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His Moments

*He built a house, time laid it in the dust;
He wrote a book, its title now forgot;
He ruled a city, but his name is not
On any tablet graven, or where rust
Can gather from disuse, or marble burst.
He took a child from out a wretched cot;
Who on the State dishonor might have brought
And reared him in the Christian's hope and trust.*

*The boy, to manhood grown, became a light
To many souls and preached to human need
The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.
The work has multiplied like stars at night
When darkness deepens; every noble deed
Lasts longer than a granite monument.*

—Sarah Knowles Bolton in Sunshine.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

When one mentions the month of July here in the United States we immediately think of the fourth of July. That day has meant much to us inasmuch as it rings with the word *freedom*.

Since our gaining of independence in 1776 we have been a freedom-loving people. Our Constitution gives to us the four freedoms which we cherish. To the Christian the freedom of religion is the most important. He wants to worship God according to His Word regardless of the many different religions there are in the world today.

God has given man the desire to be free. Man does not like to be bound by circumstances which hold him in check. A criminal is bound by the walls of a prison because of his misdeeds, but he can still be free in his heart if he will choose to live a life with Christ as head. Though we be confined by material elements we can have liberty through our faith in God.

These words by Seneca are worthy

of our meditation: "It is foolish to strive with what we cannot avoid; we are born subjects, and to obey God is perfect liberty; he that does this, shall be free, safe, and quiet; all his action shall succeed to his wishes."

When we have true liberty in Christ we shall have the privilege of enjoying our own rights and in respecting and not destroying the rights of others.

Many people today run liberty in the ground. They think that liberty consists of their having all the rights and privileges they want regardless of other people. Much has been aired through the press in recent months about segregation. There is much pro and con on the subject, but we like to think of that verse in Acts 17:26 which says, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth . . ." We do not wish to make an issue of this topic, but we should bear in mind God's Word when it is given.

Paul says we have liberty in Christ. He does not mean by this that we are free to do as we please, but that we are bound by the law so long as we do not break it. The traffic laws do not bother us so long as we do not break them, but if we violate them we immediately come under the law and must do something to redeem ourselves. We have known people who really take advantage of the liberty through Christ so much so as to remark that they did not have to keep or observe the Ten Commandments because Christ did it for them, since they consider themselves a child of His. How *free* do we think we can be? We cannot disregard any laws now and expect to find ourselves free. We cannot expect to break the laws and go free because our parents keep the law. When we

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Inferior

Religion

By Ray L. Straub

EACH person thinks that his particular religion is the best. A Buddhist believes in Buddhism because he has been led to believe that his is the best religion. This is true with all of us because we cannot truly worship that in which we do not have any faith.

This is a day of religious tolerance. Great steps are being taken to unite all religions of the world into one brotherhood of believers. In Wilmette, Illinois, is a large new million-dollar Baha'i temple. It is a nonagonal white quartz edifice whose nine sides represent the nine major religions of the world. It bears the inscription, "All prophets of God proclaim the same faith," and thusly, shows its aim to unite all religions. Baha'ists have 1,300 centers in the United States and claim a total voting membership of three million throughout the world.

In 1952 a Permanent World Parliament of Religions was organized in New York City. This organization is pledged to promote greater understanding and brotherhood among the world faiths and is working intensely to mobilize religious sentiment for world peace through its various religions. Speaking of various beliefs were represented at this organizational meeting. These are just two of many attempts toward unification.

We find that Jesus' attitude toward different religions differed; especially in His opinion of that of the scribes and Pharisees. He made little effort to effect compromises and assure peace between their two

schools of thought. "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20).

There were several defects in the religion of the scribes and Pharisees that we will consider. One fault was that their religion was all on the surface. In one instance Jesus called them "whited sepulchres" and accused them of doing things just to be seen of men.

Their prayer showed this attitude. They loved to be seen praying on the streets to show forth their excellence of speech and ability to make long poetic sentences. Jesus advised that we enter a closet to pray. This does not only mean to find a small room in which to pray. It means to pray in such a manner that we are not conscious of those around us, or of the finesse of our speech. He wants us to examine our hearts and to share our innermost feelings with the Father—the very secrets of our conscience. It is quite possible to enter a closet and make the very same mistake those made who prayed on the streets. A closet prayer is an emotional, heartfelt prayer that is not dependent upon the immediate physical surroundings.

