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Editorial Comment



Again we will be urged upon to observe a special day this month as a day of thanksgiving. We will be asked by the president of the United States to render thanks unto God for the many blessings He has seen fit to bestow upon us as individuals and as a nation. We should then prepare our hearts and minds for this great day so that when it arrives we can, in true devotion, honor our gracious Father with prayers, praise and thanksgiving.

The English word "thankful" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "thinkful." To be thankful is to be thoughtful or mindful of the benefits received. It is to remember kindness and gifts. When we have a truly thankful heart, we will remember the mercies of God and the great Gift of His dear Son, our Saviour. We will be mindful of His blessings every day of the year and a thankful spirit will always reign in our hearts.

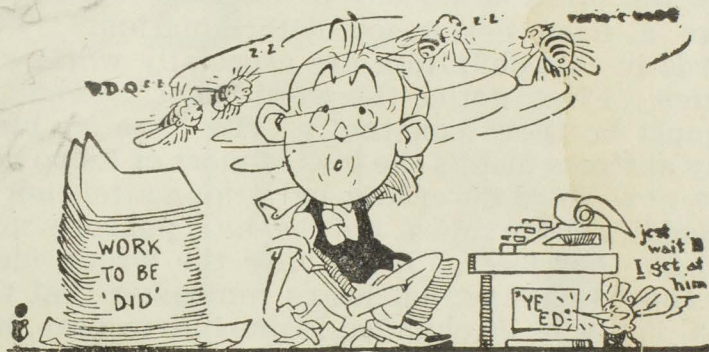
And, besides giving earnest thought to the many blessings which we have received in the past, we should have an eye to the future. We should pray for a continuance of the Divine favor upon the church, the nation, our fellowmen and ourselves. Let us keep in mind those words of the late President Harding: "We shall be prospered as we shall deserve prosperity, seeking not alone for the material things, but for those of the spirit as well; earnestly trying to help others; asking, before all else, the privilege of service."

Swiss watchmakers can split a hair into 500 strips and measure the thickness, so exact are their tools.

The death house at Sing Sing prison now has its radio set, to give the condemned their last contact with the outside world.

Alaska's white population decreased 23 4-10 per cent between 1910 and 1920, according to the census bureau announcement.

"IM HERE ON BUSINESS FOR MY KING"



Who said that the minister had a snap? That's what some folks think when he fails to make as many calls or preach as fine a sermon as they had expected. The above will give you an idea how the minister feels quite frequently with all the dizzy details on every side.

But mark. This is not to ^E merely to explain. There's much work to do. Sometimes there is much to undo. The work that ought to be done is of a definite type. It is spiritual. It strains the soul and drains the body. It compels on the one hand elimination, and on the other concentration.

That in its application is not only general, but particular. For instance, apply it to pastoral visitation. It needs to be remembered that aside from all the numerous appeals for the thought, time and toil of the minister, he has over two hundred homes which await his call. Consequently it needs to be remembered that the main purpose of such calls is not to chat, but to consult and counsel in the interests of the kingdom. The spiritual is fundamental. All else is incidental.

Every home in the constituency of Trinity Avenue Church has free access to the spiritual services of the minister, and there should be no hesitation. If you need the minister and you make it known, he will find it necessary to call. If you don't need him, kindly remember that he may be where he is needed. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." So I am here on business for my King, and I crave (and I believe I shall have it) your help by your thoughtfulness, prayerfulness and unselfishness.

In His service,
YOUR PASTOR.

Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.—Gal. 5:22, 23.

WHAT IS YOUR AIM?

BY MACK CALDWELL

IN THIS article let us consider our aim and purpose in life. We may regulate our life so as to have moderation in habits, manners, conduct, reading and amusements and yet if there is no central purpose to guide other than all these we cannot amount to very much in the service of God.

What is meant by a purpose? One definition says in part that it is "the idea or ideal kept before the mind as an end of effort or action; to have a fixed design or determination." Two words in this definition are especially worthy of notice. First, notice the word "kept." That is, it must be there constantly. To have an ideal only at times means the loss of most of its power. The next word deserving particular attention is "fixed." There must not be one purpose now and another later. If we have the wrong ideal we should change, but let us remember that the ideal is not to be changed from time to time, but is to be "fixed."

Look at David. He said, "My heart is fixed." Look at any successful man and learn a lesson on steadfastness. Lincoln's fixed purpose to free the slaves brought about the emancipation proclamation. Edison's fixed purpose brought many inventions. Great men are invariably men of strong pur

The aim of a Christian is to glorify God. This is absolutely necessary in order to please God and be successful, but something else is needed. There must be an immediate and a distant purpose. To glorify God is both immediate and distant, yet there must be some definite purpose—a purpose to finish school, to start a Sunday school, or to become more useful in church work, etc. All these are examples of what is meant by immediate purpose, and whichever we are doing it should harmonize with our distant purpose.

A purpose serves as a guide. Imagine a person who desires to visit the points of interest in a large city loitering about aimlessly. Then picture another person with similar desires, purposing to visit in order the art museums, parks, churches and so on till the principal places have been seen. Now contrast the accomplishment of each and you will see the fruitfulness of a guiding purpose.

The best way to get a life purpose, or to develop the one we already have, will probably be a question to many. First it must be a heart purpose. The heart ought to be in it till it becomes a passion. The Bible says Daniel "purposed in his heart." Secondly, we must get a clear idea of what we are to do. To know what God has for us to do is possible and brings strength to our whole being. One man when asked to make a beatitude said, "Blessed is the man who has found his work."

