

The Quiet Hour

FOR THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE

FOLDED HANDS.

(From the British Weekly.)
I toil no more—my day is done;
How much I wrought I may not know.
I watch the low descending sun,
And see the night approaching, slow.
My day's work is as it must be;
For labor's joy no more is mine.
The tools drop from my nerveless hand,
My dim eyes see no mark or line.
Unfitted to leave it so—
Unfinished, to the plan untrue;
Another day I thought to know,
When I might change and start anew
With weary hand I now must see
Another's skill my task complete;
The gift of use is gone from me—
The gift that makes all life seem sweet.

The pleasant labor of the day
The following hours of welcome rest—
These from my life have passed away,
No longer has it aim or quest.
I wait and wait, all the hours,
The happy past before me stands;
With dimming eyes and falling powers
I live the life of folded hands.

PRAYER.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee
That Thou hast revealed Thyself to us
Not only as the All-powerful and the All-wise,
But as the All-loving. We thank Thee
For that wondrous message that
God is love, and for the manifestations
of that love in the gift of Thy Holy Spirit,
pray that we may be partakers
of Thy nature and that Thy great all-
cleansing love may fill our souls.
Then shall we be redeemed from all
base things and grow in Thy likeness
and men shall see Christ reflected in
our lives. May we ever remember that
all the things that the world values pale
into insignificance in comparison with the
great Divine attribute of love. May our
love to Thee more and more manifest
itself in love to one another. Amen.

WHAT IS IMMORTALITY?

Rev. Dr. Horton, the well-known British minister, has recently preached a rather striking sermon on the subject of immortality. Reports of the sermon in full have not yet come to hand, but quotations from it indicate that Dr. Horton has departed from the generally accepted ideas touching this matter. A sentence or two will give the heart of his belief and theory touching immortality: "According to our Lord, immortality is not forced upon us. It is an incalculable prize offered as the heirloom of humanity, but we are to be 'counted worthy.' But more I have thought about this phrase the more the conviction has grown upon me that our Lord's meaning is simply this: Being counted worthy is having the real desire for eternal life. Those who have no such desire are unworthy. If we long for it, we are implied in the immortal life, that passionate yearning is in God's eyes our worthiness to receive His gift." Such a yearning, Dr. Horton pointed out, was absent from base men, but never from noble men. Carlyle, Ruskin, Tennyson and Browning all expressed in different ways the passionate and irreducible craving for God and immortality. With them he contrasted the Swinburnes and John Davidsons of literature. The soul which has lost faith in the beyond, he said, must wither.—Christian Guardian.

THE HIGHER PURPOSE.

To follow Christ is to become like Him. To serve Him is to carry out His spirit into all relations of our lives. This cannot be done without a daily living to self, giving up a multitude of things, in themselves not sinful, not evil, but good, because we have a larger plan of life, a higher purpose of existence—namely, the establishment among men of Christ's kingdom of truth, righteousness and joy. How we shall work for it, if determined by the conditions of our lives, and also by our use of these conditions—also by the faithfulness we may measureably change them, institute new relations, broaden our range of influence, create opportunities, make re-nunciation of certain modes of service easy, by rising to larger and better things. If there is sacrifice in such a life, it is for us the only true life—if there is a cross in it, it is a cross to be gloried in—if it leads to death—death is but the angel that swings open the portals of heaven's triumphs.—Egbert Smyth.

AERIAL TRAVEL.

(By a Banker.)
Now that the science of aviation has been so successfully developed that a flight across the English Channel has been achieved, it may be permissible to give rein to the imagination and to indulge in speculation as to the eventual possibilities of this strange mode of locomotion. There can be no question whatever now that it has been so practically proved that it is possible to construct machines capable of making aerial voyages at rapid speed that in the near future travelling by aeroplane will not be regarded with greater wonder than was travelling by motor car a few years ago; and it is possible that the flying machine of the future will be as great an advance over the aerial vehicle of the present as the steam locomotive was over the stagecoach, both in magnitude and also in speed, as the great Atlantic liner of the present day excels the little wicker coracle in which the ancient Briton ventured to cross a river, or went fishing in a lake.

