

Master as cruel, goddess men nailed Him to the Cross: "Father, forgive them."

"Oh, there! You've said quite enough," exclaimed Agnes impatiently.

"Your daughter has a good heart," she said. "She will see at last that God is love."

And so she did, although not all at once. Lucy's sweet young face, looking so peaceful, and even smiling, in the sleep of death, did its part in softening her heart.

Agnes herself proved the truth of Mrs. Day's words that God would not forget His orphans to provide for Lucy's place in helping to provide for them from her earnings.

THE STORY OF CHRIST

BY GIOVANNI PAPINI Copyright, 1923, by Harcourt, Brace & Company, Inc.

THE PROPHETS Never was a people so warned as were the Jews, from the beginning of the temporal kingdom to its dismemberment.

India has its ascetics, who hide themselves in the wilderness to conquer the body and drown the soul in the infinite.

The Prophets did not give forth their prophecies in caves, spitting out saliva and words together from their tripods.

The Jewish Prophet is a voice speaking, or a hand writing, a voice speaking in the palace of the King or in the caves of the mountains.

The Prophet leads the idolator back to the true God, reminds the perjurer of his oath, recalls charity to the oppressor, purity to the corrupt, mercy to the fierce, justice to kings, obedience to rebels, punishment to sinners, humbleness to the proud.

He is not a king, nor a prince, nor a priest, nor a scribe: he is only a man, a poor, unarmed man, without investitures and without followers.

He is a poet, but without will or consciousness that he is, when the fulness of his indignation and the splendor of his vision create powerful images which rhetoricians never could invent.

men, and as sword has only the Word, which comes from on high; he is not a soldier, but he is ready to die for his God and his people.

The prophet is a voice speaking in the name of God; a hand writing at God's dictation; he is a messenger sent by God to warn those wandering from the right path, who have forgotten the Covenant.

He speaks in the name of the great, out of favor with the crowd, not always understood even by his disciples.

A troublesome impudent and inopportune voice, hated by the great, out of favor with the crowd, not always understood even by his disciples.

He is avoided like a leper, persecuted like an enemy. Kings can barely tolerate him, priests regard him as an enemy, the rich detest him.

Elijah is forced to flee before the wrath of Jezebel, slayer of prophets; Amos is banished beyond Israel by Amaziah, priest of Bethel; Isaiah is killed by the order of Manasseh; Urijah cut down by King Jehoiakim; Zacharias stoned between the temple and the altar; Jonah thrown into the sea; the sword is prepared for the neck of John, and the cross is ready from which Jesus will hang.

He is an accuser, but men are not willing to admit that they are guilty. He is an intercessor, but the blind are not willing to be guided by the enlightened. He is an announcer, but the deaf do not hear his promises. He is a saviour, but men rotting in fatal diseases delight in their maladies and refuse to be cured.

HE WHO WILL COME In the house at Nazareth Jesus meditates on the Commandments of the Law, and in the fiery laments of the Prophets He recognizes His destiny.

He knows that God promised Moses a new prophet. "I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

He knows that God promised Moses a new prophet. "I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

He knows that God promised Moses a new prophet. "I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

He will not magnify and flaunt himself: He will not come in proud triumph, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh unto thee; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass."

He will bring justice and will lift up the unhappy; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to comfort all that mourn.

upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass.

He will bring justice and will lift up the unhappy; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to comfort all that mourn.

The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to naught, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing.

I, the Lord, have called thee in righteousness . . . to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness from the prison-house.

But He will be vilified and tortured by the very people He comes to save: "he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not."

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

He will not draw back before the vilest insults. "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting."

All will be against Him in the supreme moment. "They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries."

The son cries to the Father: "Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: mine adversaries are all before thee."

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

They pierce Him with nails and divide His clothes among themselves.

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

They look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Too late they will understand what they have done and will repent.

and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.

Yes, all kings shall bow down before him; all nations shall serve him.

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet.

Behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run into thee because of the Lord thy God.

