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The Days of '85

By BESSIE M. BARKER

CHAPTER X



IN an instant after the announcement of the messenger the whole camp was in an uproar. Trapped between the troops of General Strange and the soldiers at Battleford! The dance was broken up. Tepees were struck in a mad hurry, the one which covered the two white men crashing down on them, one of the poles inflicting a long gash across Bob Hamilton's neck and shoulder, tearing through coat and shirt. Within an hour the whole band had moved from their camping place, and were frantically digging rifle pits and embankments where they might make a stand against the white soldiers. The prisoners were bound and kept in close concealment, listening with a sense of maddening impotence to the gun-fire and shouts that went on near and far, betokening that fighting between the white and the native forces had already begun. Defeat turned to apparent victory when the white forces retreated, but the terror that had gripped the rebellious Indians when they learned of the capture of their leader at Batoche could not be shaken off, and waiting no further attack, the whole band took to flight toward the northwest, their one way of escape from the retribution which seemed hard on their heels. Whipping muscles already jaded by the hours of dancing, to yet greater efforts, they raced through bush and scrub, on horseback, afoot, with

creaking "Red River" carts, and with the older travois.

"Why couldn't they have left us behind?" David groaned as they stopped for a breathing space after the first fear-stricken dash.

"I suppose we know too much of their plans to be safe at large," Bob answered. "We'll have to look sharp, though—maybe a chance will come to make our getaway. I daresay they'd be glad enough to be rid of us."

"I hope they don't want happiness badly enough to take matters into their own hands."

The first headlong rush slackened, but little time was allowed for food and rest. Every step was taking them farther away from the river. Every mile found the way growing more difficult to travel, as the party entered the edge of the northern lake and muskeg country. They plunged in water and mud, often to their knees, and lay down to snatch a few hours of sleep in clothing soaking wet. Though the May nights were still cool, the first mosquitoes were rising in hordes. and no "smudge" fires could be lighted to drive them away, lest a hint be given to the pursuers. The white men could only huddle close together for warmth and, as the grey daylight appeared in the eastern sky, rise up to trudge on again, on the road that held no hope save what might come through the preservation of their lives. The injury

that Bob Hamilton had received was paining him severely, though there seemed to be no bones broken, and David tore his shirt into strips and bandaged it closely to ease the pain of the loosely swinging arm.

The band separated into smaller groups and still smaller, and the white men were relieved to find themselves falling to the care of members of the Wood Cree tribe. One of them, a tall, splendidly-built young man, David looked at frequently, tracing in his strongly-marked features some haunting sense of familiarity which his utmost efforts could not bring into recognition.

It was this Indian who had shown the prisoners several kindnesses, and at last, noting Bob's sufferings, he found a place for him to ride in one of their rough, highwheeled carts, proffering the suggestion in hesitating English, with the formality of address of the typical Indian.

"We thank you," David replied. "It will save him much pain."

Again, as the party moved on after their brief noonday halt, David expressed his thanks.

"It is not'ing. You my friend, David Lyons."

"But why? Why do you say I am your friend?"

"I Gray Cloud. You help my sister, Bright Morning."

"Bright Morning! I remember you now, Gray Cloud. You came

hurt. Where is she now—is my side of the line of march. wife with her?"

they do."

Bob Hamilton bumping over the ground in his springless vehicle, he asked under his breath:

your sister is, and my wife?"

came back:

hear not'ing since the fighting start. aside. Her husband. Tall Tree, he with Poundmaker—he want to fight," fall.

rest and urged David to take his but Gray Cloud answered merely: place in the cart, but Gray Cloud, who now marched close beside them as their keeper, demurred:

"You stay in cart." "But Dave is tired."

"You stay in cart. You stay his task. sick."

He spoke emphatically, and the Hurry, go back to your people." white men grasped that something lay behind his command. They were in rougher land now. Several times the big wooden wheels of the

on one of the rickety spokes, David David regained control of him- watching him and waiting with self, but later, as they plodded on, rapidly-beating heart. The spoke was well splintered, and then the face. Indian urged his scrawny horse to greater speed till he overtook the pace and then, within hearing of a us go?" But the discouraging answer number of his companions, Gray

With a quick, sly wrench of his Would the northwest trail never warning glance from his dark eyes, sight. end? Every day was now a long, David dropped on his knees in the numbed endurance. Bob Hamil- mud beside him. Several made ton felt better from his enforced derisive comments as they passed,

"You go on-we catch up."

When the cortège had passed

out of the cart.

"You go now. Take this."

for her to our home when she was length Gray Cloud pulled to one ried, and handed David his hunting knife. "You find stream and follow "I fix my wagon," he grunted to it down to Saskatchewan River. "Not talk so much." The Indian David, and let the others pass on. Then go down by it. You find Fort frowned warningly. "Don't show Bending to his task he seized a Pitt, mebbe - mebbe Battleford. them we friends. I not know what large stone and pounded vigorously Mebbe you meet soldiers. Be careful you not meet Indians-Metis. Some alright-some not alright."

David looked him straight in the

"Gray Cloud, what is this going to mean to you? What will your "Gray Cloud, do you know where party. For another mile they kept tribe do when they find out you let

The Indian shrugged. "They not Cloud uttered an impatient ex- care much. They 'fraid to have "I not know-I not see her or clamation, and once more drew you with them now, if soldiers find them. You hurry."

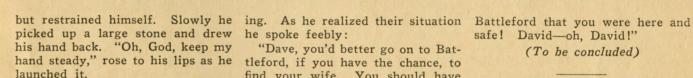
Whether the man was dissembsinewy hands he tore loose the end ling or not, David hesitated no and again they plodded on through of the splintered spoke, and turned longer. In turn clasping the hand the rain which was beginning to to hack several slender willow of their rescuer, the white men withes to repair the damage. At a plunged into the brush and out of

It was a nightmare road they followed back to civilization. At first they tried to keep a record of the days travelled, but soon they blended into a deadening monotony of endurance, with forcing exfrom sight beyond a fringe of hausted bodies to plod on and on scrub, a quarter of a mile in through the scrub and marshy land. advance of them, Gray Cloud ceased For several days they could not see the sun through the heavy grey-"You run now, David Lyons. ness of overcast skies, and lost all sense of direction. For a time they In an instant Bob Hamilton was forced themselves to wait for clearing weather, lest they should travel in the wrong way. They had no Quickly he gave each a handful of matches to kindle a fire, and could cart jolted over stones, and at dried meat from the sack he car- only huddle together for warmth at night. Then with fair weather came the hordes of insect pests to make night and day a torture. Their tiny supply of dried meat was soon exhausted, and it was still too early in the season for them to find wild fruits or birds' nests. Robert Hamilton's arm swelled and festered, and his blood ran hot with fever. The marshy country, with its sluggish ponds, seemed endless, but at last they found running water, a stream with a steady current, and knew it would be their guide to safety.

Safety - but how could they reach it? Bob stared with dulled eyes at the brown water, and David watched him anxiously. Neither could tell how many miles still intervened between them and the Saskatchewan, and Bob's strength was well-nigh spent.

There was a rustle behind him. and David turned to see a mink glide from the water with the silvery scales of its prey shining wetly in its jaws. He was tempted to rush.

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With a furious screech of fright gone before." and pain the mink doubled into a bundle of threshing brown fur, and his captive slid floundering to the blow of the stone, screamed defiance and anger at being robbed.

They ate the fish raw, and fresh energy returned with it, giving them strength to follow the stream. Another fish, caught in the shallows by the receding flood water, provided a further meal, and at last they saw before them the broad

Again David's prayers for assistance were answered, when they stumbled upon a family of friendly half-breeds, who took them in a where the police had again established a base. Bob Hamilton was delirious when they lifted him from the canoe. For a week he lay very ill, David, exhausted as he was, having the satisfaction of seeing to run, all weariness forgotten. him return to consciousness, and the danger of losing his arm reced-

"Dave, you'd better go on to Batfind your wife. You should have

"I wasn't leaving you, Bob." "I'd have been all right."

"We've been through too much sand, where David fell upon it. Its together for me to walk out on you prison, Pasteur in his laboratory, all former owner, recovering from the like that. I know word has gone did great things for the world. All on about us, Bob. Eleanor may these had their burdens and their word may come about her any time. they were wrought mightily for the Everything is pretty well in the good of mankind. They did not control of the police now, and say, "Because I am on a farm, or they'll be looking for her. We'll blind, or in prison, or confined

wandered out into the sunshine. say: "This is my lot, but I shall not waters of the North Saskatchewan Again he went to the police officer, despair. I will make the most of but received the same news. "No my opportunities, and do my best word yet," and he went on a little while I have life." This is the spirit way beyond the outpost. He was of all those who do great things. very tired, and throwing himself down on the warm earth under a ramshackle canoe to Fort Pitt, clump of trees, he rested in the June sunlight till the afternoon shadows were growing long.

There was some one coming out to meet him-did Bob need him? But this was a stranger—a slender nursing him constantly, and at last boy. No-he sprang up and began

"Eleanor!"

"David-they told me down at men.

safe! David-oh, David!"

(To be concluded)

"For a week he lay very ill, David, exhausted

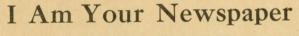
as he was, nursing him constantly"

Limitations

OLSTOI on his farm, Milton without his sight, Bunyan in his know already that we are safe, and limitations-and who has not? Yet go down together in a few days." within a workshop, I cannot do any-Bob dozed off again, and David thing worth while." Rather did they

> The true reformer is much more concerned to lift up those who are beneath him than to pull down those who are above him.

> The surgeon's touch must be as delicate as it is strong; so also should be the hand of him who attempts to deal with the souls of



A Message To Young People

For me men faced the dangers of the deep forests and of the rushing rivers of springtime.

Others toiled patiently to perfect the precision of machines, to blend the colours of ink, to mould the grace and vigour of type.

In the far places of the earth and near at hand they have gone on the endless and risky search for news and knowledge and

Thus, in a magical panorama, I daily distil the world and bring it in small and varied compass to your hand.

I must be all things to all men-and so I bring you an infinite variety-crime, world news, humour, comics, sports, books, the sins and the glory of mankind.

I do not select the evil from the good, the trivial from the sublime.

That selection I must leave to you.

And as you choose-you reveal, and at the same time continue to create, your inner self of mind and heart and will.

I am Your Newspaper.



New Zealand Celebrates a Century of Settlement

NE hundred years ago this winter three sailing vessels left later, early in 1840, the weary pas- ingman. sengers on those small ships sighted the tree-clad hills surrounding a fine harbour. Dressed in their best clothes, they made ready for a landing, not at a big city, but on the shores of the hill-surrounded harbour. They climbed into rowboats which landed them on the sandy shore. In their finery they walked up the shore to the tree-clad hills. As their luggage and belongings were unloaded they planned where their homes would stand. For that landing one hundred years ago was the first planned settlement of New Zealand, near where now is the city of Wellington, capital of this distant Dominion of the British Empire.

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By JAMES MONTAGNES

New Zealand was known to geographers after the Dutch explorer lem in New Zealand. Tasman discovered the country in 1642. But very little was known about it till Captain Cook published his report on the rediscovery of the tors first discovered New Zealand long narrow series of islands in Britain. Very little was done with dug-out canoes, and in 1350, in the country till 1839 when the first seven huge, elaborately-carved dugsettlers set sail for its distant out canoes, came to settle the shores, but fishermen and adventurers went there following Captain Cook's published report on the country, its bountiful fisheries, and of the Pacific islands to the south. its intelligent, artistic and warlike

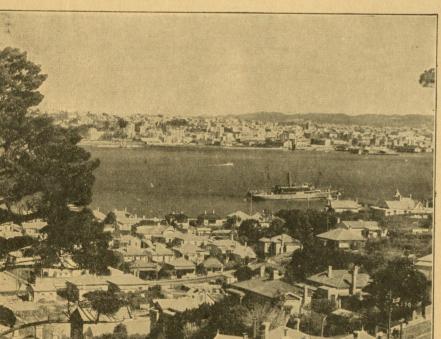
This winter—summer in New of the country. For more than fifty helping to bring it to its present Zealand—the country celebrated for years there have been no tribal wars place as one of the leading counsix months the centenary of its in New Zealand. In fact, there were tries for meat, wool and dairy settlement. True, there had been a only a few sporadic outbreaks since exports. Predominantly British in previous settlement of adventurers 1840, for Great Britain signed a stock, the New Zealanders supply at the tip of New Zealand, and treaty with the native Maori chiefs Great Britain with the bulk of beef, there had been missionaries estab- in 1839 in which their rights and mutton, butter, wool. Millions of lished for several decades, but this standing were outlined and guaran- sheep and cattle range New Zeawas the first recognized settlement. teed protection. Today the Maoris land's fertile, rolling, pasturage From it dates the history of the are among the outstanding artists hills, where the scent of the sea is Dominion of New Zealand, now one of New Zealand, take part in the never distant, for at its widest of the leading agricultural coun- business, cultural and governmental New Zealand is only one hundred tries of the world, one of the im- life of the Dominion, live anywhere miles across. New Zealand grows portant units of the British Empire, they please in the country, attend enough food of all kinds for its one of the most advanced countries its schools and universities, have population of about 1,600,000, of

equal rights with the Europeandescended whites, intermarry, have London, England. Three months in living conditions for the work- been knighted by the king, hold high posts in the life of the Dominion. There is no racial prob-

The Maoris, before the coming of white men, had frequent tribal wars. Legend has it their ancesin 950, came back two hundred 1769, when he claimed it for Great years later in their ocean - going islands which now are New Zealand. They are Polynesians, hailing, perhaps, from Hawaii or some

Those Maori tribes who signed the treaty of Waitangi with the Today those natives form an im- British in 1839 took immediate part portant factor in the development in the development of the country. whom 82,000 are Maoris. It imports principally manufactured goods and machinery. It has, in recent years, started manufacturing a variety of articles of merchandise, makes today many articles from the wool grown on its sheep and from the hides of its many cattle. Ships from all parts of the world sail with produce of the country from twenty-one ports on North and South Islands, and the smaller islands forming this Dominion, which is slightly larger in area than Great Britain.