Another defect in the religion of the scribes and Pharisees was their proneness to worship from the head instead of the heart. They honored God with their lips, but their hearts were far from Him. Jesus taught that the condition of the heart is

the all-important matter for careful attention. Our actions are judged by our fellow man, and it is quite necessary that we live in conformity with high Christian standards. However, God always observes the motives behind our deeds.

A religion of the head is a mechanical one. It is composed of many predetermined rituals and sayings that constitute worship. When these acts are learned and performed, they are accepted as religious regardless of the attitude in which the ordinances are carried out.

Jesus' teachings lack ritual. They demand much more. One must be pure of heart before he stands justified in God's sight. Our motives must of necessity be those from a clear conscience, and if there is any attitude of disrespect to Jesus' doctrines our ritual will do little for us.

A third defect in the scribes' and Pharisees' religion was that it was aristocratic and exclusive. They could not associate with the races or people they considered inferior. They felt their religion had made them the best people and when they prayed, they reminded all that heard that they were exceptionally outstanding men. We have an example of such in the parable of the Pharisee and the publican praying.

God does not honor an egotistical attitude. Rather He is repelled by it. Solomon describes a proud heart as an abomination to God. James tells us that He resists the proud, but gives to the humble. Before we can attract His grace, we must be repentant, meek and willing to obey His commands.

A fourth defect was that they were intensely concerned about the letter of the law and ignored the spirit of it. Jesus was concerned with the purpose of the law and the passions of the obedient. The law of God is to be written upon the fleshly tables of our hearts. This means that we become our own

judges, in a sense, as to whether we are keeping the law or not. We may commit an act that we feel is in transgression, and so whether we are condemned by others or not, we have broken the law. Jesus not only condemned murder, but He also condemned hatred, which is the passion behind the act. While the scribes and Pharisees were scrupulously careful about the detailed letter, they consistently transgressed the more important spiritual aspects of the law.

The last defect of the inferior religion we must discuss is the most tragic—that of hypocrisy and insincerity. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation" (Matt. 23: 14). The entire twenty-third chapter of Matthew expresses severe warnings from Jesus to those who practice a hypocritical religion.

The underlying fault of any inferior religion is that the participants do not allow it to become their entire lives. They, as did the scribes and Pharisees, make religion only one phase of their normal living.

A life that exceeds the defective religious life is one in which Christ is the supreme Ruler over all. He aids us in making decisions and strengthens us to overcome every obstacle. We never forget Him nor leave Him at a place of worship. He accompanies us wherever we go. We worship and think about Him daily, and while this may not always be evident to all men, yet He remains our constant companion.

We remember and clearly indicate to others that no man can ever be the same once he has seen Jesus. He changes lives.

— H & C —

Read your Bible daily.

Give Willingly

By Max Morrow



WE ARE quite often told, especially in school, that we get out of a thing just as much as we put into it. We are reminded that we must contribute our portion along with the others in the group if we expect to gain any great benefit. It is true that the *taker* will make it through the course, but it is also true that he will not attain the mark of advancement that the giver will reach. He will receive just according to what he has contributed and not more.

All carnal principles appear to be built around this idea of give-and-get. We say, sure I'll help you out of the ditch while silently we think, if he does not help me the next time that I need help, I'll not do him another favor.

The carnal mind makes men think and act this way; it is not the spiritual nature of men to do suchwise. The Christian, the spiritually minded person, offers his assistance willingly, realizing what he would expect if he were in the ditch, not especially thinking that some time the other person can help him. There is not, or at least should not be, any desire for recompense in any fashion.

Christ taught people to be thiswise: "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matt. 5:42). He did not mean that they were only to offer to those who would return, but that they were to give even if they could not reasonably expect any courtesy in return. "And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for

sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again" (Luke 6:33, 34). There is no desire to *receive* with the true spirit of *giving*. There is only the yearning to please one's neighbor as one should, as Paul taught the Romans (15:3) in his letter to them.