Next develop interest in what you think will most likely be your purpose. When we have clear ideas of

a thing it becomes interesting and this interest should be allowed to continue till we possess the faculty of concentration, which is the fourth step in the growth of a purpose.

There is a danger of some in this age of speciality of having too many aims. There was once a business man who had three trades. He followed one in the morning, another in the afternoon, and still another in the evening. His health was ruined and as a result he accomplished nothing. Genius comes not so much from brilliancy as it does from purposeful attention to a particular thing.

Occasionally we see a young man or woman with the serious fault of aimlessness. This is sometimes caused by lack of decision, lack of will-power, or pessimism. Aimlessness should be overcome and the best way to get rid of a thing is to remove the cause; so cheer up, form your decision and by God's grace in conjunction with your own will carry it out.

The following questions are good to test your purpose in life: (1) Is it desirable and possible? (2) Can the obstacles be surmounted? (3) Is the victory worth the effort? (4) Is it according to God's word and will?

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LATEST FIND IN JERUSALEM.

A further discovery carrying the history of Jerusalem 500 years further than hitherto known is reported to the London Daily Telegraph by Prof. Stewart McAllister, who recently traced the ancient city of David. This latest find in the excavation of the city shows a great trench sunk in rock older than the Jebusite wall previously found and apparently formed a part of the city's defences in the early period.

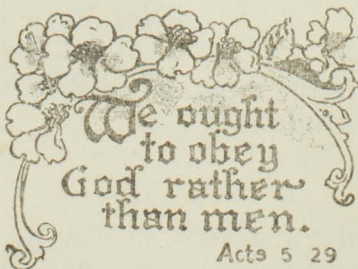
On the surface of the trench, which is eight feet deep and eleven feet wide there is a series of broken steps now cleared for the first time of the rubbish which encumbered them from before the time of Abraham.

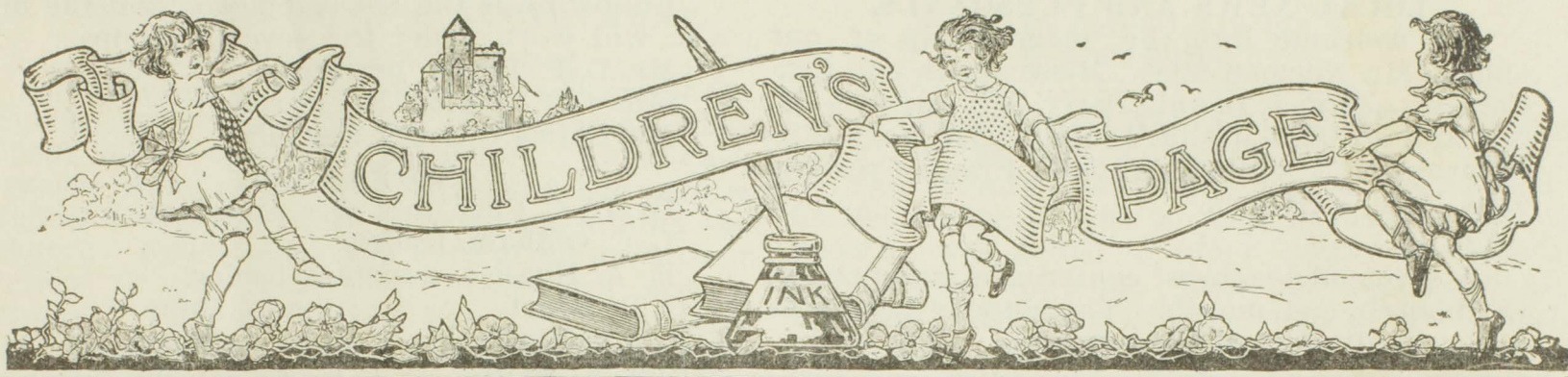
Prof. McAllister also reports finding at the top of the trench what he believes to be a Jebusite or pre-Jebusite sanctuary, and he described it as by far the oldest known "holy place" in Jerusalem.

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To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury; and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable; and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely; await occasion, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unhidden and unconscious grow up through the common. This is to be my symphony. — William Henry Channing.

Next to the Bible, a bank book is indeed the greatest book, for it will give you the necessary money with which to buy all other books.





SUBSTITUTING FOR MISS POLLY.

MISS POLLY limped to the window and looked out. It was a chill, cloudy day with misting rain. She stood there a minute, then she went back and sat down heavily in her chair. There were tears in her faded old eyes.

Just at that moment the door opened, and Floretta came in. "Mother would like to borrow your waffle iron," she began. All at once she stopped. "What's the matter, Miss Polly?" she asked gently.

Miss Polly's lips suddenly quivered. "It's just that I'm so helpless, Floretta. They're having a chicken pie supper in the church parlors to-night, and I can't do a thing. I'm getting so feeble. For years I've washed dishes when they had suppers, helped set the tables, and when they had bazaars I'd always take charge of a booth. But I can't do it any more. Me, that was once so strong and well and hardy that I didn't know what it felt like to be tired. But in this world one can never tell what they're coming to. I hadn't any money to give, and about all I could do was to donate my services. I was always glad to help for things like that; but now I'm old and useless, and it hurts, Floretta. I knew just where every dish belonged, and Mrs. Nathan Turner said that nobody could make a better chicken pie than I could. But it's all over now. I'm old, and won't get younger, and rheumatism is something that don't improve with age."

Floretta looked at her. Floretta was plump and rosy-cheeked, with wide gray eyes and nut-brown hair.

"It is too bad, Miss Polly," she replied slowly, "but, of course, everyone knows you'd help if you could. It isn't your fault."

