

The Opportunity.

The Lawsons never had had so wonderful a guest. Everyone except mother and Phyllis, who at first had thought that Miss Harland was "just a missionary," became the most enthusiastic of them all when she discovered that she was a teacher of literature in a great missionary college.

As for mother, she had surrendered years before. When Phyllis cried reproachfully, "You never told us Miss Harland was in college work," mother had simply replied, "Didn't I?" and smiled as if something amused her.

But the rest of the family? Father became keen and alert and eager, as he always did when people talked about world events. And the children teared for more and more stories till Phyllis warned them that they would wear Miss Harland out. Even then Babs hung about, and Phyllis had to be rather sharp with her finally.

Miss Harland's eyes followed the little girl as she trailed slowly from the room. "She is a darling," she said. "She confided in me that she wanted to be a missionary. I am the first 'real live' one that she has ever talked to. If she were older, I should wonder whether that weren't a delicate criticism of the profession!"

Phyllis laughed. "She's a funny youngster," she said, "always dreaming the most impossible dreams. I try to make her see things sensibly, but I haven't been successful yet."

"Why impossible?" Miss Harland asked.

"Why?" Phyllis looked as if she had not heard aright. "Why, because she hasn't the ability. She doesn't like studying, you know. Oh, it just isn't in her."

Miss Harland was silent. But presently they were talking about the tragedy of women's lives in the Orient. "It must be awful," Phyllis cried, and her eyes were dark with sympathy.

"Yes," Miss Harland replied slowly. "And yet sometimes I wonder if I haven't almost as great tragedies in my furloughs home—young people who start with shining dreams of success and have them slowly killed by the desire for wealth or pleasure; shy, sensitive boys and girls who are laughed at by cleverer or more adaptable people till they lose confidence in themselves, and the world is robbed of what they might have contributed to it; boys and girls like little Barbara—" Her eyes, sympathetic but steady, looked straight into the eyes of Phyllis.

"Why—you don't mean—" Phyllis began hastily.

"I mean, dear, that no human being is wise enough to judge down any other human being—least of all a child. Nobody but God knows the powers and possibilities latent in a life. And big sisters have such tremendous influence over little ones, dear."

Phyllis could not trust herself to answer. Miss Harland put her warm hand over the girl's cold one. "I congratulate you on your opportunity," she said.

Japanese Doll Festivals.

Every year in the spring, just before the doll festival, the toy shops in Tokyo blossom with beautiful dolls, especially made for this particular market. Though the dolls are replenished from time to time, as occasion requires, these dolls are carefully put away like our Christmas toys and not brought out again until the following year.

It is briefly these dolls, the China ninjas, that are discussed by antiquaries and referred to in polite literature. Among them are always two principal figures representing the emperor and the empress. With them may be associated other dolls, the rank of which is fixed although the number is indeterminate. The emperor is placed always on the right and the empress on the left. Next to the imperial personages come the ministers of the left and right, civil officers of the court, and two arrow-bearing ministers, the highest military officials. Court ladies, some serving wine and others with musical instruments, follow, succeeded by court musicians, commonly five in number. Three traditional dolls represent footmen the lowest rank of court servants, often called the "drunkards of three humors." One is represented as irascible, another as weeping, and the third, laughing. They are characters from a Japanese romance which is often played as an interlude in Japanese theatres. All these china dolls have their clothes securely fastened on them by their makers and they are not undressed by their owners as are ordinary doll babies. The material for their clothes is specially woven in miniature patterns.

At the present day the individual dolls are mounted on wooden stands covered with matting and faced with brocade like the seats used by nobles. They are arranged in the order of their rank on the steps of a kind of platform covered with a red blanket. A pair of miniature screens or a curtain is placed behind the red platform. Flower vases containing peach-blossoms are stood on either side at the bottom of the platform and with them a bottle of sweet wine and little cups for drinking. There are also special diamond-shaped rice-cakes made and offered to the dolls.