New Zealand's governments, in which the Maoris have four elected representatives and their own cabinet minister, have practically all enacted legislation to make life more pleasant for the city and farm worker. New Zealand is considered a model for social legislation in many parts of the world. There are minimum wage and hour laws covering practically every New Zealander over twenty-one years of age. There are pension funds to



Auckland, New Zealand's Largest City, Has a Population of 214,200

which each citizen over sixteen pays. The present government has gone in for large scale and better housing construction. The cost of living is low. There are no very wealthy and no extremely poor.

The reversal of seasons from those in the northern part of the world, the climate like that of Italy, the scenic beauties of the country, its fine sport, fishing for swordfish and other big fish, and the low cost of living, have made New Zealand a tourist centre for retired Englishmen. Scientists are attracted since they have discovered there many animals and plant species not found elsewhere in the world because of the country's oceanisolated position. If it was ever a part of the Asiatic mainland it was so long ago that there are still animals living in New Zealand dating back to the reptilian age.

New Zealand's rapid growth as a leading trading nation, principally with Great Britain, United States, Australia and Canada, has been due in a large part to the development of rapid ocean transportation and modern refrigeration. Without refrigerator ships New Zealand could not export its vast quantities of meat and dairy produce. As New Zealand starts on its second century, that rapid transport and communication is to be further speeded up with the early inauguration of air services direct to Great Britain, the United States and Canada, countries which today by the fastest express steamers are still from two and a half to five weeks distant, but will be within a week's call by ocean-going flying boats.

An Industry That Followed a Famine

By C. MACGILLIVRAY CAMPBELL

N the great famine in India in 1897, some seventeen hundred and Of these fifty boys from seven to tioned to the care of the missionary with his simple garments. at Mhow, the rest being distributed among other mission stations. At found to teach the eight boys who try and farming were taught to the industry, too, was soon under way, conveyance in this country, a truck poor waifs when they had been the natives showing astonishing owned by Mr. T. B. Wright, of fed back to strength. For his sta- ability to copy European boots. In Rimbey, Alberta, recently hauled tion at Mhow, Dr. J. Fraser Smith fact their ability in this matter of one hundred and eighty-five bales hoped to find somebody to teach his close imitation could be overdone, of pressed hay which weighed nine boys weaving, rug-making, garden- as when Dr. Smith had a frock coat tons. The load was supported on

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Maori Mother and Girls at One of the Native Villages of New Zealand

of caste no native teacher would tailor put a neat patch on the back. undertake the work.

the problem one morning when all! driving to the orphanage, not so absorbedly but that he noticed a man prostrate on his face in the ditch. Acting the good Samaritan, Dr. Smith had the poor fugitive from famine taken in, and after some days of unconsciousness the stranger was able to tell his story. another really important industry His relatives were all dead from was begun, for the rugs were made starvation; his companions who had set out with him had all died on the way.

Now it was that the man mentioned that he was a weaver. He would be delighted to set up looms, to teach the boys to weave. It would be very simple, and fourteen looms were set up with very little trouble or expense. Because of great orders coming in from neighbouring stations, the boys were of Christian teachers, and have long soon contributing to their own sup- since grown up to found Christian fifty children were left orphans. port, besides turning out yards of the cloth that without cutting or eleven years of age were appor- sewing, supplies the Hindoo boy

A native shoemaker was also the other stations printing, carpen- wished to learn the trade, and that ing, and shoe-making, but because nibbled by rats and had his Indian two axles of four wheels each.

Later, when a new coat was re-Having prayed over the matter, quired, the tailor turned out a per-Dr. Smith was still puzzling over fect copy of the old one, patch and

> This one disaster, though, was small compared to the amount of the benefit when Indian carpenters proved their ready ability to copy the parts of a pattern loom Dr. Smith had shipped in that his boys might learn rug-weaving. Thus of materials in fast dyes, and Dr. Smith mentions in his recent book, "Life's Waking Part," that he kept the first one made, and it has retained its beautiful colourings. The work thus begun has grown to an important industry, but much more important is the fact that these orphans, separated from their parents by so bitter circumstances, were brought into the direct influence homes of their own.

A Load of Hay

DELIEVED to be the biggest Dload of hay ever moved by one

AMONG the Ahosts of ordinary men there appear from time

celebrated in this year of grace tures."

1940. His exploits as a pioneer and

and from the international border

An Inventor in the Wilderness

By JESSE ARNUP

to time a few creative souls by contribution to human welfare, ex- Lone Land, and offered generous whose vision and achievements the claimed, "We have given many a assistance. The Church responded rest are inspired and led forward man a title and a pension and then by appointing three men, one of along the path of human progress. a resting place and a monument in whom was Robert Terrill Rundle, Such a man was James Evans, whose Westminster Abbey who never did the centenary of whose arrival in

missionary he had few equals. His Lone Land. Winnipeg, Regina, and achievements as a linguist brought Calgary were unheard of. Edmon- far North. him enduring fame; for his genius ton was known only as an outpost and persistence in that direction of the Hudson's Bay Company. One resulted in his invention of the of the principal posts of the Com-Cree Syllabic system of writing, pany and the northern metropolis which conferred the boon of a writ- for its fur trade was Norway ten language on the whole Indian House, situated near the spot people throughout Canada's illimi- where the Nelson River flows out of table north and west. From Hud- Lake Winnipeg on its long run to son Bay to the Rocky Mountains, Hudson Bay.

Prior to 1840 James Evans had to the long reaches of the Mac- been rendering effective service as kenzie River, that system is still an Indian missionary of the Canada in use today. It was Lord Dufferin, Conference of the Methodist then Governor-General of Canada, Church. While stationed at St. who, on hearing of James Evans' Clair, where he went in 1834, he

made a phonetic study of the language of the Ojibways and discovered that the whole of their speech could be expressed by eight consonants and four vowels. Basing his effort on this fact, he produced a simplified system of writing which was offered to the Bible Society for their use in translation. The offer was, however, rejected, and the experiment stopped for a time.

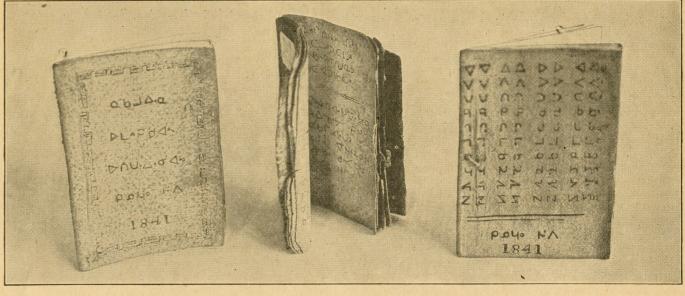
Conference at that time was part of son's Bay ComWesleyan Church to send missionaries to the Indians of the Great

centenary is being widely and rightly half as much for his fellow crea- Edmonton is also being celebrated this year. James Evans, as the One hundred years ago the terri- foremost Indian missionary of wilderness traveller were re- tory known as Canada ended some- Canada, was asked to lead the party counted around the camp fire long where in the neighbourhood of and to serve as superintendent of years after he had left the region Sault Ste. Marie. North and west the whole work. The offer was acwhere they were performed. As a of that point stretched the Great cepted, and in April, 1840, Evans left Canada to begin his work in the Very unusual was the order of

his going. First of all, his household goods were sent to Montreal for shipment to London. Thence they would be carried out to York Factory in the Hudson's Bay Company's schooner on her initial trip during the following year. There they would be transferred to York boats for the five-hundred-mile journey by inland waterways to Norway House. James Evans and his wife and daughter also went to Montreal, intending to catch the Company's spring canoe fleet for Norway House. They arrived one day late; the fleet had left! Nothing daunted, they took ship to Fort William, and there Evans purchased canoes and hired Indians to travel under his own direction. Thus they made their way through the Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods country, down the turbulent Winnipeg River to Lake Winnipeg and along its three-hundredmile stretch to their destination. They reached Norway House in September, to find that Mr. Rundle, who caught the Company fleet, had arrived two months earlier and was awaiting their coming before leaving for his station at Edmonton.

Their goods not having arrived, the family spent the first winter as guests of the Hudson's Bay Company. How Mr. Evans employed his time can best be told in his own words, quoted from a letter The Canada written at Fort Garry in June, 1841. The original is in Victoria College Library, along with samples of the the Wesleyan type referred to and some of the Methodist Church earliest books in Cree. These have in England. From been certified by the Canadian Histheir headquarters torical Society as samples of the in London the of- earliest printing done in what is ficers of the Hud- now the Province of Manitoba.

"Your very welcome and agreepany asked the ably long letter came to hand yesleaders of the terday, dated Alderville (Upper



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monthly at least. . . .

ourable reception I have met with subject.) in every place. Nor can I feel to benefit the Indians with gratifying success. We have now on the Baptismal Register, connected with Norway House station, one hundred and seventy - three souls. Our classes at Norway House are lively and devoted, without fanaticism or undue excitement. God has done his own work: to him be the glory.

"I have made a font of Indian type-press and everything necessary and-besides making a nearly four months' journey - have printed about five thousand pages, in the Mushkego language. Among other things a small volume of hymns, etc., which is bound-one hundred copies, of sixteen pages each. For this purpose I prepared a syllabic alphabet such as I presented to the Bible Society in Toronto in '36, and of which they disapproved. It is composed of nine letters, varied to represent every sound in the language, adapted to the Ojibway, and all the kindred dialects, to the Assiniboines, the Crees, Mushkegoes,

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Canada) November 7th, 1840. So the Blackfeet near the mountains, Norway House, and on my return

otherwise than deeply humble within three or four hundred miles trust in him as the God of Proviunder a sense of my unworthiness, of my station, and expect D.V. to when informing you that God has visit York Factory on Hudson deigned to crown my feeble effort Bay, immediately on my return to necessary to produce his syllabic

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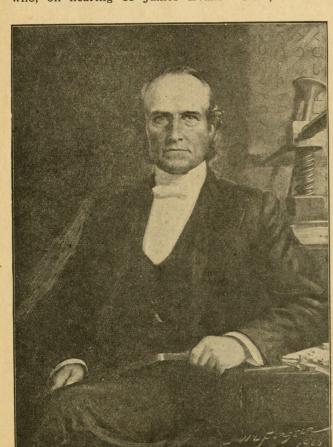
The Lord's Prayer in Cree

that you will readily perceive that and indeed with some slight altera- from that post, to leave in Septemneither Canada's steamers nor the tions, not at all affecting the primi- ber for Cumberland, Carlton, Fort mile-per-minute cars bore it to its tive sound, adequate to writing Pitt, Edmonton, Jaspar's House, long - sought destination. Accept every language from the Atlantic and Fort Assiniboine, by water and my sincere thanks, and reward my to the Rocky Mountains. The men, thence proceed by snow to Rocky gratitude with a long epistle, women and children at Norway Mountain House, Fort Dunveguin, House write and read it with ease Fort Vermilion to Slave Lake, "I have great cause of unspeak- and fluency, as do some Europeans Athabasca, Fort Chippewyan, Isle able gratitude to Almighty God for who speak the languages of the à Croix, and back to Norway House his continued mercy to my dear Indians in different parts. (This in July, 1842, if God preserves my family and myself, and for the fav- is all my sheet will allow on this life—a short tour of about six thousand miles. I bless God for good "I have been at all the posts health and a good constitution, and dence as well as Grace."

