

The Upward Look

The Matter of Courage

Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. St. Matt. 10, 32, 33.

These verses contain a glorious promise and a fearful warning. If we confess before men that we love Christ then Christ will tell God that we are His when we enter Heaven. But if we are ashamed to own on this earth that we are followers of Christ then the awful day will come when Christ will deny us before God and our own consciences will tell us that our condemnation is just.

Christians sometimes are apt to think that if they confess Christ by joining the church it is about all that should be expected of them. What a pitiful mistake! In time of war we were a soldier to enlist but thereafter never attempt to carry a gun, run away from his side we would consider him brave but little better than a traitor. And yet that is the position in which many professing Christians place themselves.

Most of us need more moral courage. We say that we are Christians but often we are ashamed to have even the members of our own families find us on our knees. Were we asked if we loved Christ we would say yes but we dread to have friends who enter our homes or our rooms discover us reading God's word. We know that there is Christian work that we should undertake but we are afraid often to even lead a Sunday School class or offer a prayer in meeting. We hear men, perhaps only boys, taking God's name in vain, but Satan frightens us so that we do not dare to utter even the most gentle protest. Thus, like Saul, we stand by consenting. We see strangers enter our church but our apprehensions of what they may think lead us to neglect to welcome them. Our church, Christ's church, in this way gets the name of being cold. And thus it goes. Our pathway all through life is marred by our failures to confess Christ, by our denials of Him. And some day, God is going to ask what we did with these opportunities to glorify Him and Christ will be ashamed to confess us as having been one of his professed followers.

There are many Christians who are longing and praying that some day they may be led to become a Christian and yet, although they are frequently in one another's company, they lack the moral bravery that would be involved in speaking simply and lovingly to this dear one about the things of the soul and of eternity. In many cases it is probable that the dear one is conscious of his or her need and

only waiting to have this word spoken to take a stand for Christ. How great will be our anguish should the day ever come when we find that some one whom perhaps we have loved even more than we did our own lives has gone through life without finding Christ, simply because we resisted the impulse from God to speak to them about their soul's salvation.

If we will but try we can overcome this constant sin in our lives. First of all we must recognize that it is Satan who is the cause of our cowardice. Satan scared Peter so that he denied Christ three times within a short interval of time. Like Peter we must repent instantly when we find what we have done. And as Christ forgave Peter so He will forgive us if we will but promise earnestly to try and do better next time. These temptations are our opportunities to grow in grace and in strength of character. If we seize them we can lead the conquering life and a glorious life it is. Let us, therefore, as one of our New Year resolutions, resolve that during the year 1911 we will never be ashamed to own Christ whenever the opportunity presents itself.—I.H.N.

The First Prize Farm Home

The farm home which secured first place in the final Dairy Farms Competition this year as conducted by

Farm and Dairy was that of Mrs. R. A. Penhale, of Elgin County, Ont., which secured 120 points. A fine illustration showing the cellar and the first and second floor plans of Mrs. Penhale's home was published in the February 24 issue of Farm

and Dairy for 1910. The different points which the judges took into consideration in judging the house, and the number of points set as the standard for each are as follows: Plan, finish and approach, 25 points; lawn, 15; garden and orchard, 35; arrangement of house, 30; sanitation, 25; educational features, 25; or a total of 150 points. Mrs. Penhale's total aggregated 120 points. On the matter of sanitation her home secured only two points below the standard set. On arrangement she secured 25 out of 30 points. On plan and finish her score came to 21 out of 25 points. We congratulate Mrs. Penhale on her success.

In the Penhale home is found a most complete cellar which has concrete floors throughout. The vegetable compartment comprises about one-third of the cellar. The furnace room is situated in the centre and a commodious fruit closet is also a convenience of this department of the house. Every room in the house can be heated from the furnace.