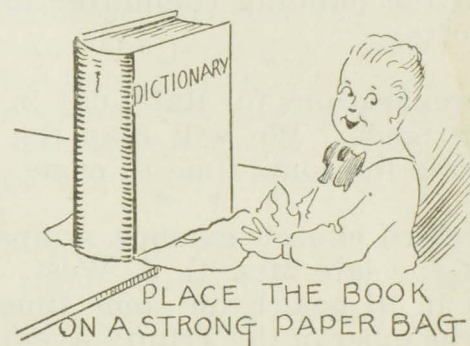
"No," agreed Miss Polly, "but it makes me feel bad, nevertheless. To slump like this, after doing so much is hard."

Floretta's sympathetic young face suddenly lighted. "Miss Polly," she cried, "I've got a plan. I'll tell you what it is. You let me substitute in your place, and every time there's a bazaar or chicken pie supper I'll go straight to the committee, and say to 'em: 'I'm substituting for Miss Polly, and you must give me something to do.' I'd love to do it, Miss Polly."

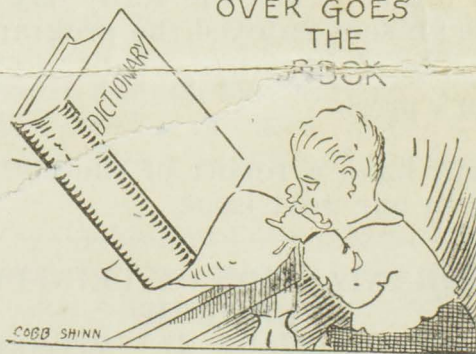
Miss Polly's troubled face cleared. "Will you really do that for me, Floretta—really? I wouldn't ask for anything nicer to happen to me than that."

Floretta rose. "After I take the waffle iron home, I'm going straight down to the church and see what I can do."

Blowing a Big Book Over



BLOW SHARPLY
INTO THE BAG AND
OVER GOES
THE
BOOK



Miss Polly limped to the window to see her little friend off. What a help she was going to be! She could just see her setting tables, dusting chairs and washing dishes.

Miss Polly sat down suddenly, but she was smiling. Her work would go on, after all.

"Floretta will make a real good substitute," she whispered happily.

I have come to see life, not as the chase of a forever impossible personal happiness, but as a field for endeavor toward the happiness of the whole human family. There is no other success. I know, indeed, of nothing more subtly satisfying and cheering than a knowledge of the real goodwill and appreciation of others. Such happiness does not come with money, nor does it flow from a fine physical state. It cannot be bought. But it is the keenest joy, after all; and the toiler's truest and best reward.—William Dean Howells.

Every day helps to brighten someone's life.

LOCAL NEWS AND PERSONALS.

We welcome into the membership of our church Mr. Norman Shaw, Misses Ruth and Lela Cameron, Mrs. J. Dennis Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lard, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Suit, Miss Mary Williamson, Miss Vernell Watson, Frank Crowley, Miss Nora McBroom.

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A splendid teachers' conference was held at the church last month. The Sunday school is now organized in all departments.

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In this issue we have account of the men's work. Be certain to see what division you are in.

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We are all very happy to note the progress of the church. We wish to express our appreciation to the building committee for their untiring efforts.

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The preparations for Rally day in our church were well made. We will reap the benefits of efforts made for some time to come.

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The entire church extends sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. D. J. West. Mrs. West had been in ill health for some time. She was a charter member of the Trinity Avenue church, a converted woman, and was cheerful until the end.

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Much praise is due the Rally day committee. Everyone present enjoyed the program. We had 230 present and 13 united with the church. Personal work pays.

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We will have a report of the cottage prayer meetings in our next issue.

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MEN'S ORGANIZATION OF TRINITY AVENUE CHURCH.

By C. C. White, Jr., Secretary.

A called meeting of the men of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian church was held Tuesday evening, September 23. Thirty-two members were present at this meeting.

Mr. L. F. Dixon, president of the men of the church movement, made a very interesting talk in presenting the proposition to the men. He explained that it was a plan to give every man of the church something definite to do. Mr. Dixon presented the plan of the General Assembly's permanent committee on men's work in the church and read the constitution as laid down by this committee. When put to a vote it was unanimous that we adopt the constitution, as everyone present voted for its adoption.

Rev. Mr. Cooper made a splendid talk about the organization being a fine thing for the church and was deeply impressed because of the sincerity and enthusiasm shown by the men.

We want the prayers of all the people, that this organization will be successful from the very beginning, and that we may do more and more for the Master.

President Dixon will within a few days mail literature to the vice presidents of the different groups and in turn the vice presidents will put their men to work.

Following is the list of officers, and the men who will work under the several groups.

Mr. L. F. Dixon, president.

Mrs. C. C. White, Jr., secretary.

Mr. Dallas Pickard, treasurer.

Spiritual Life.

Dr. H. C. Carr, first vice president.

L. C. Oldham, leader.

E. A. Hughes, assistant leader.

G. G. Barefoot

George Hunt

J. T. Broadway

G. A. Johnson

Arthur V. Byrd

E. T. McCoy

Calvin Frederick

Jack Nance

A. E. Dunnegan

Jno. Walters

Ambus Fowler

Samuel Wilkerson

Arthur Hunt

Raymond Parker

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Evangelism and Missions.

J. G. Lloyd, second vice president.

Wilson Black, leader.

R. H. Goodman, assistant leader.

W. H. Allen

Randal Johnson

Thomas Baker

Isaac Malone

Alton Brown

D. B. Ray

Norman Shaw

Jno. Wheeler

Shelly Dorthy

R. W. Black

Joe Dunnegan

A. L. Kirkland

Ernest Gurley

R. L. Trim

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Christian Training.