> Of the infinite labour and pains system and the materials for printing books the letter says nothing. From other sources we learn that type was first carved out of blocks of wood and later made out of lead obtained by melting down the lead foil used in lining tea chests. Printers' ink was made by mixing chimney soot and fish oil. A fur press was drawn into service for the printing. All these obstacles were easily forgotten in seeing the ease with which Indians, hitherto illiterate, now learned to read and write. The Bible Society was finally convinced and Indians over a huge territory received the scriptures in their own tongue.

> Owing to differences with the Company, James Evans was recalled from Norway House after a residence of six years, but his work left an imperishable memory and a foundation upon which others have continued to build down to our own day. Confirmation of this fact

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Rev. James Evans

The Business of Living

A Question and Answer Department for Your Personal Problem

PERCY R. HAYWARD

GRACE SLOAN OVERTON

Director of Young People's Work for International Council of Religious Education

Young People's Leader and Director of Religious Education

Overcoming Evil

What is the best way out?

some friends of his who were young for self-seeking. in the Christian life, just as you are. They were having trouble those interests and activities, books, with evil passions and sins. He friends, hobbies, social groups, the said, "Be not overcome of evil-;" they did not want to. That would your life with what is good and have been useless advice if the thus crowd out the evil. For this with-" what? Vague wishes? the coming of light, the moral de- whose lives was gradually but in-Incantations addressed to your sub- pravity of England by John Wesley, No, none of these weak hand-wav- all.—P. R. H. ings at a strong and subtle enemy. "Overcome evil," he says, "with good." That is Paul's answer to person do to become a Christian? your question.

to—and get this, please, even to Jesus. though the words are not all easy sive power of a new affection." This takes Paul's idea and applies eternal life? it to our affections, the things we answer to your question.

If you keep your mind on your the road if you keep your eye on not bear false witness, it because of fear of hitting it. "I rocks in this river are," said a man neighbour as thyself. to a river pilot.

don't. But I know where all the my youth up: what lack I yet? deep water is." I remember a temphad forgotten all about, because of and come and follow me.

Question: How can we overcome other and better interests. A love selfish and unholy desires? What for football has conquered many a must we do to create within our young man's taste for cigarettes. hearts a desire to live for God? Tennyson's poetry has spoiled the How can we learn to love God flavour of cheap literature for many more? In some ways I want to live people. Great paintings have for God, but in other ways I want ruined the flavour of the "comics" to satisfy my own selfish desires. for many of us. Devotion to the work of the church has expelled Answer: The answer to your many desires for "fast" society. question is found in an ancient Seeking to carry out the will of record. A man was writing to God in the world has left no room

work of the church, that will fill

Answer: This question, in some-Another great Christian, Horace what different words, but partly in Bushnell, a generation ago referred the same words, was once brought

ones of one syllable-"the expul- unto him, Good Master, what good

commandments.

evil desires you are likely to yield Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, to them sooner or later just as Thou shalt not commit adultery. your bicycle will hit the boulder in Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt

suppose you know where all the mother: and, Thou shalt love thy good greater than himself. He was

"No, sir," said the veteran, "I All these things have I kept from was good for nothing beyond his

"Jesus said unto him, If thou tation of my younger days that wilt be perfect, go and sell that text that speaks of those who "visit bothered me one year and that I thou hast, and give to the poor, and the fatherless and widows in their suddenly realized a year later I thou shalt have treasure in heaven: affliction, and to keep himself un-

"But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

In this passage Jesus really puts two tests before this young man.

The first is, keep the commandments of the moral life; in other words, live straight and clean. The Christian life rests upon moral character. In other words, as an old minister of my boyhood used to say, "Be good."

This, of course, is not an easy test, and the point at which many young Christians find it hard to think it through comes up when they have done something that they believe to be wrong; they have not lived the perfectly good life. There are not many young people who could say with this young man that they have kept all these commandments. At one point or So, then, immerse yourself in another, in so-called "big" or "little" sins, most of us fail. Yet Jesus was not looking for perfect men in his discipleship; if he had been, he would have had no place for Peter or Judas. He was lookwriter, Paul, had stopped there. He is God's way. He conquers disease ing for men whose hearts yearned went on "-but overcome evil by health, cold with heat, night by toward goodness and the conduct of evitably following after the yearnconscious self? Hiding away in the evil of your heart through the ings of their hearts. These men he caves? Refusing to go out with good that he has placed within your called unto himself and took them young friends as you are doing? reach and the Christ he offers to us into the inner circle of his fellowship.

But that was not all he asked. Question: What must a young Even a perfect moral life was not enough. You have perhaps seen people of high and moral character who could not very well lay claim to being Christians. This young man said that he had lived a per-"And, behold, one came and said fectly moral life from his youth up. Very few could say that, in Jesus thing shall I do, that I may have day or in ours. But Jesus did not at once take this youth to himself "And he said unto him, Why and say that he had been looking love, and says that they have the callest thou me good? there is none for just such a model of moral perpower of expelling evil, or over- good but one, that is, God: but if fection and put him in Judas' place coming it. That is Bushnell's thou wilt enter into life, keep the among the twelve disciples. Not that. He put another test-and "He saith unto him, Which? again I will word it as the old preacher did-Do good.

> There was still something lacking in this young man-he had not lost his own self-interest in devo-"Honour thy father and thy tion to some causes of human still living entirely for himself "The young man saith unto him, Even though a good young man, he

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Editorial Briefs

the pathway to future victory.

Circumstances do not make men; they simply reveal them.

No Church can hope to succeed if it ignores, or is ignorant of, human nature.

The Church can get along without the most famous preacher, but without the Christ it dies.

The cities are the storm centres of civilization. Here revolutions breed and strange faiths are born.

There are more people by a good deal serving the Lord than there are who delight in that service.

One revolution may make all men poor, but ten revolutions will not suffice to make all men rich.

Those Unsightly Beginnings

often give little promise of future and to help humanity; there must that we cannot find time to think. beauty and stateliness. So it is with be the linking of the spiritual innovations in human society. The dynamic with all the activities and changes which radicals propose machinery of Christian service. seem at times most undesirable and even repulsive, but the future development may mean something of which humanity may rightly be proud. It is no real condemnation of a new project that it is unfinished thyself." This seems to be a truth and unattractive. The full-grown which needs repetition in every age.

the beginning. The foundation within them, not without. Our worst The man who points out the faults to the tempter cannot escape his is seldom the one who is prepared share. The devil outside us is not well to remember that the full- inside. Instead of complaining of grown chicken will differ vastly our hostile surroundings, which we from the newly-hatched bird.

A Two-Sided Religion

dent that religion has two sides-To the brave man defeat reveals an inside, and an outside; a spiritual, and a practical. Some overemphasize the inside and give themselves over to quiet contemplation

Our Worst Foe

DLUTARCH said once that "it is not God who injures thee, but scheme may differ radically from The foes which most injure men lie S. Psalm 84: 1-4. S. Psalm 122: 1-9.

gives little promise of what the enemy is ourselves. The practice of superstructure may be. It is one of blaming our troubles on others is a the easiest things in the world to most common one, but it is not true point out faults, but to suggest im- to facts. The tempter has his share provements is very much better. of blame, but the man who listened to suggest any improvements. It is nearly so dangerous as the one from the unhatched egg, and even probably cannot change, it is better to direct attention to our own reaction to those surroundings, which we can change and which, when changed, may make a world of dif-TT is very evident to the Bible stu-ference to our lives in both comfort and progress.

No Time To Think

A RAILWAY president was visand prayer, or monastic seclusion. Aited by an old engineer who Some think only of the outside and had some scheme for the betterment lose themselves in large practical of railway service. The latter endeavours. A periodical, advocat- stated his case, and he saw plainly ing a certain method of Bible teach- that the president was so preoccuing, says that it changes the Chris- pied that he was not listening. He tian religion "from the mystic, turned on his heel, and said to the mysterious and colourless, to some- president, who was an old friend, thing of virility and splendid "Bill, don't ever get so busy that endeavour, full of dynamic force." you have no time to think." The If it were possible for any system president was startled. He called of Bible teaching to do this, it the engineer back, and gave him would be most unfortunate. In every close attention. He had been in vital Christian experience there is danger, he realized, of being so busy something of the mystic, the direct that he would fail to see things communication of the soul with which were of greatest value to the God; something supernatural and railway. He was in great danger therefore mysterious; something of getting too busy to do his best colourless in its very simplicity, work. This disease is a common just as air and water are colourless. one. It hits farmers and spoils On the other hand, if religion has their work; it hits preachers and no outside it is a disembodied they decay. It hits students and #OST living creatures are some- ghost. There must be earnest and they ossify intellectually. Life Most living creatures are somewhat unsightly at birth, and manly endeavour to glorify God should never become so crowded
that we cannot find time to think.

> NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON (Uniform Course) 11. Lesson for June 16. Haggai Urges the Building of God's House. Haggai 1: 2-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not for-saking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Hebrews 10: 24, 25.

HOME READINGS

Call to Build God's House. The Builders Encouraged. Offerings for the Tabernacle. Dedication of the Temple. Keeping God's House in

A Watcher Under the Sea

By MARY DALE MUIR

Jacob's ladder that is fastened to fled for refuge, so he came out of altogether in the blue distance of and the cone-shaped copper helmet tiful purple sea-fan, hurried to it. which rests on his shoulders is He was holding on to the fan and come. slipped over Beebe's head. To the swaying back and forth contentedly right side of the helmet is attached with its motion when he suddenly Slantwise windows in front of the beat! He thought the length of the this from an undersea position. him. From the collar or flange eighteen feet; but all this time the Island, he looked up in time to see flattened pieces of lead are sus- him as if it saw nothing else. When 'the water above him after a scarlet pended, each weighing about ten it was almost upon him, it turned sea bass. The fish saw them compounds. The whole helmet weighs and passed him by. about sixty pounds. Set into the Another time under the waters of bottom of the boat is an eighteen- Darwin Bay he was standing a few inch square of glass through which feet away from a boulder when he other kept on pursuing the fish. At those who remain in the boat can noticed what looked like a flight of look every now and then and see huge steps going down, down, down. it dived at right angles and in no if all goes well with the diver. They were quite like the steps up time the second cormorant had Sixty pounds is a heavy weight for which he had once climbed the caught it. The cormorants then the shoulders above water, so Wil- pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. dangled their wings idly and had liam Beebe slips down Jacob's Studying them more closely he allowed themselves to be drawn to ladder as quickly as possible. Once noticed that they began at what the surface, when a second chase under water the weight disappears looked like a doorless entrance to a took place. The fishless bird took from off his shoulders.

been done in the Pacific Ocean, and he watched, an octopus floated neither of them seemed to touch naturally he has had what would be down the steps. Beebe was eager water. All at once the leading corto most people hair-raising experi- to see round the steps and was morant gave the fish a quick toss ences. That is not surprising when about to let go the ladder to which upward so that it fell into his you consider that sharks and whales he was clinging, when there was a mouth head first, whereupon he and other large fish that people movement in the water and he saw swallowed it with a gulp. generally gladly exclude from their a nine-foot shark where he himself Once in the Galapagos the waters bowing acquaintance, exist in these would have been a moment later. above him were suddenly darkened. waters. And although he never got Curiously, it was not the sharks, Looking up he discovered the sea very far away from the bottom of but the groupers, that bothered cloud to be about twenty thousand the swaying metal ladder, or from the Beebe under water. They were a slender little Galapagos snappers, watchful eyes of his friends peering "mean-looking" lot and kept con- not one of them more than two or through the glass in the bottom of tinually nipping at his legs if given three inches in length, but in such the boat, it was not always possible a chance. Yet, among these unin- numbers quite capable of darkening for him to retreat quickly.