These and other words are remembered by Jesus in the vigil before His departure. He foresees it all and does not turn away from it. From now on He knows His fate, the ingratitude of heart, the deafness of His friends, the hatred of the powerful, the scourgings, the spittings, insults, scoffings, obloquy, piercing of the hands and feet, tortures and death. He knows that the Jews, carnal-minded materialists embittered by humiliation, full of rancor and evil thoughts, are despising Messiah. They all, except a few of clear and prophetic vision, are dreaming of a terrestrial Messiah, an armed King, a second David, a warrior who will shed real blood, the red blood of enemies, who will rebuild more splendidly than ever the palace of Solomon and the Temple.

All the kings will bring tribute to Him, not tribute of love and reverence, but of mazy gold and silver coin. This earthly King will revenge Himself on the enemies of Israel, on those who make Israel suffer, who hold the people of Israel in slavery. The slaves will be masters and the masters slaves, and all the countries of the world will have their capital at Jerusalem and crowned kings will kneel before the throne of the new king of Israel. The fields of Israel will be more fertile than all the others, their pastures richer, their flocks will multiply endlessly, wheat and barley will be harvested twice a year, the ears of wheat will be heavier than in the past, and two men will bend under the weight of a single bunch of grapes.

There will not be enough wine-skins to contain the vintage nor enough jars to hold all the oil, and honey will be found in the hollows of the trees and in the hedges of the roads. The branches of the trees will break under the weight of the fruit, and the fruit will be pulpy and sweet as it never was before.

This is the Messiah expected by the Jews who surround Jesus. He knows He cannot give them what they seek, that He cannot be the victorious warrior and the proud king towering up among subject kings. He knows that His kingdom is not of this earth and that He will be able to offer only a little bread, all His blood and all His love. They will not believe in Him, will torture Him and will kill Him as a false pretender. He knows all that. He knows it as if He had seen it with His eyes and endured it with His body and soul. But He knows that the seed of His word thrown into the earth among thistles and thorns, trampled under foot by assassins, will start into life when spring comes. At first beaten down by the wind, little by little it will grow, until finally it becomes a tree stretching its branches up to the sky, covering the earth with the boughs. And all men can sit round about it, remembering the death of Him who planted it.

TO BE CONTINUED

Attend carefully to the details of your business. Be prompt in all things. Consider well, then decide promptly. Dare to do right, fear to do wrong. Endure trials patiently. Fight life's battles bravely. Hold integrity sacred. Injure not another's good name. Thus Religion teaches the laboring man and the artisan to carry out honestly and fairly all equitable agreements freely entered into; to never injure the property, nor to outrage the person, of an employer; never to resort to violence in defending their own cause nor to engage in riot or disorder.

St. Jerome's College KITCHENER, ONT.

Commercial, High School, College and Philosophical Departments

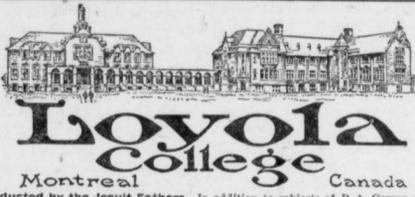
Large Gymnasium, Swimming Pool. Comfortable Sleeping Rooms. Good Board. Board and Tuition Per Year \$250.00

Address: REV. W. A. BENINGER, C. R., President.

St. Joseph's on the Lake

Residence School FOR BOYS OF SCHOOL AGE UNDER TEN

For particulars, apply to: SISTER SUPERIOR, St. Joseph's on the Lake, SCARBORO, ONTARIO



Loyola College Montreal Canada Conducted by the Jesuit Fathers. In addition to subjects of B.A. Course, offers Pre-Medical, Pre-Law, Pre-Science Courses, with exemptions and saving of one or two years at the Universities.

College and Academy of St. Joseph

ST. ALBAN STREET TORONTO RESIDENCE and DAY SCHOOL For Young Ladies and Little Girls

St. Joseph's College is affiliated to the University of Toronto through the Federated College of St. Michael. College Course of Four Years, leading to Degrees. Also Academic, Collegiate, Commercial and Preparatory Course.