Paul not only taught the people that they should give of their time and efforts to others, but he also instructed the brethren to give of their wealth both to God and to fellow men. The giving was to be done willingly, without thought of its being a responsibility or of its being burdensome. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Paul's teachings relative to this subject were quite in line with those of Moses to the Children of Israel: ". . . Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land" (Deut. 15:11). The plan of freely giving is nothing new; neither is the instruction to give willingly a new command. In the verse just preceding the verse quoted above Moses laid down the principle of freely giving in these words: "Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall

bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto" (Deut. 15:10).

God loves a cheerful giver, one who does not find an occasion for self-examination in giving to others. He rewards openly those who give secretly (Matt. 6:4); that is, He rewards those who do not make a big show when they give to a person or an institution. To those who give with the proper attitude God has promised that He will increase their possessions. He will give them things making their supplies all sufficient.

Let us freely give from the depths of a joyful heart; then God will recompense us according to His will.

— H & C —

PLEASE EXPLAIN

Please explain Hebrews 9:27 and John 6:50 so as to eliminate what appears to be a discrepancy.

Answer: Let us read these two verses first: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, . . ."

"This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die."

Solomon said: "For the living know that they shall die. . ." Eccl. 9:5. After Adam sinned, God said to him: ". . . dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Jesus did not contradict the fact that death was pronounced upon the human race and that all must partake thereof.

The Scriptures teach that death is the last enemy, and will be destroyed at the end of the thousand years (1 Cor. 15:26; Rev. 20).

It is not difficult to understand that after one becomes immortal (which is not in this present age) he shall not die. Man is not immortal by birth, nature, or inheritance via the flesh. Jesus spoke in Luke 20 of the time when "neither can they die any more: for they are equal

unto the angels; . . . being the children of the resurrection" (see vv. 35 and 36). Without a resurrection there would be no life eternal (1 Cor. 15:16-18). Eternal life depends upon the resurrection just as much as the fact that Jesus had to be resurrected to complete the plan of salvation.

In John 11:12 Jesus spoke of death as "sleep," likely because of the fact there is to be an awakening—at the resurrection. Even though we believe in and partake of Jesus now, we must some day lay down in the dust to "sleep in Jesus." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest . . ." (Rev. 14:13). These are not eternally dead, and therefore are counted as asleep in the Lord. They will never partake of the second death, which is the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14).

In verse 43 of John 6 our Lord said that if we do not partake of the Son of man, "ye have no life in you." "No life"? He could have meant nothing else but spiritual or eternal life. The eternal life we are heirs of now "is laid up" for us—"your life is hid with Christ in God" (2 Tim. 4:9; Col. 3:4). Both of these verses are directly connected, showing that this life is given when Jesus comes.

The writer understands John 6:50 in these words: ". . . that a man may eat thereof and not die" or never die the second death. He did not say that one becomes immortal at once by accepting Him, else He would not have spoken about the resurrection in this chapter as He did, when He said, ". . . and I will raise him up at the last day" (vv. 39, 44, 54).—*L. L'Roy.*

— H & C —

The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity; as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame.—*Colton.*

Arise and Shine



Kay Donnelly was about as happy as any girl could be. She felt as light as a feather in the breeze as she hurried to her next class. She was a part—but definitely—of the nicest crowd in the high school! In spite of all the misgivings she had had about going to school in a big city, she was finding it quite delightful.

It would be awful—simply awful—to be left out of all the wonderful activity here. To be included was heaven—just plain heaven! Janie had asked her this noon to have lunch with the crowd and they had told her then that they would like to have her every day. It was really more than she had dreamed of.

Kay had come from a small town where everyone knew all about everyone else. It was a little hard to get used to the idea that no one really knew very much about her. And she knew very little about where these new friends lived or what their families were like. In the evening when the bell rang they scattered in all directions.

Kay sat through her afternoon classes with her head in the clouds. She could hardly wait to get home to tell her mother.

Her mother listened carefully while Kay bubbled over about her new friends. "Isn't it wonderful,

Mother?" she concluded with stars in her eyes.

"It's very nice, Dear. But why are you so overjoyed? You were not unpopular before we moved here."