H. F. Primrose, third vice president.

L. H. Barbour, leader.

Louis Bollander, assistant leader.

Dr. L. S. Booker

L. D. Kirkland, Jr.

Elvin Bullock

L. J. Kirkland

W. L. Morris

J. M. White

Jno. Cameron

E. A. Williamson

Bryant Carden

C. M. Wooten

Ernest Dunnegan

Fred Suitt

Thomas Hicks

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Stewardship and Possessions.

P. A. Sloan, fourth vice president.

P. P. Phillips, leader.

Floyd Carden, assistant leader.

I. W. Bingham

C. J. Roberts

J. W. Black

R. N. Strayhorn

H. N. Laird

J. L. Tilley

W. L. Cadwalendar

C. R. Wheeler

J. L. Kirkland

George Wicks

W. S. Kirkland

O. D. Kirkland

Claude Pierce

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Fellowship.

P. M. Bussell, fifth vice president.

L. D. Kirkland, leader.

J. A. Mack, assistant leader.

J. F. Barfield

N. M. Hill

Hoyle Bobbitt

Troy Johnson

Oscar Bowden

Richard Rhew

Dallas Brown

B. B. Sapp

Walter Brown

J. W. Stone

Bright Draughan

John Gibson

Lewis Fuquay

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The 5-cent sandwich has made its appearance in Boston after an absence of nearly ten years. However, it does not begin to approach its pre-war size.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Miss Opal Allen, Reporter.

September 28 the teachers and officers of the Sunday school met at the church where they spent about one hour in prayer. Then each teacher went to see his pupils and the officers visited those who were considering joining the church. Splendid reports were given upon their return to the church. All had been greatly blessed. This was a great day for Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. We can accomplish nothing without prayer.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. J. B. Ramsey to teach the training class of our church. Mrs. Ramsey is a splendid teacher, having taught in Montreal and in Spartanburg, S. C. also. This class is going forward. They were organized September 28 with the following officers elected:

President, Mary S. Hughes.

Vice president, Goldie Crabtree.

Secretary and treasurer, Opal Allen.

Owing to the ability of the teacher we are sure that this class is going to be one of the best in the Sunday school.

Mrs. J. W. Bingham is leader of the Young People's Department. Last Monday night this department met at the church and each class was organized. Mrs. Bingham acted as chairman. The following officers were elected in Miss Nettie Walker's class:

President, Miss Ruth Cameron.

Vice president, Miss Lelia Cameron.

Secretary, Miss Homerzelle Hunt.

Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Tilley.

After the election of officers various things were discussed. One was the blessing box. Each pupil decided to put a tenth of the money they spend for movies or any other amusement into the blessing box. This meeting was well attended.

Mr. Dixon's class is still the largest in the Sunday school. Each man makes it a duty to see that the members are there and this is a splendid idea for each one in the Sunday school.

Mrs. Driscoll's class is increasing rapidly. The women are very enthusiastic and they are trying to make this an excellent class.

Mr. Williamson is co-operating with the teachers in every way.

What the Sunday School Stands for
Gratitude—

1. For parents.
2. For education.
3. For church.
4. For health.

Loyalty—

1. To friends.
2. To church.
3. To community.
4. To self and God.

Sympathy—

1. For those ill.
2. For those in trouble.
3. For foreigners.
4. For the poor.

Joy—

1. In our home life.
2. In our work.

3. In our private life.

4. In our church.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT.

By Mrs. J. W. Bingham.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on September 14 with a good attendance. The meeting was called to order by the president, after which the song "Make Me a Channel of Blessing" was sung. The scripture lesson was taken from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. This was followed by sentence prayers, praying especially for the sick of the community.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report. The finance committee's report was made. The circle reports were good.

Mrs. Primrose reported the work that had been done and the results of community night. She reported two girls and two boys have started back to school after two years of absence.

It was moved and seconded that the mission study books would be studied in the first week of October.

Mrs. Blockrall of First Church was asked to conduct a Bible study class. We are very fortunate in having the very consecrated women in our midst.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Driscoll.

On October 5 the auxiliary held memorial services for Mrs. S. S. Booker, who was taken away from us, at her home, September 18, 1924. Mrs. Blockrall opened the service with prayer. Mrs. Oldham read a portion of the fourteenth chapter of Job, also a portion of the fourth chapter of Mark.

Mrs. Jones, who had known Mrs. Booker from infancy, gave a three-minute talk showing the loving and true womanhood of one who was dear to all who knew her. Very beautiful was the talk Mrs. J. S. Driscoll gave of Mrs. Booker's life from girlhood until her death. The resolutions were read as follows:

It is with a sense of personal loss and deep grief that we, the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church of Durham, N. C., record the death of our friend and co-worker, Mrs. S. S. Booker, at her home on September 18, 1924.

While we lament the removal from our midst of one who was always bright and cheerful, faithful and devoted, large of vision and loving at heart, we would express our gratitude for all that she was and did. We would rejoice in her example and her abiding influence and would pray that we who remain may emulate her consecration and zeal for all the works of the church.

We extend to her husband and to the two little children who are left our most sincere sympathy in their sorrow, yet would remind them of their rich heritage of the memory of a beautiful life in all of its relations.

(Signed)

Mrs. J. W. Bingham.

Mrs. H. C. Carr.

