rather than to live without Him. That, I take it, is the ardent hope of every Christian parent, and I believe, also, that many parents of little or no religious conviction covet for their children a clear understanding at least, if not a profound faith in the Christian teaching of God. Few parents have the hardihood to deprive their children of that which the best of men have counted most valuable. A candid survey of life can hardly leave a reasonable and honorable person other than convinced that life without God is perilous and futile. Fame and fortune without God is vanity. Pain and misfortune without God is meaningless mockery.

Less than a Seer can point out that we who live in this locality enjoy great material privileges, and possibly moral and spiritual advantages as well. If I suggest a shade of doubt as to the moral and spiritual it is because from time immemorial man has found in prosperity a menace to spirituality. Men, well provided for, tend to forget Providence. I am still thinking of children, our children, and the possibility that we may be so busy making and spending money and enjoying our social advantages that we may forget the religious education of our children. I hazard the guess that a majority of our substantial North Shore residents owe their success to early religious training in Christian homes of humble means and hard work, supplemented by the inadequate but invaluable teaching of the Church and Bible School. The danger now is that the children of these same people may be denied these same advantages, namely, the atmosphere of a reverent home, the tonic of necessity, and the teaching of a Church and Bible School.

Looking level eyed then at our advantages and disadvantages we have it within our power to develop here a breed of men and women who shall be the staunch religious leaders along every avenue of human endeavor leading into the future. There is no more favored region in the world. The brains are here; the money is here; the culture is here; the educational advantages are here; the physical beauty and social environment is here; and the churches are here; now more than all these is needed the desire and determination of parents to lay deep and strong in the hearts of their children a foundation of vital faith in the living God. Is that here? Is this not for us one of the most vital questions to consider? It is an individual, a family, and a regional issue not only, but also a national, international and eternal issue because the lives of our boys and girls of today will touch all shores tomorrow.

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LINE**

Courtesy

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The proof of this is in the many letters of commendation received from patrons, of which the following is typical:



The Charles A. Coffin Medal awarded to the North Shore Line for distinguished contribution to the development of electrical transportation for the convenience of the public and the benefit of the industry.

"I am writing to commend the courtesy displayed by the conductor on the last car of the noon train out of Chicago.

"He seemed to have a pleasant and intelligent answer to the many questions of passengers. He assisted everyone into the diner and saw generally to the comfort of each passenger. This kind of service makes traveling on the North Shore Line a pleasure."

Such unsolicited acknowledgments of courtesy of employees is the best evidence of the spirit of service which typifies this organization.

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