"Oh, I know that, but, Mom, this is different. Before I always had to stay with the church crowd."

"Was that such a bad thing?"

"Well, not exactly bad, but I like this so much better—you know—I feel as though I'm being liked just for myself."

"Oh!"

No one could deny that Kay was a lovely girl. Besides her good looks there was a glow about her that made her most attractive. The fact that she had been a devout Christian since she was very young gave her face a quality that was especially nice. And, of course, the Christian principles by which she was guided gave her a gracious and charming manner.

As one day succeeded another Kay found herself becoming more solidly situated with her new friends. It had taken a bit of maneuvering, but somehow she had managed to get by without telling any of them

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TEEN



A Letter From Grandmother Lois

My dear Boy,

It does amuse as well as distress and puzzle me to hear the daily complaints about the weather. If skies are gray, people will hesitate as if they dare not say even "Good morning!"

Someone said to me on a gray Monday morning recently, "I can't see why we can't have more than one fair day at a time."

My answer was too quick to be polite, maybe: "Are you sure it is all you deserve?"

Fortunately the person took it kindly, and I hope saw the individual truth of the thoughts that can glorify or *grouchify* life, (if I may be allowed to use a *new* word).

The plain truth is, men have invented extreme mischief enough to spoil any good weather that a wise Creator might make.

I will mention the millions of cars producing poisonous gas as they speed over the roads pushing aside the pure air currents and possibly to some extent upsetting the chemical balance.

Added to the autos on the roads are the planes roaring through the sunshine of the sky.

If the fashion increases for each man or woman to go to work in his or her own plane, forcing poisonous gases from millions of exhaust pipes into the air above the earth, neither weather nor health will be to our

liking. Will people be so thoughtless then as to wonder why weather doesn't suit?

It is my opinion people will sometime see they are each day of their lives receiving as good weather as they deserve, and I am copying here a quotation from a beautiful old-time poem, Psalm 135:5-7.

*"I know that the Lord is great,
And our Lord is above all gods,
Whatsoever the Lord pleased
That ~~did He~~ in heaven and in
earth,*

*In the seas, and in all deep places.
He causeth the vapor to ascend
From the ends of the earth.
He maketh lightnings for the rain,
He bringeth the wind out of his
treasuries."*

If you can memorize these lines, they will keep you from complaining, whatever the weather. In the study for your life work too, you will be guided to see God's power is greater than man's inventions, and perversions. May you be led into wise choices, and I will close with this wish for you.

Grandmother Lois

— H & C —

FROM YOUR EDITOR

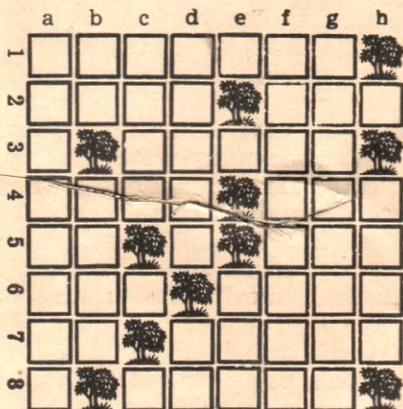
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disobey we shall be punished no matter how law-abiding our parents may be. Each one must answer for himself. Don't take advantage of your liberty. Use it properly as a blessing from God.



TALK

A Bible Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- a-1. What Joseph's brothers called him.
- a-2. "Whereupon he promised with an.....to give her whatsoever she would ask." Matt. 14.
- f-2. What the disciples used with which to catch fish.
- c-3. A Biblical city. Isa. 10.
- a-4. A city of the children of Benjamin.
- f-4. What Jesus is referred to in Isaiah 11.
- a-5. Abbreviation of paid.
- f-5. Short for Abraham.
- a-6. A boatman's instrument.
- e-6. A place where John the Baptist did baptizing.
- a-7. Abbreviation for senior.

- d-7. To waste away.
- c-8. Melchizedek, king of.....