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to do, but few of us have ever South America) just off Nuez every way, but in colour, the golden thought of sitting on a rock, walk- Island, he had dropped from the groupers seemed to be exactly the ing around or just standing about lowest rung of the ladder when he same as the others. under water to observe the life of was near the coral floor and landed the sea. However, that is just what on a table of lava. No sooner had his experiences under water were William Beebe both thinks of doing he landed than he saw about six of great interest, not all of them and does whenever he has the op- feet of white-finned shark coming portunity. To do this he has, of out of the distance. One shark folcourse, to be properly dressed, and lowed another until there were sixthe correct costume in this case teen white-finned sharks between consists of bathing suit and diving him and the surface of the water. helmet. When he has made up his He had no idea of their intentions mind to go on an undersea saunter, so he crouched in a cavity between he gets into his flat-bottomed boat two great coral growths. Then with his companions and proceeds he saw a pigfish and an angelfish to the spot where he intends to swimming about and came to the conclusion that there could be no Arrived at the chosen spot, the great danger or they would have away. Soon it had disappeared the stern of the boat is let down his hiding-place and seeing a beauthe hose, the other end of which saw a tiger shark weaving slowly is fastened to a double-action pump toward him. No wonder if at that which is worked from the boat. moment his heart almost ceased to helmet allow the diver to see a good shark must be about thirty feet, deal of what is going on around then decided it could only be about that rests on his shoulders, four shark was moving directly towards

teresting, mottled olive-green fish the entire bottom.

there would suddenly appear one of pure gold from head to tail-a lovely thing swimming along among its plainer fellows. Beebe and his MOST of us have at times funny Once, diving in the Galapagos associates could find no reason for ideas as to what we would like (islands off the coast of Ecuador in this seeming freak of nature. In

> Although, as you can imagine, all were so fearfully exciting. Once he watched a garfish chase a flying fish. When the flying fish realized that it was being pursued, it took two or three sudden leaps forward and disappeared into the air. The garfish was so surprised at the loss of its victim that it dashed wildly about hither and you and did not notice when the flying fish dropped into the water about twenty feet the ocean, and the garfish, disappointed, turned back the way it had

Sitting on the banks of a river, or in canoes on the lakes, a great many of us have watched ducks and other birds diving for fish. Beebe has had the unusual good fortune to see One day, sauntering about on the floor of the ocean near Cocos two flightless cormorants dive into ing and fled in a series of zigzags. The cormorants then altered their tactics. One dived deeply, the this the bass was so confused that curious undersea cottage, then cir- after the bird with the fish in its A good deal of Beebe's diving has cled round it and went down. As beak. So fast did they go that

it may be another shark, is disabled, of shark and grouper and octopus. says:

Foggy Morning

By SIDNEY BUSHELL

alarm clock, ticking away on the the garden, easing the spring catch ful curves and patterns. tall dresser, said 4.55. I knew the behind me to prevent the sharp slap clock was at least twenty minutes it always gives on closing.

is always my first concern upon primitive arrangement of cord. awakening, and by a glance through stone and pulley, closed softly brought to mind Jean Ingelow's: the fly-screen beyond the raised behind me as I entered the garden window, I was able to see from my and walked along the main path. pillow that there was a dense, There was scarcely any visibility woolly fog outside.

we call it, which under certain ghostly in its corner. This mornatmospheric conditions rises from ing it was in very truth "a garden the surrounding lakes, and if seen enclosed," and the hush of catheby moonlight effects strange trans- drals was upon it; nor from the dewscape. The lakes appear to have any of the odour of sanctity. And risen and overflowed their shores to somehow, at this early hour, there an incredible depth. Strange was a greater sense of the living islands in unfamiliar stretches of Presence of God in the inaudible, water appear. At times it seems as yet sensible pulsation of growing if there had been a sudden invasion things—an inarticulate "Te Deum by the sea, making new bays and Laudamus" from the aisles of Wars and rumours of wars; frantic inlets and such changes as might standing plants. result from the erosion of a million I glanced back toward the house,

office—a three-minute walk from the going straight upward: house-until eight o'clock.

My wife was sleeping soundly. and in their various bedrooms the was very quiet.

had reluctantly left unfinished be- childhood. . . . cause of darkness the previous evening: the transplanting of about one hundred small lettuces. I had left the ground prepared, with the beauty upon everything. At my voracious nestlings. holes already dibbled along each feet, every point of the serrated I was nearing the end of the row. side of the rope marker.

lit the fire to boil water for my cus- ing crystal. tomary early morning cup of tea. shortly after, I let myself out by a large and perfect spider's web, called to breakfast.

beyond the surrounding high-board It was a summer, or land fog, as fence, and the tool-shed loomed formations in the familiar land- drenched flowers was there lacking

its outline just visible through the There was really no need for me silvery murk, and where it lightto be awake at this hour, for I did ened a little above, I could see the not have to start my duties at the smoke from the kitchen chimney

"Smoke ascending like a prayer."

"Bless this house . . ."

Between two of the line of poles It was just an ordinary, fine sum-

As we landlubbers would say, they come, as if by magic, from a miracle of skill and symmetry. "Beebe must have nerve" to go wan- everywhere to share in the meal This morning, every separate dering about in the haunts of sharks thus made easy for them. Be that stringer, stay and cross-strand was and other supposedly dangerous fish, as it may, while most of us will hung with tiny pearls. Nor was but he assures us that curiosity is continue to read with interest of there any sign of the worker of far stronger than fear. He claims, Beebe's undersea adventures, not this magic. It seemed as if it had too, that he has never known a many of us, I'm afraid, would have been spun and left there just to add shark to attack a man or any living courage enough to don his helmet one more perfection to the charm creature, but just as soon as a fish, and hose and descend to the haunts of this enchanted garden. Solomon

> "The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces."

I don't know when she departed. I came upon the green pea vines. the leaves a phantasy of enormous green butterflies, their feelers twin-TAWOKE early. The small round the back screen-door that leads to ing and curling in a hundred grace-

At length I got to my transplanting, and as I worked quietly in the How still it was! The heavy, soft, cool earth the silence was During the summer gardening white mist seemed to blanket every almost unbroken. The occasional season the condition of the weather sound. The wooden gate, with its subdued sound of a heavy dewdrop falling from one leaf to another

> "And leisurely the ring-dove on her nest

break the shell. And leisurely down falls from ferny crest

Waits till her tender chick shall

The dewdrop on the well."

So much hustle and hurry elsewhere! Soon I would be leaving this to take my place in a busy cable office through which the doings of the world would flash:

"Warning, sorrow and gain, salutation and mirth."

buying and selling on the stock markets; and where

"Words, and the words of men, flicker and flutter and beat."

Here, all was peace and tranquil-

A sudden flutter of wings, a scrabble of tiny claws, followed by a How tranquil it looked—and how startled chirrup and a heavychildren still slumbered. The house safe! I had a momentary vision of winged, purposeful flurry! I looked those who were so serenely sleep- up just in time to see a big robin. I began to think about a job I ing there. The soft, sweet sleep of astonished by his discovery of me crouched behind the garden fence as he alighted with a beak full of squirming early worms, hurtle away There was a strange, unusual upon the business of feeding his

petals of the strawberry-bed bore The sun broke through, and as the I crept stealthily out of bed, a glistening dewdrop, and here and horizon widened, the eerie otherdown the back stairs to the kitchen, there, within its trifoliolate chalice, worldliness of the garden vanished and as quietly as possible laid and there reposed a jewel of shimmer- with the mist. There were sounds of everyday life within the house.

This did not take very long, and spanning the scarlet runners I saw mer morning, and I was being

Nature, Science and Invention

An Irish Heirloom

of "other-worldliness," that elusive gold inlaid with garnet. There was THIS lovely old Irish lady is characteristic which seems to belong also an iron axe of great size, and I wearing her highly - valued to nearly all the Irish, especially in some spears. There were two hooded cloak, which is a feature of the rural areas. This worthy massive gold armlets, and a purse the dress of the women in her part woman might be insulted if one with gold coins. There were two of the Emerald Isle. Handwoven called her superstitious, but it is enormous dishes of silver, one of from wool, dyed black and grace- safe to say that she knows many a them three feet in diameter. The fully fashioned and embroidered, tale of elves and goblins, and that strangest thing is that this unique the flowing garment is regarded as she would find strange the attitude find should have lain undiscovered a family heirloom, being passed of "hard - headed" folk towards in a populous district for some down from mother to daughter for things that their earth-bound eyes thirteen hundred years. many generations. Its intrinsic and minds cannot see or comprevalue may not be great, but one may hend. There is poetry and kindly take it for granted that the owner humour, as well as deep faith, in would not part with it for any price the Irish soul. Doubtless the fact that is likely to be offered because that the Irish were a subject race of its antiquity. The Irish are not longer than any other in the Chrismoney-grabbers, and few peoples in tian era can be traced in part to this materialistic age set a higher their preoccupation with "lost value on sentiment and tradition. causes" and the affairs of the spirit In spite of its rugged strength rather than those practical considand the lines drawn by age and care, erations that bring national "pros-

perity" as the world understands the term.

In any event the hard life of the has very obviously failed to extinguish the Irish twinkle in these deep-set eyes.

The Saxon Ship Burial

ings. Evidently even five miles. the burial was that of a king or prince, and the treasures found point to the date of A.D. 600, or

there is in this face a suggestion the handle and pommel being of

Use for Citrus Pulp

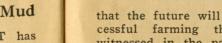
DRIED citrus pulp which utilizes the refuse from oranges, grapefruit and tangerines has been found to be a suitable food for dairy cattle. A number of large firms and a few smaller ones are now producing this food, and it has cut into the importation of dried beet pulp from Europe and Japan.

Irish countryside Exploring Sea Bottom Mud

R. CHARLES PIGGOT has been exploring the ocean bed between Newfoundland and Ireland, and has taken eleven cores of the mud with his boring machine. These samples show that four glacial periods have left their impress on the bottom of the sea, and in MOST inter- these "bores" have been found Aesting discov- minute fossils by the million. ery has been made Chemists report that they have in Suffolk, England, found manganese in considerable where, in a burial quantities and it seems that the ground near the sea, ocean bed has a much larger radiothe spade unearthed active salt content than land areas. a ship eighty feet Dr. Piggot is planning to test the long, which had ocean mud at greater depths, and been used as a he will aim to secure a larger core burial ship after with his boring machine. He the manner of the thinks, or hopes, that he will be ancient Vik- able to secure samples at depths of

Needed Soil Surveys

ALREADY more than 100,000,000 thereabouts. The Aacres of land in the prairie body lay in state provinces has been covered by the with a long iron soil survey of the Prairie Farm Resword beside it, habilitation Act, and it is hoped



witnessed in the past. The total upon "business as usual." ture is a game sanctuary.

Business as Usual

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that the future will see more suc- and frequently repeated, assuring there, and amuse themselves after

signs stuck up in conspicuous places the premises, too, and have meals stances.

cessful farming than has been the passers-by that they may count hours by playing darts. Certainly, judging by the picture, they seem farm area in the three provinces In a larger and very courageous very undisturbed by the change, amounts to 452,158,720 acres, and sense that slogan might be adopted and having apparently eaten a very of this the parts recently affected by the people of the Old Land, dur- filling lunch are just relaxing for a by disastrous drought total 103,300,- ing these recent months. We have few minutes before carrying on 000 acres. Some of this area may heard of ornaments and art treas- with the job again. We hear quite be suitable for farming, if supplied ures that have been stored away frequently now, and hear it with with adequate water, but other for safety, of buildings camouflaged quite a glow of pride, that the cheerareas should be devoted to pas- and sandbagged, of little children ful serenity of the people of our turage, and that scientifically. One and sick folk being sent to parts Motherland, whether on Active Serinteresting feature in connection unknown where they will be more vice or "back home" is something with this has been the fact that secure but through it all the motto to marvel at. They are certainly there are now forty-one community of that enterprising kingdom con- making the best of things, and when pastures established with a total tinues to be "Business as usual." we hear of them organizing interarea of 820,000 acres. This should Not always is it to be found operat- national football behind the lines. be a great benefit. And each pas- ing from the same locality, or amid and inventing luminous boutonnaires the same conveniences, but it con- as aids in avoiding collisions during tinues cheerfully and with an unruf- "blackouts," we can only admire their fled serenity that has made more resourcefulness and courage still than one newcomer amazed. Here more. This group of office workers we see members of the staff of the are apparently carrying on despite big oil firm of Messrs. C. C. Wake- cramped quarters and other handi-WHEN some untoward accident, field, not in their usual premises, caps, and it is these, and thousands such as a disastrous fire, a for those have been vacated "for the more like them, who elevate the burst radiator, or a smashed window duration," but somewhere in Buck- phrase "Business as usual," from a makes havoc of a usually orderly inghamshire in the heart of Eng- mere catchy slogan to a clarion call store, causing the front to be land's green country. They have of integrity and courage, which boarded over, or otherwise shel- removed themselves and their equip- commands that duty must be done tered until repairs can be made; ment to remote temporary quarters and law and order maintained, no then we often see boldly printed so self-contained that they live on matter how difficult the circum-





Photo by courtesy of Associated British and Irish Railways An Old Irish Lady Wearing Her Highly-Valued Hooded Cloak



to the world's gold production might register in the same way. \$35,000,000. The Islands have now But what is to be done about it? forty-seven gold-producing mines.