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BEST BUT NEGLECTED



THE greatest book we have in our homes is sometimes the most neglected. How is it in your home? And what do you know about this greatest Book of all books? Recent tests in a few schools and colleges have brought to light the fact that many of the young men and women of today know very little about the Bible. We hope it is not true of our boys and girls.

I wonder what we would all do if some one should come along and say to us: "You must give up your Bible and take it right out of your home. It is only for a few to read. You cannot have it." We would protest at once and would probably say: "Why, if I must give it up entirely, I would rather give up any other book in my library."

And if we thought we were really going to be deprived of it always, how busy we would at once be, reading it, learning and treasuring up its promises, and laboriously copying its most precious pages.

Ah, it would be a very different matter if we thought we could not have it conveniently near all the time. We might then be even willing to suffer a great deal in order to obtain it, as many did a few centuries ago. But since it is so handy, on everybody's table, its covers so familiar, we pass it by for something else. I wonder now if in your home, and in mine, the wonderful things which it tells within are just as familiar as its outer covers.

Of course it isn't just like a storybook that we can sit down and read for hours and hours, a verse now and then, or reading a chapter a day, or studying our Sunday school lesson each week. Do the boys and girls of your class neglect to study the lesson and leave it all for the teacher to do? Suppose you adopt a class slogan something like this for the next quarter: "Every member with prepared lesson." What interesting sessions you can have if the class members will adhere to such a slogan!

The other day I heard about some boys and girls who are having a Bible reading contest. They divided their members into two divisions, and report how many chapters they have read during the week. They are growing very enthusiastic over it, and the members on both sides are reading diligently. One young girl read forty chapters in one day. For a few weeks at least their Bibles are not neglected, and, yes—we truly feel that many of them will not be so much neglected again. And as they read, even though they may read hurriedly, precious truths will be gleaned, some of which will be remembered and later impressed upon their hearts by a more careful reading.

Boys and girls, let's see if we can't make this best Book and this neglected Book the most well-read one in the house.

To get anywhere, strike out for somewhere, or you'll get nowhere.

IN THE DARK ROOM



CAN'T understand God. I can't understand what good it does to pray for him." The girl's eyes were half frightened, half defiant.

"You mean your father?" Miss Phelps asked quietly and with evident sympathy.

Alice nodded. "He suffers so!" she cried. "It seems so cruel of God, when father has been so splendid all his life. And lots of people who aren't good have things easy."

It was the old cry of humanity, but the girl did not realize it; for her the world was the room in which her father was fighting his last great battle.

"Has your father ever complained?" Miss Phelps asked.

"Oh, no!" the girl cried sharply. "I almost wish he would sometimes. It seems as if it would be easier to bear!"

"I know. And yet you are proud of him."

At Miss Phelps' words Alice looked at her with bewildering pain. "Don't you think my bulbs are beautiful this year?" Miss Phelps asked. To talk about flowers when her father was dying!

"A year ago," continued Miss Phelps, "my bulbs were an utter failure. When I asked the florist the reason he said it was because I had kept them in my window; they won't start unless they are kept in the dark at first."

Still Alice was pained and bewildered, and Miss Phelps said gently, "Don't you see, dear? What God cares about is not pleasant, comfortable lives, but victorious ones, for souls that no suffering or misfortune can defeat. Lives that are going to be strong have to be put in the dark not once, but again and again. It is in the dark that the strong roots are formed. Isn't this pride in your father the result of the way he has met hard things all his life?"

"But, Miss Phelps, it's so terrible for me to see him suffer!"

"Yes; but isn't it possible that the agony of seeing him suffer may be Alice Lane's dark room?"

Alice's eyes, startled now, met her friend's tender ones.

"Your father is content to obey his Captain's orders. And his daughter isn't going to be less loyal. She will march with him step by step."

Alice's head was up now. She was not going to fail her father—or the Captain he loved so much.—Selected.

Faith and religion can accomplish more than any physician in keeping you well bodily, mentally and spiritually.

He who does no more than he is paid for will never be paid for more than he does.

Mankind's salvation lies in education.

STRAIGHT TRAFFIC



ATHER," said Ernest, as he rode downtown in New Haven beside Dr. Benton in the automobile, "why are you always laying so much emphasis upon habits? I think you're asking me to take a pretty long look ahead. Shouldn't a fellow have a few years in which he can be care free? It doesn't seem to me that a young fellow should take life as seriously as you are trying to take it. I want to have my four years in college care free, without everlastingly thinking of consequences. If I need to, I can turn over a new leaf when I get through college."

As Ernest finished his protest they were just approaching the corner of Chapel and Church streets. About twenty-five feet from the corner they passed a traffic sign-post that read, "Straight Traffic at the Next Corner."

"What does that sign mean?" asked the doctor, for he was from out of town and had not seen it before.

"It means," said his son, "that now you've passed that post you have to go straight ahead. You can't stop, and you can't turn."

"Well, I guess," said the doctor, as his machine shot out of the traffic into the open street ahead, "that's as good an illustration as I need. Ernest, I've been practicing medicine long enough to have seen a good many sides of life, and the more I see of it the more I'm convinced that it's pretty much like that traffic post—once you get beyond a certain point with some things there's no stopping. You simply have to go right through. The drink habit or the drug habit is an example. I don't suppose anyone who started out with a friendly glass now and then thought he was going to end with delirium tremens. But before he knew it, he ran by the last point of recovery, just as I ran by that signpost, and after that it was 'straight traffic at the next corner' for him.