DOWN

- a-1. What the Israelites sprinkled the blood upon.
- b-1. Second note of the diatonic scale.
- b-4. A Hebrew month.
- c-1. The rock where Samson dwelt.
- d-1. One of Shisha's sons. 1 Kgs. 4.
- e-6. A snakelike fish.
- f-1. "The.....of thy words giveth light—" Psa. 119.
- g-1. A son of Solomon.
- h-4. "Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which.....that there is any resurrection—"

— H & C —

GARDENS

Many beautiful gardens may be found in city parks, and even in remote places of earth. The beauty of flowers, trees and foliage, and landscaping designs appeals to the eyes. But not all beautiful gardens can be seen with physical eyes.

There are gardens of memory. We plant these gardens and tend them with care. We weed out the deeds and events we do not wish to remember, and cultivate those of beauty. It takes a lot of forgetting, a lot of forgiving, a lot of cultivating of the happenings of life, little and big, to make a garden of memories that is really attractive. When we have such a garden we can enjoy it to the very end of life, and can share it with our friends.

—Adlai G. Wallace (Sel.)

ARISE AND SHINE

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she was a Christian. And she had not compromised either! In such a big place it was easy to simply have something else to do when she was invited to do things she had scruples against. And if the conversation took a turn that was not exactly Christlike, Kay had become quite clever at switching it around to something else.

However, one day at lunch Janie invited the whole crowd to her birthday dance, and Kay was caught without an excuse in the world.

"Kay, you are coming to this party, or I'll never speak to you again!" Janie declared emphatically.

"That's right!" Tom Brady put in. "I'm going to see to it personally. How about it, Kay?"

Kay could feel her face getting red. She was especially pleased that Tom should want to take her to the party. How could she ever tell them she could not go to the dance? She was caught completely off guard.

"Kay, speak up!" Janie demanded. "Do you realize you hardly ever accept our invitations? What's the matter? Aren't we good enough?"

"Oh, Janie, you know that isn't the reason! I think all of you are wonderful. It's just that—" How could she make them understand? "I'll have to let you know tomorrow, Janie, and I want you to know that I do appreciate the invitation very much. Excuse me now, please, I have a lot to do," Kay finished lamely as she gathered up her things and hurried away.

She knew they all were wondering what on earth was the matter with her. No telling what they were saying. She could feel their eyes on her back as she walked along.

Kay could not even bring herself to discuss the incident with her mother. Perhaps it was because she

knew very well what her mother would say. She should have told them she was a Christian in the first place. But most of them didn't even go to church anywhere. They wouldn't understand what she was talking about. She had gathered from their conversation that they thought all Americans were Christians by virtue of having been born in America.

That night Kay really prayed for help. However, when she left for school the next morning she was not feeling too sure of herself. She kept trying to hope something would happen to make everyone forget about the dance, but she knew nothing short of a terrible catastrophe could do that.

And she was right! When she joined the crowd for lunch she saw instantly that they were waiting for her and each one had one particular question on his mind.

Tom let her finish her sandwich before he spoke, but she could tell he had a hard time waiting that long.

"Well, Kay, do I get to take you to Janie's party or not?"

Kay gulped. To have to refuse Tom—of all people! Then for a moment it occurred to her that the choice was hers. She did not have to refuse. She could go to the dance if she wanted to. But she knew very well she could not go with the approval of the Lord. Her relationship to Him was the most important and wonderful thing she had and Kay knew it very well. There was only one thing to do.

"Thank you very much for asking me, Tom, but I am not going. You see, I'm a Christian, and—"

"A Christian?" there was a chorus of echoes.

"We're all Christians, aren't we?" Tom asked looking around the crowd. "What does that have to do with going to a dance?"

"Well, you see, I believe God has

given us standards in the Bible which He expects us to live by, and according to these standards I feel that dancing is displeasing to Him."

"I never heard of such a thing!" Janie said, not a little upset. "How did you ever get such ideas?"

"Perhaps I'd better tell you all about it," Kay said and she could feel something stirring inside of her at last that made her want to tell them about her lovely Lord.

They listened with their mouths open as she told them of a real experience of salvation and the reality of the Christian life.

"Kay," it was Tom who broke the solemn silence, "is that what gives you that sort of glow you have? You know, it shows in your face—a kind of fresh, clean, happy look."