Bible for the use of the soldiers and sailors who are now in active service.

Last year Florida marketed 220,-975 carloads of fruit and vegetables, worth about \$102,000,000. This included 30,000,000 boxes of oranges and 23,000,000 boxes of grapefruit.

Geography is being taught in one school on this continent by means of a concrete world map laid out in the schoolyard. So far, the surface of the map is flat, but it is hoped to use concrete to show the different elevations, some day.

United Church Mission at Angola tucky; the rest lies in the mints at in Africa. And Canadian cattle and chickens are prospering in West Francisco. China.

Canada's sugar consumption for the year ending August 31, 1939, reached an all-time record of 914,-955 long tons. Our previous highest record was in 1936-37, when we consumed just 510,000 tons. 13.3 per cent. of this total was beet alist and author, Mr. Ernest Thompsugar.

plications for permission to join in Alberta in 1907. At a distant no longer remain on the bridge. wrote, "I am just turned eighteen, party of Chippewyans, the semi- so to speak, but do not properly his Antarctic adventure. and have a natural dislike for work. blonde type who form a sort of discharge their duties. The cling-Would rather sit by a fire with a missing link between the Plains ing vine, for example, approaches good book." It is safe to say he Indians and the Eskimos. He any situation requiring a conscious will not go to the Antarctic.

told by the hotel keeper, "That already knew the story, asked him shrink from the exercise of his does not mean anything." Mexi- how these primitive people had de- duties by not seeing or not under-

Last year the Philippines added cans, and all South Americans,

The complaint has been made to The number of British firms en- the Monopoly Committee at Washgaged in the manufacture of muni- ington that the copper manufactions increased during the last three turers have failed to pass on to the spotted from the world." This is years from twelve to two thousand. consumer the benefits of improve- the same idea put into other words. ments in production. When copper The British and Foreign Bible was sold for four cents a pound the the one who, under the inspiration Society has already issued more price of copper screening remained than 400,000 Bibles or parts of the the same as when copper sold for sixteen cents.

> Saskatchewan claims the first cooperative oil-producing organization in the world. Last year it did a business of about \$1,000,000, and reported a profit for the year of about \$152,000. At its last annual meeting it decided to ask the Govof a cooperative banking organization in the province.

piling up. During 1938 the gold imports reached an average of \$40,000,000 a week; in 1939 the stream averaged \$60,000,000 a week New York, Philadelphia and San

An Inventor in the Wilderness

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in the writings of the famous naturson Seton. In one of his books, "The Arctic Prairies," he describes Admiral Byrd has had many ap- a trip which he made "down North" One Hudson Bay post he fell in with a was much interested to find that decision of importance by anxiously most of them could read, and recog- asking others for advice; if and A citizen of the United States nized that they were using the Cree when he acts, it is on the opinion registered in a Mexican hotel as an Syllabics. A priest was with the of some one on whom he specially "American," and he was bluntly party, and Thompson Seton, who depends for guidance. Or, he may

veloped a written language. "Oh!" was the reply, "It was invented by one of the early missionaries." A series of questions followed, which gradually elicited a reluctant admission that this gift of a language to half a continent had been conferred by a Christian missionary one thousand miles away at Norway House.

The Business of Living

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The Christian may be said to be and leadership of Christ, accepts for himself the progressive achievement of moral character and of human service. He loves and practises goodness and at the same time is dedicated to the cause of human good.-G.S.O.

UNDERSTANDING MYSELF Poor Methods of Making a Decision

Perhaps the priceless human abilernment to permit the establishment ity is that of making a decision. Suppose that you had no such power-that you acted as mechanically as a watch. Then whatever The United States gold reserve is you did would have no meaning in terms of character. It would simply be a mechanical act reflecting no credit or dishonour on you but only on the mechanic who made and it is still flowing freely towards you. Such an existence might Canada's Renown and Thatcher Uncle Sam's strong box. About have its appeal to some, but not to wheats are now growing in the \$5,500,000,000 is buried in Ken- anyone who values the possibilities bolized by the captain standing on the bridge of his ship rejoicing in the privilege of guiding its course.

There are, as we have seen, some who timorously evade the responsibilities of this privilege by turning for direction to astrology, or spiritualism, or tea leaves, or cards, comes from an unexpected source or some other method of receiving guidance from a supposed superhuman insight into the future. They abandon their ship to the decision of some one else. In a sense they resign as captain, and

Others retain their commission,

standing the necessity for a decision at all.

In contrast with these reactions growing out of a sense of helplessness, we note the Nero neglecting his responsibilities but enjoying his power as long as possible. He acts arbitrarily without careful consideration of circumstances or the interests of others. His decisions are made hastily and recklessly as if he were a capricious god, privileged to steer his life and that of others with supreme authority and with no need to account to anyone for his deeds. Often he prides himself on "dispatching business" quickly and efficiently.

Reactions such as these are egocentric and need to be understood for what they are—an unchristian evasion of one's responsibilities. The timid soul cannot justify its weakness as "natural." The Neroistic person cannot rightly take pride in his ill-considered decisions as evidence of superior abilities. For both, a new satisfaction is possible in learning the difficult art of making objective decisions. The principles of that art we are to consider next .- R. E. D.

TOPICS FOR NEXT WEEK

Becoming a good conversational-

Short or long engagements.

Expect Experience

By RUBY CHOWN

THE best way as we go through I life is to expect experience both pleasant and otherwise. Whether it proves sweet or bitter, it is ours to accept and learn the lesson contained therein. It is futile to rail against whatever form it takes, or, if it fails to please you, lament that you are the victim of bad luck. Experience teaches lessons not to be learned in any other

from one experience to another, gracefully as we do the happiness ing to realize her lack of education "Only so much do I know as I have that comes our way. lived," was the conclusion of Ralph death," also said, "I have but one it. 'Twas a great experience." lamp by which my feet are guided,

includes failure; for, as has been a grave mistake; but human nature accept and use them. aptly said, "Every failure teaches is so constituted that it generally Expect experience. Don't be sur-

That Gift of Humour

"And Sarah said, God hath ing on of the years. Others get made me to laugh, so that all the strange and perverted notion that hear will laugh with me." that it is inconsistent with a -Genesis 21: 6.

A MONG all the blessings that seem to have made it very clear or plain. But if the inner need of it for our humanity, if congruous and incongruous, of

denied to some. But we would not like to charge Providence with being so cruel to any one. ple tend to lose it with the com- cally.

life of earnest purpose and high endeavour. In the first case it seems a sad pity, for nothing Aa kindly Creator has helps more to ease the strain granted to the children of men and burden of life than a fine that gift of humour is surely to sense of humour may do, and in be given a very important place. the second case it is one of the Wise men in recent years have greatest of absurdities to think been trying to explain it to us, that there is any relation and to tell us why it is that between sanctimoniousness and we laugh, but they do not solemnity and the seriousness that makes life worth while.

We remember the claim being quality and meaning of humour made by a noted writer, whose hasn't yet been explained, the name we now forget, that there is abundant evidence in the we are to spend our brief span New Testament that Jesus posof life in a wholesome and rea- sessed a very finely-developed sonably happy way, is very evi- sense of humour. There is dent, and needs no stressing or little difficulty in accepting that argument. To lack a sense of idea, not only because we see humour, that is, a sense of the indications of it frequently in the New Testament story, but the fitting and the absurd, is to because his poise and elevation be counted among the greatest of mood seem to indicate that defects and inconveniences from there were in him some inner which any man or woman may springs of wholesomeness that others did not possess to the And how do men and women same degree. For it mustn't be come to have such a lack? It forgotten that half the absurdiis claimed sometimes that some ties and bickerings and shams are born with it, and that a and cruelties that find a place in sense of humour has been our lives and in society would not find a place if we had a finer and better sense of humour. A wholesome exercise of that gift There may be various reasons of humour would make it imwhy some people lose or fail to possible for us to quarrel with develop the gift of humour, but our neighbour, to cherish prejuit is hard to think that it is dice as bitterness, or to do any in the divine purpose that they one of a dozen other things should not have it. Some peo- that help to spoil life so tragi-

use them as stepping-stones. We to go to college, refused their In everyday living one passes may learn to accept our troubles as advice and went into business. Com-

"Oh, yes, it was a jolly hard life," Waldo Emerson. That other great acknowledged a young Englishman some years later begin the course man who left us those undying thousands of miles from home, "but she earlier spurned. words, "Give me liberty or give me I wouldn't have missed a minute of

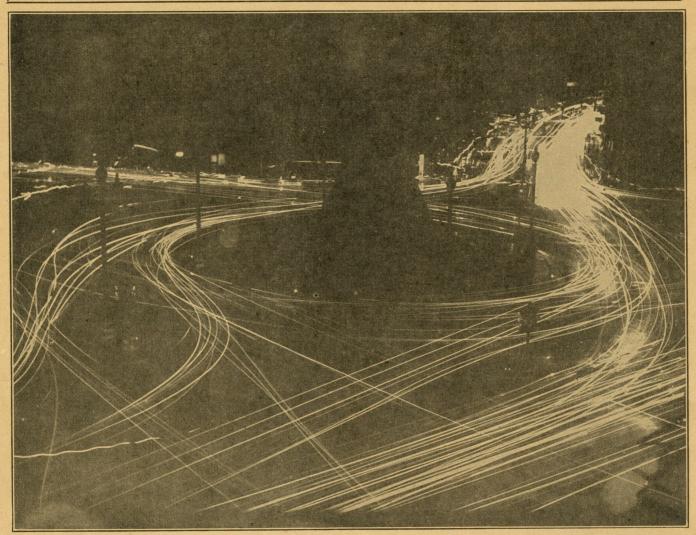
We advance by our mistakes if we young girl whose parents urged her comes. Make the best of it.

by degrees, she was brave enough to acknowledge her mistake, and

Attractive personality, about which we hear so much these days, "If only I could save her!" is the is not an accident. It is an achieveand that is the lamp of experience." cry of many an older person, see- ment, made possible largely through In addition to success, experience ing a younger one about to make varied experiences and the way we

a man something, if he will learn." insists on going its own way. A prised or disappointed when it

Around the World with a Camera



In spite of the blackout and the reduced number of automobiles in use in England due to petrol rationing, the photographer has been able to secure an effective night exposure at Piccadilly Circus. Even subdued headlights make an impression upon the sensitive film, and this curious criss-cross of white lines was built up during a five-minute exposure from a vantage point on the busy London centre of Piccadilly Circus. Normally a very important traffic hub, Piccadilly apparently is by no means deserted at night, even under war conditions.

In the centre may be distinguished the dark outline of Gilbert's Shaftesbury memorial fountain, which is surmounted by a lightly-poised figure of Eros. This fine landmark is now protected by sandbags from the dangers of air attack. It is a worthy memorial to the great philanthropist who died in 1885, "an example to his order, a blessing to his people, and a name to be by them ever gratefully remembered," as the inscription, written by Gladstone, records. Piccadilly Circus station, and some well-known theatres and hotels are among the buildings which adjoin the "Circus."

The concentration of bright lines at the upper right of the picture lead to, and from, Shaftesbury Avenue. This busy thoroughfare leads to Broad and High Streets, and thence into New Oxford Street and Holborn. In High Street near Shaftesbury is the interesting church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, originally built by Matilda, Queen of Henry the First. As in the case of the famed St. Martin's, the fields are now far to seek. The parish of St. Giles has many historic associations, and it was here that the Great Plague started in 1665.

In the top left of the picture the traffic has been proceeding along Regent Street, that magnificent artery which owes its existence to the fondness of the Prince Regent, afterwards King George IV, for costly building projects. Many are the fine and historic buildings which line Regent Street and its tributary thoroughfares. In the foreground may be seen the approaches to Lower Regent Street and Piccadilly. The latter street, with the Circus, is said to derive its curious name from the pickadils, or ruffs, worn in the early Stuart period. Commencing here, it extends westward for nearly a mile to Hyde Park Corner, and is continued thence as Knightsbridge, Kensington High Street and Kensington Road to Hammersmith. Then it runs into the Great Bath Road to the west of England. The east portion of Piccadilly has many fashionable shops, but the western end still boasts a number of fine mansions as well as clubs.