"It reminds me of one time when I took the wrong train at New York. I wanted to get off at Norwalk, but I'd got on a through express to New Haven, and to New Haven I went. First you take the train; then the train takes you. The time to do your thinking about your destination is before you take the train. You say you don't want to be everlastingly thinking of consequences while you're in college. Well, it's because I don't want you to have to think everlastingly about consequences after you get out of college that I am warning you to be careful now. The turning over a new-leaf idea is a snare laid by the Devil. What you've written by habit in your nervous system is written, and it's always there either as an ally or as an enemy. Don't run past the signposts, and then expect nature to reverse the traffic regulations for your benefit. Beyond a certain point it's 'straight traffic at the next corner' for us all.

Acting without thinking is like shooting without aiming.

MY CHURCH



GOOD many common church problems would be solved or eliminated if all church members would realize that the church is theirs. Each member has equal privileges with every other member, and each one has responsibilities. Some people act like visitors when they go to their own church, and sometimes get their feelings hurt because they are not shown all the courtesies due to visitors. This only illustrates their whole attitude toward their church and its work. To have any number of members of this kind, and we find some in every church, handicaps the work and growth of the church.

A church member, who has the right conception of his church and its work, loves it and is loyal in every way to it. He is not always trying to see what he can get out of it, but what he can put into it. He realizes that if his church is to increase in numbers and in spirit as it should, he must do his full part. If he has really arrived at the right attitude toward Christ and his church, he will be as slow to criticize the members of his church as he is the members of his family. He will treat and help every member as a brother. He will ever be looking after the church's best interest. His example will be one of the church's assets. He will help by attending, ~~that is, by~~ and inviting others to attend, ~~and by~~ ^{and} ~~part~~ ^{part} in making his church a friendly church, ~~and~~ ^{and} a warm welcome for all.

The loyal member will give to support his church, not according to what he has given most of his life, nor according to what he believes will appear respectable in the sight of his fellows, but in the light of God's Word and his own conscience will give all he is able. This question is often asked and it is a good one, "What would my church be like if every member was just like me?" A church is always just like its members. God always blesses abundantly the individual who is loyal to Him and the church. Let us resolve to make our church better and a greater power for good in the community by being better members.

A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal professions of good will are very far from being the surest marks of it.—George Washington.

Don't become angry and act childish and remain away from the house of God because you have had your feelings hurt. Be a real Christian, do your part and don't grunt.

Become a pusher, not a pawn.

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Mrs. J. E. Driscoll.

Committee.

Mrs. Shive of Mentalo, Africa, was with us on October 5 and gave a very interesting talk of her work as nurse among the natives of Africa.

Mrs. Shive stated they needed more missionaries and more money to carry on the work, but what they mostly needed was the prayers of the home people. She cited one instance where one of the missionary's baby was very sick. They had sent for the doctor, who was 100 miles away, but before he could get there the baby was better. Later they learned that the day the baby was suffering the most their names had been on the prayer calendar at home. This instance just shows us what prayer will do, and are we praying for the missionaries as we should? We were so glad to have Mrs. Shive visit us and we feel sure her talk inspired us to do a greater work in the future.

On October 6, 7 and 8 the home mission book was studied, each circle being responsible for a portion of the book. Each afternoon the meeting was opened with prayer and a song. On Monday afternoon Circle No. 2, Mrs. P. A. Sloan, chairman, had charge of the meeting. Those who led were Mrs. J. E. Driscoll, first chapter on "The Romance of Generalities; Mrs. Bingham and Mrs. Primrose the second chapter, "The Romance of Exporasio in are just Ramsey the third chapter on "The Romance of the Hills."

Tuesday afternoon Circle No. 2, Mrs. H. C. Carr, chairman, led the meeting. Those taking part were MMrs. Burch on "Romance of Nationality;" Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Mack had the fifth chapter on "Romance of Race Relationships."

Wednesday afternoon Circle No. 4, Mrs. Bussel chairman, had charge of the meeting. Those who led were Mrs. Oldham on "The Romance of Building;" Mrs. Wheeler on "The Romance of Personality," and Mrs. Roomsey on "The Romance of a World Kingdom Task." This closed the mission study book, "The Romance of Home Missions."

Circle No. 4 had a very interesting meeting September 8 at the home of Mrs. L. C. Oldham.

Mrs. P. M. Bussell, chairman of the circle, led the meeting. The topic for the meeting was "Mountain Schools." Several papers were read concerning the pitiful conditions of the mountain people and their great need for education.

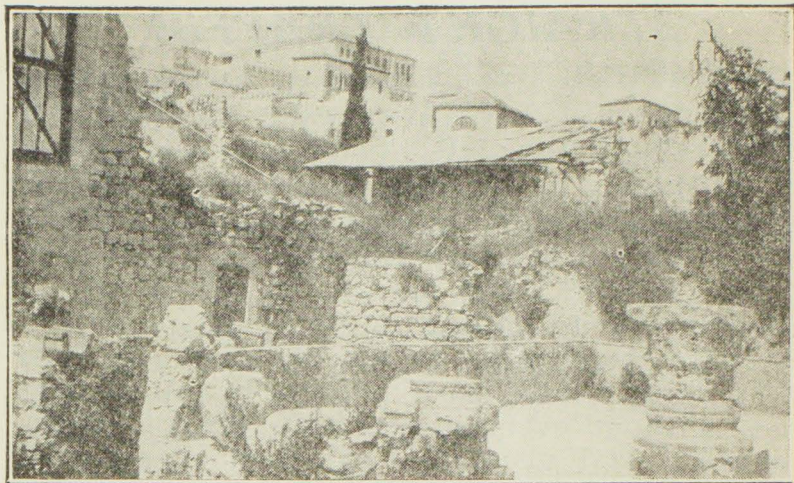
Sentence prayers were offered for several of our missionaries who are now working among the mountain people.