"And that must be what makes you so gracious and thoughtful of others. It must be wonderful to have such standards," Janie said with wonder in her voice.

"I guess that's why you'll never say anything mean about anyone. And that explains your not wanting us to say anything that's on the shady side. Well, I declare! I wondered how you managed to be so nice. Now I can understand it a little," Ann said.

"Kay," it was Tom again, "can just anyone become a member of your church and live like that, or do you have to grow up in it? What I mean is, it surely would be wonderful if we could all be the way you are—so kind of special."

Kay could hardly believe her ears. "Oh, I'd love to have you all come to church with me. The Lord wants to do just as much for you as He has done for me, and even more." Kay's heart was singing!

"Let's go soon," Tom said looking around the crowd. "What do you say?"

"Sure!" "Love to!" "Let's go soon!" comments were coming from

most of the crowd. There were one or two who looked a bit disdainful, but for the most part they all seemed interested.

Kay's heart was still singing when she reached home that evening. She could hardly wait to tell her mother the whole story.

"And, Mother," she concluded, "it wasn't just plain me at all that they were interested in. It was the Lord who attracted them. Oh, I'm so glad they could see Him in me! I'm glad I'm a Christian and now I want to serve Him more than I ever have before! Wasn't I foolish to be so fearful about their not understanding?"

Her mother was rejoicing with her. "Kay, I don't think any Christian need fear being unpopular as long as his life backs up his testimony. That's the important thing. If folks can see Christ in us we will not be unattractive."

—Ellis Martin in HiCall.

— H & C —

From Our Readers

Dear Herald and Call Readers,

This afternoon I shall take a few moments to send you greetings and best regards from the Far West. I confess that I have been rather selfish in enjoying everyone's writing so much and not taking the time to see what I could do myself. We have many good writers among our young people, haven't we? That has been proven by the papers issued during the last six or eight months. I, for one, will be looking for your names to appear over and over again on the "By" line of an inspiring article, story, or letter.

Just a few short days now, [at this writing], and many of us will be leaving for the Western District's Camp Meeting in Lodi. Have you given any thought to attending one of the camp meetings being held this

summer? If not, you will surely be missing a spiritual blessing that cannot be gained elsewhere. Camp meetings have a way of renewing and refreshing one's spiritual life for the coming year that cannot be exceeded. The sermons and talks given at this time do much to broaden one's knowledge of the Bible and perhaps settle several questions for him. The new friendships, and the old ones renewed may be reason enough for the attendance of some. People you may have heard of over and over again, but never met, are almost sure to be there. See? I have talked you into it! See you at camp meeting. There is surely one being held near you.

The church group here are wonderful folk to work and worship with. We also have a fine bunch of very cooperative young people, who enjoy doing things together.

Southern California is certainly a gardener's paradise. Any kind of shrub or flower will flourish here, seemingly. There are pretty gardens around nearly every house. One can appreciate the handiwork of the Creator so much, merely by the many colors and varieties of flowers everywhere.

As it is anywhere else, the Mission Field here at home is fully ripe and ready for the harvest. Pray for us young folk that we may be about our Father's business.

Yours in His service,

Mary Cory

— H & C —

North Carolina F.Y.C. Report

Farmville

The Young people's meeting was opened by the congregation singing "Trust and Obey," led by Mildred Clark and accompanied by Nannie Mae Young at the piano. Geraldine Brann led in prayer.

Under the direction of Nannie Mae Young the little folk recited verses beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Those participating in this were Marlene Hardy, Mike Clark, Becky Young, Randy Nichols, J. C. Hardy, Mary Louise Young, Charles Brann, Carlton Young, Jr., Lou Tyson, Elizabeth Jane Hardy, Carol Brann, Nora Lee Young, and Denise Clark.

Carolyn Brann sang a solo entitled "Bless This House."

Mildred Clark gave a talk on "The Ten Commandments of Today." The little folk sang "Constant Care." Faye Young gave a short talk on the first commandment; Billy Young on the second; Tim Hardy, the third; Becky Young, the fourth; Carol Brann, the fifth; Wilson Nichols, Jr., the sixth; Lou Tyson, the seventh; Nora Lee Young, the eighth; Carolyn Brann, the ninth; and Annie Lee Young, the tenth. These talks applied the commandments to our daily living. The audience then participated in finding Scripture in the New Testament corresponding with the Ten Commandments.