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St. Dunstan's Training Centre in England for the war-blinded has been described as "A guild for men who share a considerable handicap, but who share also the courage and discipline that they once offered to their country that enables them to face the struggle of life with unabated cheerfulness and confidence."

They "Learn" to be Blind By Margaret Donnelly

N ENGLAND today men and women who have been blinded or are partially blind through war service are being taught the art of "learning to be blind." Included are fifty-seven boys from all parts of Canada who have been trained or are now receiving training. This work is being undertaken at St. Dunstan's Training Centre, Ovingdean, near Brighton, famous school for war-blinded men, and is based on the idea of educating the blind toward the belief that while they may not regain sight, they can in large measure recover from their handicap.

Sharing in this great work are members of the Canadian Red Cross Corps, who teach Braille and handicrafts and do everything they can to help the men and women in this "recovery from blindness." These Corps girls were given special training in Toronto before going overseas to prepare them for their work with the world-famous St. Dunstan's

St. Dunstan's.

The Corps' members with St. Dunstan's at time of writing perform many duties. Miss Ann German, of Cobourg, Ontario, is one of the teachers of Braille and can be found every day with her pupils. When asked how

St. Dunstan's determines just what career a pupil should follow, Miss German said that in the Braille room the aptitudes of the pupils to this new method of life are disclosed — i.e. whether they show more promise toward a profession or an industrial occupation.

Miss Helene Campbell, of 24 Dearbourne Ave., Toronto, is in charge of the leather shop at the training centre. Each day the blinded men and women come to this shop and busily engage themselves in making leather handbags, wallets and belts.

The Red Cross teachers find out what their pupils wish to make, let them select their own colours, trimmings and linings. When they start to assemble the pieces they are carefully watched by Miss Campbell. Nothing is allowed to slip by without being absolutely perfect. If a hole is missed, they must correct the mistake. A minimum of help on the part of the teachers is necessary. The pupils, while they may not think so at first, can and like to "do it themselves."

Another popular hobby is rug making and the classes are well filled. The pupils start out with small rugs of one colour; before long they are busy with

larger, patterned rugs of hooked or frame type.

How do the blinded men and women, who no longer have the power to use their hands or have two artificial hands, read when they cannot learn Braille? St. Dunstan's has the answer to this in the talking library.

Miss German, in addition to her

Miss German, in addition to her Braille classes, operates this talking library. Books of every type are recorded on discs and played on a machine similar to a gramophone. There are special machines for the handless men. For these men Miss German sets up the machine and changes the records. Other boys, while they haven't great use of their hands, can learn to change the needles and turn the records themselves. This talking library is very popular and the men spend some time here reading their favourite books, perhaps the latest novels or some Dickens, Shakespeare or even brushing up on a history lesson.

The Canadian Red Cross Corps members at St. Dunstan's are unanimous in their praise of the Centre and of the pupils. They will tell you the blind men and women are very quick to learn, and develop remarkable memories. The newly blind seem to acquire an undefinable "something" which carries them through this most harrowing period of their life.

There is a large industrial centre

where classes are always under way in engineering and mechanical work of all types. Blind men who lost a hand in addition to their sight found they, too, could operate the power machines. St. Dunstan's provides special equipment designed to supplement one or both hands. They have also proven that blind men and women make excellent switchboard operators, including men who have lost one or both hands. The technical classes for the blind interested in massage and medical electrotherapy are very popular with St. Dunstaners.

One could believe that the type-

One could believe that the type-writer was invented for the blind. St. Dunstan's has machines especially equipped so that boys who have lost two hands can type quickly and successfully.

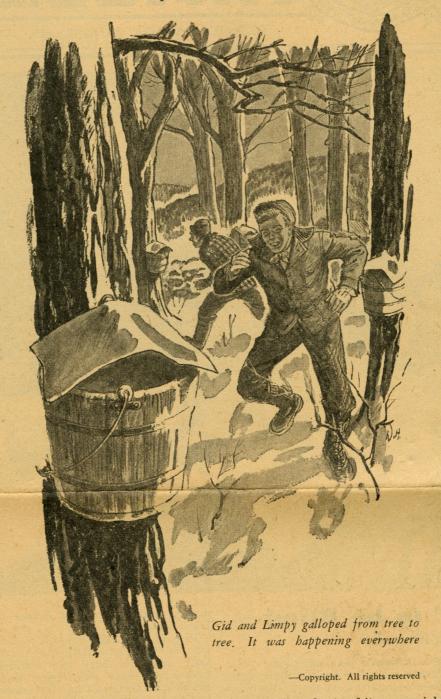
It is a common but mistaken idea that blind men and women must be pathetic people, who cautiously feel their way with tapping sticks and shuffling feet. It is not like this—true, they are sad at times—but the blind at St. Dunstan's are the most cheerful, refreshing and ambitious groups one could find. They take pride in walking erect and with confidence. They gradually learn to overcome the fear of physical darkness which may lead to darkness of the mind, the economic fear of loneliness

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his breeches.

AMBER MONEY

By Robert Davis



But each evening as he came out on the porch for a last look at the farm before turning in, his eyes would rest long and thoughtfully on Jockey Hill. Those deep-rooted maples on the upper slopes were a gold mine. Nothing would ever convince him to the contrary. Moreover, he knew that he would trary. Moreover, he knew that he would never rest easy until he had a good try at coining their sap into golden money. The sugar orchard of Ledge Farm had not been tapped since Pop's death, eight years before. One difficulty after another had intimidated the fam-But now Gid was in charge of the farm. He was nearly seventeen and was rarin' to take a chance. In his bones the boy felt that this

ID'S big idea was whipping into shape. At the meeting of the 4-H Club it had been on the tip

of his tongue to announce it as

his project for the year, but prudence held him back. He wanted to play safe. He didn't intend to let even Mom in on

the secret until he felt sure that he could swing it. He'd feel pretty silly to barge ahead and then flunk out,

giving the jokers at the store a chance to call him a kid that was too big for

was going to be a bumper year. Four hundred trees belonged to Ledge Farm. Higher on the hill were the three hundred trees of Gran Bixby, the neighbour across the road, which had not been touched since her nephew's accibeen touched since her nephew's accident. All seven hundred trees were well rested, about forty years old, and in their prime. The sap would be abundant and loaded with sweetness.

Prices would be high, too, with white sugar rationed and hard to get. Around the stove at the post office, farmers were predicting that first-run syrup would top three dollars a gallon.

Gid realized that a lot of obstacles would need to be overcome. To do the

would need to be overcome. To do the job properly would require two ablebodied men, working full time, for six or seven weeks. Twenty-five cords of wood must be cut and stacked. Counting two sap pails to an ordinary tree, and three to old whoppers would add up to over fifteen hundred buckets and spouts. His arms ached just to imagine collecting that many tons of sap. The long-abandoned sugar shanty must be put in commission, the boiling pans scoured and set on new foundations of stone. But he did not think it would mean the outlay of much cash money, not more than the forty dollars he had in the savings bank. And he had faith in the weather, in the trees, and in himself

To find a second man was the sticker. Active, able-bodied men were just not findable in Gilead, even at sky-high wages. This had been one of the excuses which had deterred the family in previous years.

But Gid had been thinking a lot about Limpy Kenn, a big-muscled, stubby dwarf, who lived alone on the back side of Moose Mountain. Half hunter, half lumberman, half farmer, Limpy had little to do with the village people, but his near-the-ground build and his thick shoulders would make him ideal for cutting wood with a cross-cut saw and for carrying sap buckets.

The hitch about the dwarf was that he would only work at what amused him, for as long as it amused him. No employer had ever succeeded in holding him to a steady job. He was a child of nature, as irresponsible as the fish and animals among whom he lived. Let the berries and the wild fruit begin to

show colour and he began to fidget. The first sultry afternoon would find him missing. When the big trout, lying under the shadow of the bank began to snap at flies, he would feel an urge toward the footloose and barefoot freedom that he made no effort to resist.

On the other hand, Gid had reason to hope that Limpy might be persuaded to stick as his partner during a sugaring season. He enjoyed Mom's cooking. His pleasure in sleeping between clean sheets and in listening to Cissie's schoolgirl chatter was undeniable. Working alongside Gid would be child's play for muscles such as his. What was more, the sugar making would take no more than six or seven weeks, during which his hills would be blanketed under snow. Yes, there were solid grounds for believing that the little man might become the second member of the team.

The orchards of Ledge Farm and Gran Bixby supplemented one another like fingers upon the same hand. With Gran's trees at the top and the Granger trees lower on the slope, a sled-tank, filled at the summit would slip down

to the boiling shanty of its own weight. The same force of gravity would empty the sap from the sled into the reservoir, and thereafter into the evaporation pans. If only Limpy could be persuaded to join up with him, Gid felt that his big idea would run like a roller skate. Encouraged by these evening reflections, the boy would climb into

But it was already the fourth week of February. If ever his idea was to become a reality it was time to take steps. The hour for action had come. First, he must make a survey of the orchards and find the condition of the material. Second, he must get Mom's approval and backing. Third, he must make a trade with old lady Bixby for the use of her trees. Fourth, Mom and Cissie must jolly Limpy into accepting the job. All four of the steps were essential, but he would tackle them in

that order.

The Bixby cabin was a ruin, but, as he did not intend to use the building, all that interested him was the sap gathering and cooking gear. In a keg he found eight hundred spouts, not so

rusty but that emery paper and elbow grease would make them usable. There were the same number of buckets, of the old-style, split-oak model. The gal-vanized trays had been standing on edge and would need nothing more than a scrubbing with sand and hot water. What especially pleased the explorer was a ten-barrel tank mounted upon wide runners and fitted with shafts and whiffletree for a single horse. Under boards at the rear was hidden treasure -nothing less than twenty fifty-quart

firkins for storing soft sugar.

Gid's own shanty was wide enough to allow him to install Gran's boiling pans beside his own. The foundation of flat slate must be solid, but the double row of pans would make double the capacity and burn less wood than two fires.

So far he had seen nothing that would cost much money. A hundred extra spouts must be bought, and ten pounds of wire nails to support the lower edge of the buckets. A new auger for boring holes to receive the spouts. A hundred gallon cans, that Link Wait would let him have for twelve dollars. It would all be well inside his deposit in Mr. Petty's bank.

Mom was disappointingly unsurprised by this news. "I surmised something was churning around in your head," she remarked calmly. "I judged head," she remarked calmly. "I judged it would be feeder calves or sugar, and sugar is more in our line." She had never seen Gid more deeply in earnest. "Of course I'll help you all I can," she agreed. "You know that, Sonny. When the sap gets to running strong, Cissie and I will spell you on the night shift. I'll ask Mr. Butterfield if she can't skip school for a week.

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"But when you talk to Gran about her trees," Mom continued judicially, "don't rush her. Let her do the talking. Those are not just rough-bark old trees to her. Her husband planted some of them. They were saplings when he married her. Her father whittled out those oak buckets with a draw knife. those oak buckets with a draw knife. You'd better see her right away, so you won't be broken up if she says no."

Having wormed the object of his visit out of Gid, Gran sat deep in thought. She was a sharp old lady who, despite rheumatism and her solitary way of existence, kept her house and her person spick and span. She was one of the unconquerable old souls who pre-fer lonely independence to greater comfort in the homes of married children.

No, she was not interested in a share of the sugar. No, she was not interested in a money rental. No, her sons-in-law were coming to plant her garden. Gid was stumped. His heart sank. He couldn't think of anything else that he could offer. There was a gloomy pause.

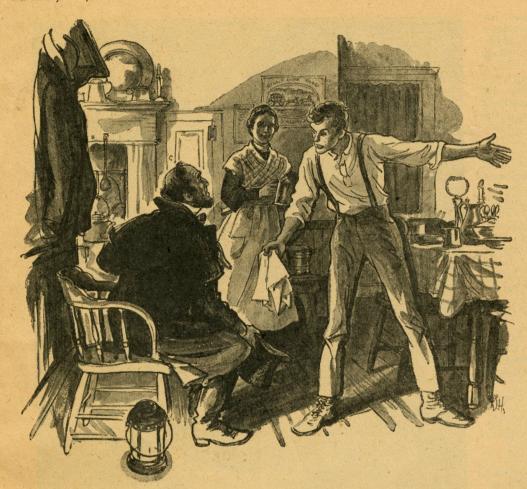
"But I might be interested in fire-wood." From the corner of Gran's eye flashed a twinkle. "Dry, you understand, in foot lengths, for a cook stove." Yes, he could have the use of her trees and her gear for five cords of wood to be piled in her woodshed before the

be piled in her woodsned before the September rains.