The circle is working on five gowns for the chest. Several of them have already been loaned. Two needy cases were brought up and help has been rendered them.

There were 42 visits made last month by Circle No. 4. After the business meeting Mrs. Oldham served the members delicious hot chocolate and wafers.

Mrs. C. R. Wheeler, Secy.

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A SCENE IN JERUSALEM.

AT SEVEN.

She was only seven years old, Eileen Martin, the little daughter of the section foreman, as she stood up to a telephone at the little town of Alta, Calif., telling the agent at the nearest station that a rail was broken. Childlike, she knew the semaphore signals, and had come down to the track to see the Overland Limited whirl by, and had watched the long finger drop, letting the train into that block. The agent asked her if she could not stop the train, for it was past him. "I'm pretty little, but I'll try," she said, and ran to the track with her fourteen-year-old sister, who had just appeared. They ran down the track, waved their hands and stopped the big train as it came roaring along, and thus saved a wreck. Every primary grade in the country ought to hear of Eileen's "I'm pretty little, but I'll try." Her alert attention knew the semaphore signal, her quick wit understood what a broken rail meant, her decision and initiative made her seek the telephone, the courage of herself and sister started them up the track waving their aprons to stop the big Overland Limited as it bore down upon them. And she was only seven years old.

Sympathy is essential to a proper attitude towards others "I have sympathy for the withered flowers. Shall I not have sympathy for my brother's withered years?"—Ainslie. There are times of sorrow when sympathy wells up in abundance; but we forget to be sympathetic in the ordinary course of events, when it is always needed.

The heart attitude determines the manners. if we have the right feeling toward our fellow men, we will never do anything that will wound them. And, if we treat them right, they will be ready to listen to us. But if we browbeat them, and hold ourselves superior to them, our influence over them will be negligible.

If in our self-examination and analysis we discover that we are not what we truly wish to be, then let us strive to reach our ideal, never fearing to show our real colors.

"You can neither bury, drown, nor burn the truth!"

Perseverance Counts Most



The weak wait for the opportunity to strike

Don't ~~care~~ ^{know} what the other fellow can do. He may be better than you, but you stick to your job. You may be the tortoise that wins the race. For—"He that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved."

Look at that young person over there. Somehow or other he is forging ahead of the rest.

"The chaterbox can force men to be silent, but not to listen."

If you want to know the value of money go and try to borrow some.—Benjamin Franklin.

GRACE

Alexander R. Bell.



GRACE is the unmerited love and favor of God in Christ to men. Grace means that we receive something we do not deserve. Would you go around telling people that you were under no obligations to the man who had saved you from a death that you deserved? What would men think about such base ingratitude? Well, that is exactly what men are doing with God.

The scripture reads: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8. Eternal life is the gift of God. It is by the grace of God. None of us have merited it. God by His grace saves us from eternal destruction, giving us everlasting life. And then we go around telling that we are under no obligation to Him. What do you think heaven thinks about such base ingratitude?

Men sing, "Free from the law, O happy condition!" and flagrantly violate the Word and law of the living God. The apostle Paul speaks of "the grace of God that bringeth salvation." Does the salvation that we have through the grace of God release us from obedience to God? To love God—is that to refuse to obey Him, and to trample His law under our feet, and boast about grace? Rather let us, with grateful hearts, yield in unconditional surrender to the will of God to be molded and fashioned after the divine image, patterned after the likeness of Him who said, "I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Let the sentiment of our hearts find expression in the words of the Savior: "I delight to do thy will, O my God; yet, thy law is within my heart."

REASONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP.

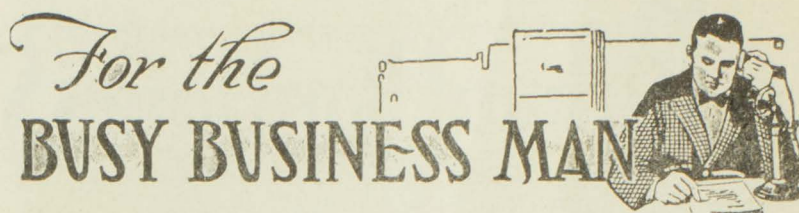
1. The family is the smallest, the most compact, and the most intimate social group. If there is to be any social worship of God, if persons are to express their adoration, love, and trust toward God by social groups, then it is most natural and necessary that they should do so by families.

2. A family exists for the nurture of children. The chief responsibility and the chief joy of the Christian family is the Christian nurture of its children. How can this Christian nurture proceed if it does not have in it the essential element of worship?

3. Family worship as a source, and as the consummation, of a Christian family life tends to perpetuate itself. A goodly heritage is precious not only in itself but also because it perpetuates itself through many generations.

4. Life in the family is a preparation and a training for life in the larger social groups. The virtues which the children learn in the Christian family are the virtues which when practiced in the large social groups will further the kingdom of God.

Great achievement must be preceded by great preparation.



Contentment looks at what we have. Discontent looks at what we have not.

Life is not a goblet to be drained. It is a measure to be filled.

When you really need something, you pay for it whether you buy it or not.

The one who always carries good cheer into the daily life may feel pretty certain of general success. The world welcomes cheerfulness where it turns a deaf ear to complaints and forebodings.

I have been through five depressions during my business life. They all act alike. The men who, if business fell off 66 per cent increased their selling efforts 75 per cent managed to pull through, as if there were no depression, and the efforts of such men tend to shorten the periods of depression.—Thomas A. Edison.