For closing the little folk sang a number, and Mildred Clark dismissed the meeting with prayer.

—Mrs. Johnnie Young, Sec.

— H & C —

SUNSET

The zenith spreads its canopy of sapphire, and the West has a magnificent array of clouds, and as the breeze plays on them they assume the forms of mountains, castled cliffs and hills, and shadowy glens, and groves, and beetling rocks, and some in golden masses float, and others have edges of burning crimson. Never from the birth of time were scattered o'er the glowing sky more splendid colorings.

—Carrington.

Oklahoma F.Y.C. Rally

THEME: *Courage*

The Oklahoma F.Y.C. Rally of June 9 was held at Midway. The morning worship under the direction of Harry Krause opened by singing "Trust and Obey" led by Mary Kanady, accompanied by Sue Grubis.

Psalm 27 was read by J. C. Kanady, after which he led in prayer.

A trio number was sung by Joyce Mauldin, Sue Litsey and Betty Scott.

Elder O. T. Whitten delivered the morning message on the theme of the program.

The afternoon service under the direction of J. C. Kanady was opened with singing led by Harry Krause and accompanied by Sue Litsey. Joshua 1:1-7 was read by L. E. Glover and then Allan Burlison led in prayer.

The following program was presented: Poems were given by Ronnie and Judy Mauldin, and John Kanady.

Solos were sung by Sue Grubis and Harry Krause.

Dorothy Whitten and Sue Litsey played a piano duet.

A reading was given by Nell Knight.

Two quartet numbers were sung by the Midway Quartet.

Delores Chandler played a piano solo.

A play entitled "The Healing Cross" was presented by the Oklahoma City-Midway young people.

Trio numbers were sung by Joyce Mauldin, Sue Litsey and Betty Scott; Ida Whitten, Verna Childers and O. T. Whitten.

After a song by the congregation, Roy Kanady led in prayer.

An inspiring testimony service was led by Brother Philbin.

Cecil Hendershott dismissed the meeting.

—Dorothy Whitten.



CRABTREE - FAUTH

In a candle-lit ceremony on June 5, 1956, in the Wright Community Church, at Boise, Idaho, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Anita Crabtree, sister of Mr. and Mrs. Gus E. Barrett, of Boise, and Leroy Fauth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fauth, of Lodi, California. Elder Reuben Moldenhauer performed the marriage.

The bride wore a ballerina-length satin gown and shoulder-length veil. She carried a white orchid and spray of pink rosebuds on a white Bible. Her maid of honor was Alice Cory.

Carol Lynn Barrett was flower girl.

Arnold Moldenhauer served as best man and ushers were Edward Miller and Wayne Sheffield.

Mrs. Una Riggs sang "Because" and "Always."

A reception was held in the church social hall following the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Toppenish, Washington.

We wish the richest of God's blessings upon this couple as they begin their life together for Him.

—Mrs. G. Barrett.

Poetic Gems

IN MY PLACE

Three crosses stood upon a hill,
And the middle one was for me.
For Jesus, to do His Father's will,
Walked up to Calvary.

Three crosses, rough and heavy and tall,
Three crosses, stark and grim;
And the one in the middle was meant
for me,
But they brought that one for Him.

Three crosses stood upon the hill
Where the sun refused to shine;
And they nailed a thief to the right and
the left,
But they nailed my Lord to mine.

Three crosses; and where I should have
hung
My Savior hung that day.
By the death that He died and the life
that He lived
He has taken my sins away.

And willing He came, and willing He
served,
And willing at last He died.
And the Father has pardoned my sins
for the sake
Of the Son who was crucified.

—Lorie Conley Gooding.

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DON'T HURRY

As you journey through the year
Don't be in a hurry;
Life's too short to pass it o'er
With a rush and flurry;
Stop a moment by the way,
Lend a hand in lifting;
Deeds of kindness every day,
Through your hands be sifting.

