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**MERCY TRIUMPHANT THROUGH TRAGEDY**

By William T. Ellis.

"The International Sunday School Lesson for May 18th is 'The Grace of God.'—Eph. 2:4-10; Titus 2:11-14.

The greatest problem of all ages and all lands has been how to keep good men from becoming bad and at the same time to know what to do with bad men who are determined to keep themselves bad and make others like unto them. The child of the highest civilization and the son of the deepest savagery are here seen upon the same level. Human life is mendicant where sin taints and wrecks the gains both of thought and of material endeavor. Education, culture, wealth—what are these worth where depraved passion has made them all its slaves? A millionaire's home on Murray Hill becomes quite as horrible a hell as any Mulberry street slum, through a conflagration of evil passions burning unchecked.

The story of the deluge, well-nigh a universal tradition among all nations possessing a literature, gives us certain teachings upon the ways of God's mercy, moving through the tragic and terrible events of life toward an ultimate triumph of goodness over evil.

**Sin Self-Destructive.**

The story of conditions in the ancient world before the time of Noah corresponds to many a dark narrative of later ages. Evil is increasing among the children of men. The hour when the Creator looked forth upon the works of his hands and pronounced them "very good" seems to have passed, never to come back. The deeds and the doings, the man-wax worse and worse. Horrible crime and passion produce more daring designs and imaginations, which in turn bear swift-maturing fruit. Where will the broadening cycle of depravity end? Seemingly only in the self-inflicted destruction of the sinners. "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die!" Sin is suicide. "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself!" is the prophet's true interpretation of the nation's plight in a later age of its career. So fell ancient Greece, porrecting its love of beauty into unbridled lust, and debasing its power of noble thought to lowest levels of casuistry. So fell Rome in the hour of her greatest wealth and world-wide possessions. So will fall any nation, and city, and home, and soul, that is bent on its own course. The worst penalty of sin is sin working out its own nature and producing its inevitable sequences. Have the fires of hell cooled because men no longer believe in a literal and physical flame of brimstone? Not so. When a soul goes on in the self destruction courses of sin come to say "Myself am hell!" he is reaching the limit of conceivable agony.

**The Sphere of Moral Surgery.**

What is God's way of meeting this great rush of humanity on the highway of ever-deeper sin? Shall a world of beauty and wondrous possibility lie fallow and idle because man, the glory and crown of creation has blotted himself out of existence? What is the remedy? One that in its terrible, awe-inspiring fit the awful malady of the patient. Here is a cancer sufferer. The little spot of disease tissue, seemingly so trivial, is spreading. Every day sees larger ravages of the devouring demon. Skin and nerve and sinew waste away before its merciless approach. Ah! desperately able now, and presaging worse things in the future, is the victim's lot. What shall be done? A poultice? A perfumed lotion to counteract the offence of the senses? Concealment by bandage and elaborate screening? No. There is only one resort. The operating table—the keen, glistening knife, whose swift movement shall go faster and further than the cancer's progress. And so the surgeon stands prepared, bending above the diseased tissue, and ready for his work. Is he merciful as his strokes cut and cut again? Is it cruelty to thus mutilate? No, it is supreme mercy; it is greatest kindness. Even so the story of the deluge stands out as the earliest and sublimest representation of a divine mercy.