Competition, as the "life" of trade, surely is a tremendous spur to progress. Is it not the pursued man or business that advances through persistent effort to keep ahead? The constant striving to maintain leadership ever evolves new ways and means of accomplishing more efficiently and thus it is the "pursued is the progressive man." Put your pursuers on the pay roll.

THE VALUE OF COURTESY.

There are certain things that cost nothing and yet yield greater dividends than the highest and most desirable securities on the market. Among the most profitable of these is "courtesy."

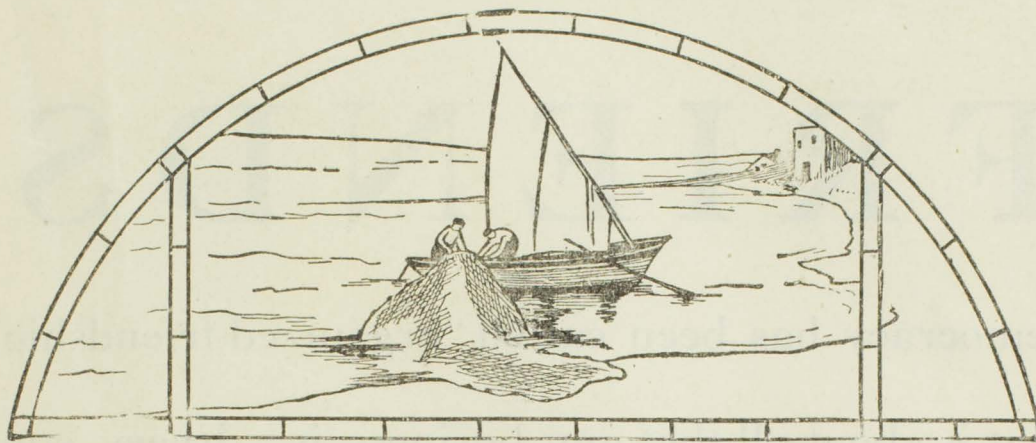
A smile, a cheerful greeting, a pleasant word or two, willingness to please, a sunny disposition, all help to strengthen the bonds of friendship between merchant and customer.

The business world has no place for the grouch or person of sour disposition. So far as intelligence is concerned he may be superior, but if he has not learned the value of courtesy his future in the commercial world is not very promising.

Many business men who find their trade slipping away from them fail to understand why. Their merchandise is the very best, their prices are reasonable, and yet the trade prefers to patronize their competitors.

Very often the remedy lies with the merchant himself. A little courtesy handed out to customers when they enter the store will keep them coming back for more.

And the beauty of it is that it costs nothing. Since courtesy is so reliable and so cheap, dig in, get your share of it and put it into play.



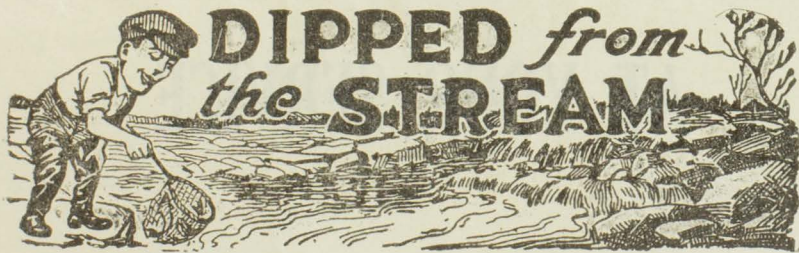
Founded by Workingmen

Christ was a carpenter. His first disciples were workingmen. Several of the original group were fishermen. They were accustomed to working with their hands.

All Honest Labor is Honorable

The Founder of Christianity is the greatest friend working people ever will have. He taught the dignity of labor well done, and the obligation of faithfully using our talents. He showed that the Golden Rule applies to workers and employers equally. Regular churchgoing helps us to apply Christianity in establishing high ideals in personal life and in business.

"Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work."



Customer: "Can you tell me what I can do to avoid falling hair?"

Barber: "Jump out of the way."

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Two battered old wrecks were sitting on a bench in the Common, when one remarked: "I'm a man who never took advice from anybody."

"Shake, brother," said the other, "I'm a man who followed everybody's advice."

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A shopkeeper had in his employ a man so lazy as to be utterly worthless.

One day, his patience exhausted, he discharged him.

"Will you give me a recommendation?" asked the lazy one.

The employer sat down to write a non-committal letter. His effort resulted as follows:

"The bearer of this letter has worked for me one week and I am satisfied."

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From a letter received by a mail order house:

"The enclosed articles have proved unsatisfactory to my wife, who, I regret to inform you,

is very hard to please. I notice they are entirely as represented in the catalog and also just what was ordered, so it is no fault on your part. My wife is naturally very trying at times. Sometimes she does not know what she does want. I am thoroughly disgusted with the way my wife finds fault with things, especially when she receives exactly what she orders."

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Stray Wolf, an Oklahoma Indian who had become rich in oil, bought an expensive automobile and soon had an accident on the public highway. Limping and somewhat bruised, he came into the local salesroom, carrying a pocketful of money. He wanted another car and explained loss of his original purchase in this way: "Drive out big red car. Buy moonshine. Take a drink. Step on gas. Trees and fence go by. Pretty soon big bridge come down road. Turn out to let bridge go by. Bang! Car gone. Gimme 'nother."

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Salesman: "I have no use for that merchant. He yawned three times while I was talking."

"He wasn't yawning," said his division sales manager. "He was merely trying to say something."

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Bobby: "Why doesn't our canary sing any more?"

Mother: "Because it's molting, dear."

Bobby: "I wish Aunt Kate would molt."

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