An up-to-date range is found in the kitchen, which has an extra convenient, a warm water supply, a hot water heater from the kitchen to the basement below, is a convenience that Mrs. Penhale would dislike to part with. Mrs. Penhale enjoys several conveniences in her kitchen and pantry. The pantry is situated next to the kitchen and is supplied with flour chest, bread box, kettle, cupboard, swinging table, shelving and an up-to-date sink with hot and cold water. Hot and cold water has been installed in the bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, pantry and basement. The hot water is furnished by a 20 gal-

lon tank attached to the range in the kitchen.

The front parlor and dining room have large, round bay windows which extend to the second floor and are also found in two large bedrooms. Large porches on the front and side of the house add greatly to the appearance and comfort of the house. Descriptions of the other prize winning homes in the final competition this year will be published at an early date.

Mrs. Penhale writes Farm and Dairy as follows: "All the sewerage and kitchen waste is carried from the house through cemented sewer tile to the septic tank which is placed about fifty feet from house and one and one-half feet below surface. It never has given us any trouble and we have used it for 15 years. I am very extravagant on dish water. I use 1½ ta of it and I never think any of it is good enough to feed our pigs. They get the skimmed milk from the dairy but never get a chance to try my dish water. I usually use a little ammonia or washing soda and a little common salt. I keep on cups if a tea stain becomes conspicuous. During the fly season I rub no receptacle for peelings but carry them from the house as soon as they are made.

Our improvements for this season consists of fresh paper on some of the rooms and new curtains added where thought needed and wood work brightened by an application of varnish."

Little Leaks to Look For

Lights are left burning when not in use.

Pickles are imperfectly covered with vinegar and spoil.

Cold cooked vegetables, which might appear in salads or hash, are thrown away, or at best improperly cared for.

Bread or cakes are put in airtight receptacles while warm, and thus mold quickly.

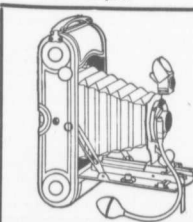
One of the most difficult things to teach is economy of fuel. Nothing seems to satisfy but a continual piling on of coal. As soon as a little gas has been burned off, a vigorous shaking and raking out of ashes follows; then the stove is filled anew, touching and lifting the covers, which soon become red-hot, and the process is repeated again.

In the first place, make a study of the range and learn its requirements; some stoves require more draft than others. Shaking the fire banks it

down into a solid mass and the air cannot circulate through.

When the fire for any cause becomes too dull, do not stir it over the top, and putting in wood is a needless waste; rake the ashes from below and open the drafts for a moment. The ashes must never be allowed to accumulate in the pan until they touch the grate. If this happens the grate will burn out. If the stove becomes red-hot the covers and centre will warp, and if a drop of water should fall upon it while in this condition, it is apt to crack. When the fire is not needed close the damper to prevent a waste of fuel. 36 to 2 yards 4 inches wide.

If breakfast cereals are bought in bulk they should be kept in tight receptacles in a cool, dry place. Crackers may be kept like breakfast cereals, either in the packages, in which many sorts are marketed, or in tin boxes or in jars.



At Home with the KODAK

The Kodak pictures of the family, the home and the inside of the house are prized highly. The Kodak is a record of the home life, every change is recorded in picture form. The baby walking for the first time, the little lad starting off for his first day in school, grandfather smiling over the fire, are but a few examples of the home pictures.

"At Home with the Kodak" is an interesting booklet, telling of the joy of picture making at home and full of practical hints on how easy it is to take good home pictures with the Kodak and the simple method of developing the film the "all by daylight" way. It makes clear, too, how to get good flashlight pictures; the safe, sure way with the Eastman flash sheets. There are many home pictures you can get by flashlight which would be impossible in daylight.

This Booklet, illustrated by twenty-six home pictures, will send free on request if it can be had by asking any Kodak dealer, CANADIAN KODAK Co., Limited, Toronto, Canada.

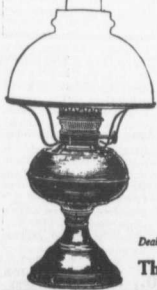
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