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Providing for the Future

BY REV. PETER BRYCE

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In the matter of providing for the future there are some who say unctuously "The Lord will provide." Some appear to be sincere, and to believe it would manifest a lack of trust in God to "take thought for the morrow." Others, I fear, are like the man of the letter with pretensions to faith in God which are of doubtful value.

I find no warrant in the revelation of God for believing that we need make no provision for the future. All that we know of the Great Provider would indicate that He expects all upon whom responsibility rests, to discharge that responsibility to the fullest possible extent. It is apparent to all who have knowledge of family life in Canada that many men have failed to appreciate the importance of providing in an adequate manner for the incidence of death and its consequent effect upon those dependent on them. Clergymen all over the country have been again and again brought face to face with the tragedy of the death of a father in early manhood leaving a family without financial resources.

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Now it's very little wonder

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Douglas Fir.

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Experts declare that there is no emotion, however delicate, which cannot be felt by plants.

The Japanese have always recognized this feature in plants. They believe that love and hatred are both experienced by flowers. Every plant and vegetable has its own character, we are told.

Science has still much to learn in this direction, but it may be that before long we shall know everything that goes on in the plant "mind."

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"Knocking Wood" for Luck.

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According to the legend an old Danish sea captain, just before starting on a voyage, would always tap on the side of his ship, and then stand in silence and listen for a few minutes. His belief was that there were so many millions of their kind in the timbers of the ship, the eyes of the wood would come out and bless the ship and ensure it a safe return.

Other Danish skippers followed this practice, and, strangely enough, at least so we are told, the vessels so submitted to this quaint ritual seemed to acquire immunity from the perils of the sea.

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Britain's Oldest Road.

One of the world's most famous thoroughfares is Watling Street, which runs from Richborough, near Dover, to Wrotham, in Shropshire, an important place in Roman days.

Part of this road is now the scene of a great modern engineering feat for it is being widened and remade. Watling Street, which passes through Canterbury, London, St. Albans, Dunstable, Towcester, and Welington, was made by the Romans. The original name was Via Vitelliana, but when the Saxons came to Britain they renamed it after one of their heroes, Wastla. This person was a god who was said to live in the mass of stars known as the Milky Way, which was also called Watling Street by the Saxons.

How well the old Roman road was placed can be judged by the fact that when the London and North Western Railway was being built, modern engineers could find no better route, and laid their line alongside it.

Funny Signs.

A dentist placed over his doorway a business sign which read: "Teeth extracted with great pains."

This was something like the butcher's sign which ran: "Beef is very high; our prices are the same; and the grocer's: "Don't go elsewhere to be robbed. Try us."

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"We Know Him"

A white colporteur once visited a part of central China into which to the best of his knowledge no white missionary had ever penetrated. Gathering a big crowd of Chinese round him in one of the towns, he began to read to them from the New Testament in Chinese. He read the story of Jesus's healing a blind man and also of his healing a lame man. Then he read of his healing lepers, like the lepers that crowded the streets of the town; whereupon the faces of the people lighted up.

"Oh, we know him!" they cried. "He used to live here. Our mothers and fathers have told us about him. He lived in a house down the street. We know where he is buried. His grave is here; we will show it to you, teacher. When the great plague came the rest left us, but he would not leave us. He gave us strange things out of a bottle. We took the things and were better. We had babies; they were blind. He washed their eyes and made them well; they could see. Oh, we know him very well! He has often walked down our streets and spoken to us when we were little."

"No, that could not be!" said the colporteur. "He lived in a land far, far from here. He belonged to a different nationality."

"No, sir," they insisted "you are mistaken. He was right here. Come and we will show you the grave!"

He went and saw the grave and its inscription, which was in English. He looked up the history of the town and learned that the man whom the people had spoken of was a British colporteur, a young doctor who had just completed his medical course, who had gone up the Yangtze River six hundred miles and, breaking into the central and northern interior, had settled in the little town. The plague at last had taken his life.

And away out there years after when the people heard the words about Christ they called out: "We knew him! He lived here! We knew him well!"

Poor Consolation.

Quartermaster—"She'll steady up a bit, sir, once she's round the Lizard."

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