St. Michael's College TORONTO, CANADA

The Catholic College of the University of Toronto All Courses Leading to Degrees in Arts

REV. H. CARR, C. S. B., SUPERIOR. REV. E. J. MCCORKELL, C. S. B., REGISTRAR.

St. Michael's College School

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT For Calendar write: - REV. H. S. BELLISLE, C. S. B.

Assumption College SANDWICH, ONT.

AFFILIATED WITH THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY CONDUCTED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS Boarding School for Young Men and Boys with the following courses:

College Course leading to the degree of BACHELOR OF ARTS, and offering a complete foundation for the study of the professions, and especially designed for students preparing for the Priesthood.

St. Joseph's Academy LINDSAY, ONT.

Residential and Day School for Young Ladies and Little Girls

Approved High School. Complete courses to second year University, taught by Religious holding University degrees. Commercial and Art courses. Music Department in affiliation with Toronto Conservatory of Music. Elementary School for little girls.

URSULINE COLLEGE "The Pines" Chatham, Ontario

Residential and Day School for Young Ladies and Little Girls. Beautiful situation. New Buildings with all modern equipment. Twenty-acre campus. An ideal School.

Collegiate, Preparatory and Commercial Departments School of Music Affiliated with Toronto Conservatory

Write for Illustrated Prospectus to the REV. MOTHER SUPERIOR.

PEDLAR'S METAL CEILINGS

THE most artistic, sanitary, durable and economical interior finish for lodge rooms, churches, schools, and other public buildings, as well as for homes. Fireproof and crackproof. WRITE FOR CATALOG L. C. THE PEDLAR PEOPLE LIMITED Established 1861 Oshawa Ontario

DR. BELL'S Veterinary Medical Wonder

50,000 one dollar bottles free to horse and cattle owners. Cannot be given wrong to sick animals. Small doses, very effective; ask any of its host of users. Send 25c. for mailing, packing, etc. DR. BELL, Kingston, Ont.

SELDOM SEE ABSORBINE

a big knee like this, but your horse may have a bunch or bruise on his ankle, hock, stifle, knee or throat. ABSORBINE TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. will clean it off without laying up the horse. No blister, no half gone. Concentrate—only a few drops required at an application. \$2.50 per bottle delivered. Describe your case for special instructions. Enlarged Glans, Wens, Bruises, Varicose Veins, Allergic Pits and Inflammations. Price \$1.25 a bottle at druggists or delivered. Liberal trial bottle sent for 10c. W. E. YOUNG, Inc., 159 Lyman Bldg., Montreal, Can. Absorbine and Absorbine, Jr., are made in Canada.

Central Commercial College

725 ST. CATHERINE W. MONTREAL QUEBEC The ideal course in Pitman's Shorthand AND "Touch" Typewriting for ambitious students Phone Up 7363 P. O'NEILL PRINCIPAL

Rego Radiator Repair "WE KNOW HOW"

Radiators, Fenders, Buses and Lamps H. G. KAISER Phone 7249M Nights 1006J 150 Fullarton St. London, Ont.

Geo. Winterbottom & Son Sheet Metal Workers Agents Peace Furnaces

Phone 5889W 519 Richmond St. London, Ont.

TAIT-BROWN OPTICAL CO. Physical Eye Specialists

48 JAMES ST. N. HAMILTON PHONE REGENT 1414 BRANCH BROWN OPTICAL CO. 223 DUNDAS ST. LONDON

John Ferguson & Sons 180 KING ST.

The Leading Undertakers & Embalmers Open Night and Day Telephone—House 373. Factory 549

E. G. Killingsworth FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Open Day and Night 888 Burwell St. Phone 3971

J. SUTTON & SON Funeral Directors

521 Ouellette Ave. Windsor, Ont. PHONE SEN. 535 87 YONGE ST., TORONTO PHONE MAIN 4030 Hennessey "Something More Than a Drug Store" DRUGS CUT FLOWERS PERFUMES CANDLES Order by Phone—we deliver