Gid groaned. If there was any work that he detested it was sawing wood. Despite himself, however, he seemed to be getting into the wood business with a vengeance. Wood for sugar, wood for Mom, and now wood for Gran! But he agreed. At the moment he would have agreed to any terms rather than see his big idea go to pot.

see his big idea go to pot.
"There's another thing, Mrs. Bixby,"

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"That's not so! That's just an excuse!" Reuben almost shouted. "Engines can't run in winter."

By T. Morris Longstreth

NEVER TELL YOUR TROUBLES

CHAPTER 1

EUBEN DOWNS woke and stretched. He jerked his toes back as they touched the icy edge of his feather bed nest. He arched his back in lazy satisfaction, thinking this must be the way Kibby's cat felt when she stretched. Why didn't horses stretch like cats?

Reuben chuckled to picture his Dave Gallop stretching all over the stable, and then the memory of last night hit him like a blow in the stomach. He'd never see Dave Gallop again. Downs' Livery was closed. His father was imprisoned for debt! His kind generous—too generous—Pop was in filthy Cambridge jail!

Reuben groaned and pressed his face into the pillow, hard. Shame was a new sensation. How could he ever face people or his friends at school, Even his sister, who had been in bed and didn't know. She'd never understand. And his poor mother! Now he understood why she had been so silent

"Reu—ben!" The call came from

the kitchen below.

"Yes, Mom." His voice was pretty mature for fifteen. But then he'd been around stable-hands all his life and thought of himself as one of them, nearly grown.

"Are you up yet, Reuben?" His mother thought him a boy still, evidently. He slid his long legs into the freezing air and then called, "Yes, Mom!" for he had been brought up to be utterly truthful. Shedding his nightgown in one wriggle and burrowing into icy clothes, he ran down into the kitchen, boots in hand.

"Morning, Mom," he tried to say,

just as if he had no hundred-pound weight on his heart. He quickly poured himself a basin of hot water from the

Then he turned, for he was a man now and must face his duty. "Don't worry, Mom. We'll get Pop out in no time. I'll get work."

Mrs. Downs' mouth trembled a little

her only show of emotion.
"He has done nothing wrong, We must remember that and hold up our heads. I know you will help. But I don't want you to quit school. I am counting on Mr. Scollay to buy the livery and bail your father free."

"School's nothing, Mom," Reuben

"School's nothing, Mom," Reuben said. "I can read nights and learn as much as the long-spouted Mr. Mims can teach me. My horses won't care if I don't talk to 'em in Latin, Mom."

When Reuben grinned, he was irresistible—to anybody but his mother, who loved him too deeply to be turned

from common sense by a smile.
"I hope you will do something better
than talk to horses all your life, Reuben."

There it was again! Reuben poured water about his face and ears. His mother was so ambitious for him! As if running a stage coach, a line of stage coaches from Cambridge to the Mountains, say, wasn't good enough!

A knock on the outer door inter rupted Reuben's self-appraisal. A visitor at six of the morning! It must be another creditor. But it was Abner Trammel, a long-jawed man with frost on his whiskers. He set his lantern on

the floor.

"Blow it out and have breakfast with us, Abner," Mrs. Downs suggested.

"Nay, I thank 'ee, Caroline. I just got in from Concord by the night stage and heard the news too late to come

and heard the news too late to come over. Is it true that Jacob is held for \$3,000?"

"Yes, Abner," said Mrs. Downs without flinching. "All things happened ill at once. The fire, the theft, the folly of signing Mr. Leftson's note, and all. But Mr. Scollay is hopeful of having the livery." of buying the livery."

"You mean that you are hopeful of Mr. Scollay," Abner Trammel grumbled. "I fear he was trying to save your feelings, Caroline. He tells me that he is through lending without security. The panic taught him that

"Did Mr. Scollay say he would not buy the livery?" Reuben asked. He could not bear indefiniteness.

"Yes. He looked it over. And he is fearful that the railroad is going to cut into the profits of coaching."

"That's not so. That's just an excuse!" Reuben almost shouted. "Engines can't even run in winter! Their wheels slip on icy rails. Mike Hadding told me so. He said they were just a fad like balloons. He said .

"Son!" Mrs. Downs tried to calm Reuben who was a fanatic on this threat of the railroads to supplant coaching.

"I agree with you, Reuben," Mr. Trammel said. "Men have always wanted to fly, too, but I notice they're not doing it. Doctor Pilchard says that if you whisk people through the air at the rate of twenty miles an hour, you'll kill 'em. And the railroads aim to go thirty. It's nonsense, but Mr. Scollay is not a man who can be told anything." He turned to Mrs. Downs. "I'll drop in at the joil this of towns. 'I'll drop in at the jail this afternoon,

Caroline, and have a talk with Jacob."
"Thank you, Abner. Reuben is taking some things this morning and will

The door latched, and then another opened, and Kibby Downs rushed in. Chestnut hair fell in profusion on either side of her lovely face. But she

either side of her lovely face. But she ran to her mother and broke into sobs. "I heard . . . Mama, I heard! . . . Papa is in prison! . . . Oh, Mama! . . ."

Now, two hours later, Reuben was taking his first dreaded trip to Cambridge Jail. He carried a large parcel of feed for the tales of wearils haled. of food, for the tales of weevils baked into bread and soup of rotted turnips terrified his mother, who had imagination. He was angrier than ever, for no figuring his mother and he had done showed any hope of release for his father.

"Hey, Reub!"

Reuben was passing the gate of Harvard College and stopped until Gus Flint caught up. Gus was a lazy ox who kept the truant officer busy. "You deef? I yelled to you twict. Why ain't you in school? Same reason as me?" And Gus jingled his skates. "Sent me on an errand," Reuben said

uneasily. Gus was like a masterless dog, difficult to be rid of.
"What's that?" Gus indicated the

"One of Mom's parcels," Reuben said, for to confess it was food would be fatal. He stared ostentatiously up

the path.
"Let me heft it," Gus said.

"Why should you?" Reuben was getting tired of this pimply ox.

"Don't get touchy. Give it here."

A Thing of Beauty

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever: Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness; but still will keep A bower quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing. -KEATS.



The trees look cold and bare today as the wind passes by and finds no playmates in their leaves. Yet on every branch the winter leaves hold, folded in darkness, motionless in their compact sheaths, the radiant life of the summer foliage. They do not rebel against their destiny, but in submission to law await the light. Within their chambers the force of growth is being laid up, the colour and play and light of a higher life is being wrought. Spring comes; Wind, the fairy whose breath is love and life, touches the folded gates, their leaves fly open at the gracious call, and in a thousand forests Wonder and Joy awake to sing the green creation of each year. That is the Christian view of life and its sorrow. It waits in patience for the certain Spring. -Stopford A. Brooke

Gus reached for the parcel.

Reuben had been cautioned to hold it right side up and swayed aside. Gus grabbed at the parcel and got hold of the cord. "Let go!" Reuben shouted, and trible to push Gus away

without hurt to the parcel.
"Stubborn, eh?" Gus laughed, for now he had a purpose in life. "Let go or I'll bust it open and you, too."

Reuben dared not let Gus have the

parcel or he'd run off with it. So he held and Gus pulled. The cord gave way, and Mrs. Downs' lovingly assembled gifts fell, broke, rolled, and were trampled on.

Gus laughed uproariosuly and stooped to pick up a couple of circling cookies. Reuben was ready to bawl with rage. His fist caught Gus on the side of the head and knocked him sprawling.

"Why, you . . .!" Gus wheezed. "Wait

"Come on!" Reuben had picked up the skates. They were tied by a thong and, in determined hands, a dangerous weapon.

"Give me them!" Gus ordered with-

out getting too near.

"Boys, boys!" A good-natured voice broke in. "What's going on here?"

Reuben did not take his eyes from

Gus. He saw Gus's bluster fading. Gus wanted to clear out. Reuben threw the skates across the road. "I'll get you for that," Gus bellowed, for he had to have the last word. But he went after the skates and walked on.
"Thank you, sir," Reuben said to the

young man, with the prominent nose and pleasant blue-grey eyes. "I'm more obliged than I can tell."

Unlike Gus, the young man asked no embarrassing questions, and helped

Reuben tie up the food.

Reuben wondered why he hadn't thought of that. "You teach here, sir?" He nodded at the Harvard gate.

'No, but I have a school in Concord with my brother. Ever come out our

Reuben shook his head. He dare not even tell this friendly young man that his aunt, Abigail Kite, lived in Concord. Mr. Kite was very well-to-do and equally alarmed at Mr. Jacob Downs' easygoing poverty. The Downs did not visit the Kites.

"Well, if you ever do, I'd be pleased to see you again and show you the North Bridge. My name is John Thoreau."

"I've heard that name somewhere," Reuben said.

"Attached to my brother Henry, no doubt," John said. His gentle easy smile under the hawklike nose touched something in Reuben. (This was one something in Reuben. (This was one person, Reuben felt, that he could confide his woes to. Yet his mother, he knew, was right, when she said you should not tell your troubles. It only enlarged them.) "Henry makes a name for himself wherever he goes," John was saying. "He's the family scholar. He studied here. There now," as they placed the last bit of food in the bag and drew the string. "I hope you don't and drew the string. "I hope you don't

run into any more desperadoes."
"Thank you, sir," Reuben said. For
the first time he could remember, he felt lonely.

Reuben was back again in his dark mood when he reached Cambridge jail and set the entry bell to ringing.

Presently an eye gazed through the peep-hole, and he heard a surly, "What you want?"

"I've brought some provisions for my father, Jacob Downs," Reuben said.

"I'll take it." The door opened, letting out a sickening odour of staleness that set Reuben simmering with anger. It angered him to think that anybody must live in that smell.

"I have some messages for him," Reuben said, holding on to the bag. He guessed that little of his mother's cooking would reach his father if the

jailer got it first.
"I'll have to see what's in it," the jailer said.

Persons imprisoned for debt were not so strictly confined as common malefactors, Reuben knew. As he followed the jailer, Mr. Bilkly, Reuben was conscious of the small cells to right and left of him and the sullen inmates.

Turning the corner of the long gauntlet, Reuben found himself almost treading on his father's hands! Jacob Downs was scrubbing the floor before his cell. Reuben had to swallow before he could speak.

"Why, sonny!" Jacob Downs said.
"This is good of you."

Reuben's pity ached like a bruise. His father seemed not at all cast down. The place was cold, dark, cobwebby, and airless. It gave Reuben a feeling of hot hatred unknown to him.

"Come on, get it over with. I can't wait here all morning."

"Now, Mr. Bilkly, my son is in his rights. He is allowed a ten-minute visit, I believe."

"I know the rules."

Reuben blurted out the message about Mr. Trammel's visit, adding, "And mother sent food, father, and clothesbag."

"I'll look at that first." The jailer

reached for the parcel.

"My wife would conceal nothing, Mr.
Bilkly," Mr. Downs said.

"I'm the judge of that." The jailer jerked the half-opened bag from Mr. Downs. He held to the bottom intentionally, Reuben thought. At any rate, the much-abused bundle spilled again. This time the food dropped on the wet floor and some into the pail of water.

Reuben could stand no more. "Now you've ruined everything!" he cried.

"Shut your mug or out you'll go this minute." The jailer, now angry because he was in the wrong, lifted his hand.
"Mr. Bilkly, the boy has taken great

"Speak when you're addressed!" snapped the jailer.

It was then Reuben reached the limit of his youthful endurance. He happened to be holding the empty clothesbag. Without warning he clasped the open mouth of the bag over the jailer's head. He pulled it down with a rough jerk over Mr. Bilkly's features and grabbed the string, pulling it taut. The jailer kicked at him, but Reuben was already dancing behind him and crying, "Run, father! Run!"
The key to the outer door fell to the

stone floor.
"Sonny! Sonny!" Mr. Downs, aghast, saw the consequences of his son's indiscretion.

"Run, Pop!" Reuben yelled. He held the string tight and the jailer was clawing at his throat as if he were being choked.

The prisoners from around the corner were setting up a cry as they guessed what was happening.

"Let us out, lad!" one yelled.
"Snatch his keys," shouted another.
Then they all joined in.

"Will you run, Pop?" gasped Reuben. "Here's the key to the outer door. At least get it open for me!"

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TOP TO BOTTOM: Typing without hands? A war-blinded airman finds that the loss of both hands does not keep him from learning to use a typewriter. Two warblinded veterans "inspect" the building and floor plans of St. Dunstan's under the guidance of Miss Helene Campbell, Red Cross Corps member of Toronto.

Blinded war veterans carried on the fight in the aircraft factories after training at St. Dunstan's.