Life's too precious far to waste
Seeking but for money;

Grant a smile to every one,
Help to make life sunny;
Catch sunshine's brightest rays,
Store them as your treasure;
Give them back to earth again,
In love's fullest measure.

Doing thus you soon will find
Life is well worth living.
And instead of taking all,
You will do more giving;
Then your life will bear the stamp
Of a life in keeping,
With this record, "Others' good,
Not your own you're seeking."

—Recitation Poems.

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A DUTY SONG

I do the day's work
Whatever the weather,
For duty and I
Can be cheery together;
In fog, rain or wind,
There is aye a clear view
Through the hours of the day
That has tasks to pursue.

I do the day's work
My Father has set me,
His strength is for me,
He does not forget me;
When He sets the task
'Tis a possible deed,
For the skill and the power
He gives as I need.

I do the day's work
For the night cometh nearer,
And daytime grows precious,
And duty yet dearer;
But I look for my Master
At set of the sun,
And my rest will be sweet
When the day's work is done.

—The King's Own.

Striking a Happy Medium

By Lena Moffatte



OFTEN we hear the slogan "strike a happy medium." I can think of many ways we should do just that. We are great travelers here in the United States with hundreds of cars running to and fro on our highways both day and night.

Our daily papers warn us that *speed kills*. In fact, the number one cause of fatal accidents is from speed. "Slow down and live" should be everyone's motto in order to strike a happy medium in driving.

Vacation time is here and there are many suffering with sunburns due to overexposure. There are many drownings because of daring and carelessness.

Many mothers are so busy making fancy desserts and keeping immaculate households that they send their children out to play not knowing who their playmates are or where they are playing. It is right and proper that we keep our homes clean for happy living, and give nourishing food to our families, but let us strike a happy medium so we can still find time to enjoy and train our children and get acquainted with their friends. If you have a longing to be a missionary, start with your children. Your home is the greatest mission on earth.

Children will long remember the fun they had at a picnic, the ball game in the vacant lot, fishing, and the walk and talk in the woods. How many parents, including myself, wish they had taken more time for comradeship and counseling to-

gether with their children. Let us not put off "striking a happy medium." Enjoy the good things of life today, for tomorrow may be too late.

I wonder how many of us need to strike a happy medium when we partake of our daily food? I have been guilty of overeating. Have you? I also believe it is a sin, for Luke 21:34 warns us about the time just before Jesus' return that we should take heed to ourselves lest at any time our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and the cares of this life so that day come upon us unawares. My dictionary says, "to surfeit is to overload the stomach." We are also told to be temperate in all things. We are told to "slow down and live," when it comes to driving a car. Overeating and overweight cause many illnesses and even death. May we also "slow down and live" when we sit at the table.

One thing it would be wise for us to do and that is to arise a little earlier on Sabbath morning so we do not have to rush around so and get to church as the saying goes "by the skin of our teeth," on time or perhaps a few minutes late. This sort of thing makes our nerves on edges and our tempers ruffled. Why not strike a happy medium arriving early enough to meditate on the goodness of God and breathing a prayer for His holy presence in the church.

There are many ways to strike a happy medium. How many can

you bring to memory that in some way might affect your life?

Many people like a happy medium by living clean moral lives. This is commendable and I would rather have a moral neighbor than one who drinks, gambles, steals or curses God. But we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God and everyone who does not accept Christ and repent of his sins, will be eternally lost in the day of judgment. There is no happy medium when it comes to serving God. We either belong to Christ, or else we belong to Satan. We will either be told at the judgment day to enter into the joy of thy Lord, or we will be cast into outer darkness—saved or lost—no happy medium.

When Christ was rebuking the Laodiceans He told them He would spue them out of His mouth because they were lukewarm. He would

much rather they would have been either hot or cold. These things are recorded as ensamples unto us for our admonition. No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches and things of this world). We are told to keep ourselves unspotted from the world and not to love the world or the things therein. All these things shall pass away with the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 John 2:17.

Take time to be holy.

— H & C —

Talent for talent's sake is a bauble and a show. Talent working with joy in the cause of universal truth lifts the possessor to new power as a benefactor.—*Emerson*.

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