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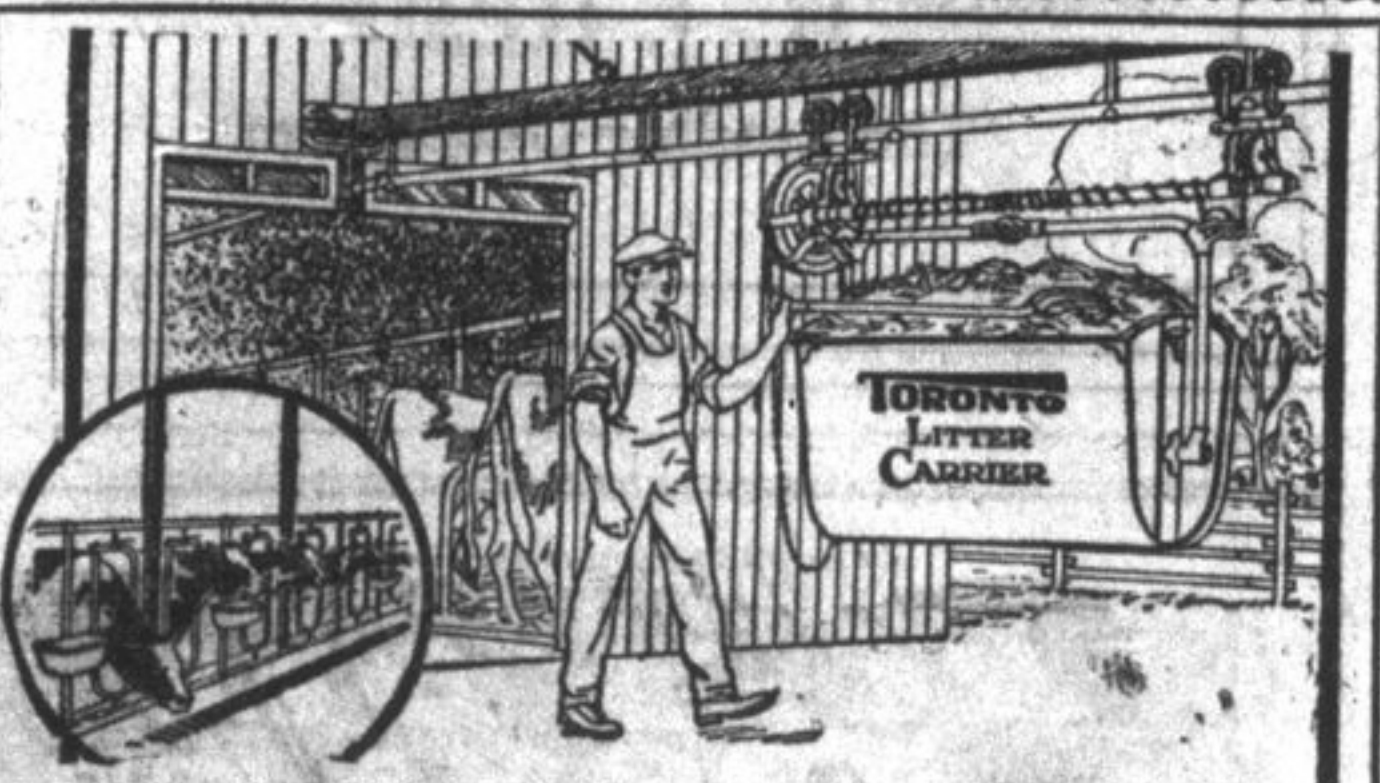
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**Religious Differences.**

Bellefleur, May 15.—Before Justice Masten in the non-jury sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario, an action for alimony was disposed of. The plaintiff, Mrs. Evelyn McLean, Hungerford township, in her claim for alimony, stated that her main grievances for leaving her husband were the annoyances and treatment accorded her by his relatives and alleged religious differences between her and her husband, she being a Methodist and he a member of the Latter Day Saints. The action was dismissed.

**Bays Locomotives in United States.**

New York, May 15.—The American Locomotive Company announced that it had received an order for 150 locomotives from the Italian Government. The locomotives are of the heavy freight type. Several inquiries have been received by the American company from other foreign governments for locomotives, it was stated.

On May 6th death carried off one of Toledo's most highly respected citizens in Mrs. Anna Bouquier, the cause being a complete dissolution owing to her advanced age. Ninety-two years ago Mrs. Bouquier was born in Wicklow County, Ireland.

Francis Hitchon, Bellefleur, passed away on Monday, in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Hitchon was born in Lancashire, England. He was an inspector of the Grand Trunk Railway system for many years.

A telegram was received in Bellefleur announcing the death at San Francisco, Cal., of Mrs. (Dr.) I. Wallace. His wife, who was formerly Miss Laura Metcalfe, of Huntsville, and was well-known in Bellefleur,