Making leather handbags is a favourite hobby with the war-blinded veterans at St. Dunstan's. Red Cross Corps girl instructs.

BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS NAMESAKES

By JOHN E. MASON

IN NEARLY every unit of Britain's far-flung commonwealth of nations British cities and towns, familiar by name to most Canadians, have their namesakes in some community which acts as a constant reminder of a loyal tie to a great Empire. In many instances these namesakes are obscure settlements in comparison to their old world prototypes but there are cases where the overseas communities surpass in size and commercial importance the British cities, towns, or villages the names of which they bear.

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In Canada the city of London, Ontario, while not ranking with the world's metropolis with its estimated ten million population, nevertheless has certain things in common with the Empire's capital, being situated on the river Thames in the county of Middlesex. The birthplace of the immortal William Shakespeare, Stratford-on-Avon, has its namesake in Stratford, Ontario. Like the famous Shakespearian shrine it too is located on the beautiful Avon river. Throughout the Dominion there are many other cities and towns bearing British names, Windsor, Chatham, Hamilton, Peterboro, Killarney, Newcastle, Dartmouth, Woodstock, Scarborough, Grimsby, Durham to mention but a few.

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About twenty per cent of the inhabitants of New Zealand live in cities and towns named after English communities. England's two Wellingtons, in

They Learn to be Blind

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and of being different from the rest of mankind. At St. Dunstan's they learn Braille so that they can read, typing so that they can write and they are taught to master a profession, or handicraft, or industrial occupation. St. Dunstan's has proven that there is no limit to the fields the blind are able to conquer.

to conquer.

Thus, the Canadian Red Cross Society, through its Corps members, is taking a very important part in lightening the darkness of all who wear the St. Dunstan's badge—the flaming torch which lights the way for blinded men of the fighting services and men and women of the Home Defence.



War-blinded servicemen who have lost a hand find they can operate machines (above) in the industrial training centre at St. Dunstan's.

Somerset and Shropshire, are not nearly so well known as the city which is the capital of the southern Pacific Dominion. Canada has a Wellington, a pretty village in Prince Edward county, Ontario, named in honour of the Duke of Wellington, better known as the Iron Duke. Christchurch, New Zealand, was settled by the Church of England with all strata of English society of a century ago represented. Cambridge, Oxford, New Plymouth, Birmingham, are other tributes to the land that gave them birth.

Australia, the commonwealth's great island continent, has its Portland, Newcastle, Warwick and Ipswich, while Tasmania to the south has its share of English names. The name Salisbury brings visions of a vast plain in Wiltshire, England, containing prehistoric monumental remains of Stonehenge. South Africans recognize the name as the capital of Southern Rhodesia. There is a Dover in Cape Province, South Africa, a Port Dover on Lake Erie in Ontario. Falmouth, on the rugged Cornish coast has its namesake in Jamaica.

It is quite in order that in the United States, second greatest English speaking country of the world, English place-names are duplicated to a large extent. One often reads newspaper accounts of British mayors or "provosts" making good-will trips to America to fraternize with chief magistrates of cities and towns named after their own spheres of activity. There are enough English named cities and towns in the United States alone to provide entertainment for hundreds of English mayors should



I4—The Chief Boy Scout's Stamp
IF YOU are a Boy Scout you know, of course, all about this grand world-wide organization, and its founder the late General Lord Baden-Powell. But (unless you happen also to be a Philatelist) you probably do not know that "B-P" was once honoured with a postage stamp bearing his likeness as he appeared at the time he won immortal fame as the Hero of Mafeking. This stamp was the hand-somely-designed 3-pence dark blue of two issued for use of the British garrison and residents beleagured in the town of Mafeking during that long



in our Curio Collection, not because of queer design, or subject—but because the stamp itself, and circumstances surrounding its issue, were most interesting and unique. It was produced by photographic process, on 'blue-print' paper, under most difficult conditions; acids required for the processing had to be smuggled in through the Boer lines by native 'runners'—and several attempts had to be made before one finally got through. These stamps were used for postal services among the besieged inhabitants—but cannot be classed as 'Locals' in the ordinary sense, since they prepaid letters, etc., to all parts of what was a self-contained area. And certainly their historical interest alone makes them deserving of a prominent place in any such Collection as this 'Curio' one of ours. Of course, a 'B-P' Mafeking stamp isn't easy to get hold of today—but all collecting is chiefly most fascinating when not so easy. The 'quest' is the chief source of pleasure—and I wish you luck in getting one of these pretty blue stamps for your Collection!

they care to make the trip. Probably the best known namesake American city is Boston, Massachusetts, considered by some people as the most English city of the New England states. Cambridge, a part of Greater Boston, is the home of Harvard University founded in 1639 by Rev. John Harvard, to train young men for the Puritan ministry. Cambridge in Dorchester county, Maryland, and Cambridge in Guernsey county, Ohio, round out the American namesakes of this

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Braille teaching plays an important part at St. Dunstan's. A well-stocked Braille library, like the one above, offers a wide variety of reading, including Dickens, Shakespeare and history.

Never Tell Your Troubles

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That moved Mr. Downs. He certainly had to get his son out of the

Reuben watched him go. The prisoners' concerted uproar was alarming. It would soon be heard by the guards outdoors. . Reuben kept on dancing around his prisoner. Mr. Bilkly was growing dizy.

Reuben longed to give him a farewell blow but forbore. He ran. The jailed men hurled indecent epithets at him now that they saw they were not to be liberated.

"Oh, Pop, please!" Reuben pulled at his father's arm. "Please, come! I can't bear it to have you in there."

"Thanks, sonny . . . but it wouldn't be wise.'

"Pop, you could hide at Mike's."

"And bring danger on him? No, I've caused enough sadness. Now you run, sonny. Don't get caught. Stay away till you get word from Mr. Scollay. I'll talk to him."

Reuben heard a shout, heard steps. "Oh, Pop, I've hurt you worse . . ." His voice broke in contrition and anguish.

The jailer reached the doorway and yanked Mr. Downs backward, shouting to some guard behind his back. Reuben fled. He raced around the corner of the house next to the jail and down its side yard to a fence.

Mrs. Downs was ironing when Reuben slipped into the kitchen. Already he was taking on the furtive actions of a hunted creature. His mother slapped the iron down on the holder and looked at him in amazement. Reuben slumped into a chair, placed in a corner where he could not be seen, and gasped out his account.

"Mercy on us!" Mrs. Downs said from time to time. Her words were less an exclamation than a prayer. When Reuben spent a moment in telling how the jailer had danced around in his clothesbag like the bear on a chain, Mrs. Downs forgot that all this added worry had come to her.

Reuben rose, "I must make me a bundle of clothes and go," "They'll be after me here in five minutes. I'll get a job, Mom. I'll send you word. And soon I'll be sending you money."

"No, that is risky," Mrs. Downs said. "Let Mr. Scollay have your address. And don't starve, son." Her voice trembled a little, for she was sending her first-born into the world. "I'll get along. I'll do what I did before during the panic—take lodgers. The college boys are nice—and always out."

Reuben threw his arms about his mother and hugged her. She was wonderful, not to scold.

"What's that?" Reuben started.

"A knocking, the front door. Go . . . but where? Have you thought?"

"Better for you not to know," Reuben said, reaching the door.

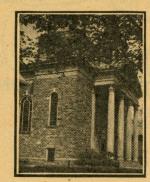
"Not Concord, precious. My sister must never know."

The knocking had become a tattoo.

"Wait! One instant! I have four dollars!" Mrs. Downs flew to the pantry shelf and was back.

At that moment there came a knock on the kitchen door.

(To be continued)



The Inner Room

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in beaven."-Matthew 6:20. (Golden Text for January 26)

SOUND INVESTMENT

By REV. JOSEPH WASSON, D.D.

ESLIE WEATHERHEAD tells of a story which he once read. It was a simple story, "hardly worth recalling," he says, "save for one sentence." tence, he thinks lights up at least one message which the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus contains about the life beyond. It is the story of a rich man who died and went into the next world, and was shown round by some angelic guide. He contemplated the various houses and mansions of all shapes and sizes, and then the visitor came to rather a fine-looking palace. The guide said, "This is where your chauffeur will live when he dies and comes over here." The rich man thought, "If my chauffeur is going to live here, what a wonderful place will be mine!" But the guide showed him then a little hovel, and said, "This is your's, you didn't give us enough material to build anything better."

It is not the purpose of the parable to give information about the geography of the eternal world, the scenery of realms unseen. Nor can we build doctrine on its details. Our Lord, in His teaching, takes the thought and language of His own day without change or criticism and uses these dramatically for His own purpose. Yet, as one has said, "the conventional setting of the thought of the parable cannot hide its divine and most amazing originality.

Many lessons may be learned from the story; but there is one which seems to be clearly taught. It is, that what we do here has its effect in the life beyond: that all our earth life is a building for a life in the world to come. Each goes to

One can hardly imagine stronger contrasts than those revealed in the story. First, in this world you have the rich man clothed in purple and fine linen and faring sumptuously every day. And over against him is "a certain beggar named Lazarus which was laid at his gate full of sores." Nothing is said of any special wickedness on the part of the rich man, nor of special piete on the part of the beggar. There they are, painted over against each other, the social problem in a nutshell, types for all time.

In the world unseen you have the same two figures over against each other again. But, now, Lazarus is affluent and Dives is in wretched need: he craves one drop of water at Lazarus' hands. He sees the erstwhile beggar across the gulf which separates his anguish from heaven's radiance, and beseeches Abraham to send Lazarus to relieve his woe.

Who had dug the gulf between? It was of Dives own digging. Lazarus was his brother man, but he had denied their brotherhood. "He drove the wedge of selfishness between them. As selfishness hardened into habit, and habit hardened into fixed character, the wedge was driven ever deeper to form a "great gulf."

The sin of Dives, then, was not his wealth; it was his lovelessness. Perhaps, as love is the crown and completion of the Christian character, lovelessness is the one ultimate sin.

'He that shuts Love out in turn shall be Shut out from Love, and on her threshold lie Howling in outer darkness.

The lesson is the same as that in the parable of the Sheep and the Goats: 'Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me. And these shall go away. . . ." Here we see one of them—gone away to "his own place."

In all this there is no contradiction of the Gospel of salvation by faith. Even faith must be tested, and the test of a true faith is that it works by love.

> Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul; Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll; And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast; His way may lie through darkness, but it leads to life at last.

> > -HENRY VAN DYKE

A PRAYER

Be pleased, O Lord, to strengthen our confidence that in every hour of trial we may lean heavily on Thee. And may our temptations discipline our hearts to a sympathy and gentleness which shall make us real helpers of those who are beset with like temptations, and have need: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Britain's Overseas Namesake

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famous English university city. Worcester, Portsmouth, Newport, Northcester, Portsmouth, Newport, hampton, Chelsea, are but a few of the many English namesake towns in the New England states. By a strange coincidence there is a little-known hamlet not far from the old world London that glories in the name of New York. Whether the present United States metropolis of the same name is indebted to this tiny English cross-roads village for its designation history does not record.

The famous industrial centre of the English Midlands, Birmingham, has three namesakes in the United States. Birmingham, Alabama, noted for its great cotton and steel industries, ranks second to its English cousin in point of size while the other towns, one in Connecticut and the other a suburb of Pittsburg, Penn., bear the name of Birmingham. Reading, the county town of Berkshire, England, famous for its restored Grey Friars chapel, has its American namesake in Pennsylvania, a much larger city than its English cousin. Lincoln, of Lincolnshire, which dates from Roman occupation of Britain, has two United States namesakes, Illinois and Nebraska each having towns of that name. The two cities of Durham, one in England the other in North Carolina, might well be designated as the twin Durhams, having populations of 17,500 and 18,200 respectively.

Belfast, largest city in Northern Ireland, has three widely separated namesakes. The state of Maine,

U.S.A., Australia, and British Columbia each have a town named in honour of the Irish city. Australia also has a Londonderry while Bangor, on the north channel of the Irish Sea has its

namesake in Bangor, Maine, U.S.A.

Throughout the world there are many other namesakes of Britain's cities and towns as a perusal of a good world map will reveal. Liverpool, Edin-burgh, Plymouth, Stockport, Newport, not only have one but many namesakes somewhere in the world. There is, however, one instance of what appears to be a reversal of the accepted order. Half a mile off the road from Salisbury to Southampton, England, is a tiny hamlet known as "Canada". Just as proud residents of Britain's capital rejoice in being known as Londoners, the people in this little wayside village insist on being referred to "Canadians".



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