And if this supposition be fulfilled how it will revolutionize travel, warfare—if indeed it would not put a stop to it altogether—even civilization and national life generally. For if the airship of the future were equal in size and carrying capacity to the great steamship of to-day; its speed of course immeasurably increased in the ratio of the difference between the resistance of air and that of water; a great army could be transported from one country to any part of another in a few hours, and invasion would be so easy, and reprisals so feasible, that it is manifest that international warfare must be universal and constant be discontinued. And as nearly a mile a minute has been attained, it may fairly be assumed that a speed of very much more than a hundred miles an hour will in the future be practicable, so that a journey across the Atlantic, or from London to the Pyramids, or to Jerusalem, could be performed in a few hours; and the tourist agent of the future will perhaps be advertising a journey round the world, even via the north and south poles, to be accomplished in, say, a week!

All this may appear to be fanciful and

extravagant; but so also in the old coaching days was a prediction be regarded that journeys would be performed without horses at a speed of a mile a minute. But whether it be so or not, this we may be certain of, that in the never ending hereafter those who, in virtue of the quittance achieved for them by the Savior of the world—who Himself bore the retribution which was their due—attain to an inheritance in the glory-land, will on angel wing, and with the rapidity of thought, travel from sphere to sphere, and doubtless visit the stupendous and amazing wonders of the great universes.

RISKS.

They do not come single, they come in multitude. They attend us in childhood; they keep us company to the coffin. Risks to life and limb, risks to thought and character, risks in the higher walks of life, risks in the lower; in the city, risks in the country. Risks when you marry, when you emigrate, when you start in business, when you go to sea. The real British sailor and shipowner were devoted men, they had reverence for God. To-day you do not find the infidel on shipboard, he is left at home. "These seek the work of the Lord and His wonders in the deep." Men are acquainted with policies for life and fire. Did you ever see these words at the head, a sort of text? "In the name of God! Amen." In our youth we issued scores of policies with this heading.

It is a great honor in England to be elected an Elder Brother of the Trinity House. This ancient corporation has charge of lighthouses and lightships round the entire coast. Why is it called Trinity? Because there men feared God: God in the full, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They craved a blessing in their effort to lessen risks. Every man is face to face with risks—how shall we face them?

1. By knowledge; we have to search to study the cause of things, formulate probabilities, make acquaintance with the unseen, draw elemental nourishment and heat, as earth feels the sun at nights.

2. By courage. This is the foundation of manliness; to struggle when hope is thin, to live when life's salt is gone. The bravest man is not brutal but calm. He sees the danger and often conquers it. Nature wants the courage to conquer the bungler, she seeks the greatest qualities by daring. Knowledge and skill culminate in daring. Nelson was first a sailor, then a fighter. He knew that where two ships ride at anchor there is room for another ship to pass between them. This rule helped him in the Battle of the Nile and Trafalgar. We know he lost an arm in one battle and an eye in another; at Copenhagen he was second in command. He was in the van. His chief hoisted the signal of recall, he put his eye glass to his blind eye and said, "I could not see it." He went in and won. His plans of battle were made with consummate skill that he rested in victory before a shot was fired. The chapter of risks is a long one. We only pick out a lesson or two: Man thinks he is alone, he is never alone. There is an inward prompter that deserves most of the praise. This prompter whispered to Columbus, "Go," whispered to Luther, "stand," whispered to Cromwell, "rule."

Man thinks too meanly of himself—he thinks he is a receiver of good things of earth and heaven. He is wrong, he is a giver, he is rich. The trouble is he goes to the wrong market place—steers to the wrong port. "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?" This high water mark, and this is the highest peak in the mountain range. Men have answered this question in different ways. What it was like to feel the flames cackling with no chance to escape? The stuff these men were made of constitutes the highest riches. This I have learned in life. It is double; there was one with us in the fire, like unto the Son of God. We gain through suffering the loss of all.

The nail that hold the wood must pierce it first. If earth can take away our riches, we are poor, indeed. Think of the martyrs, the crown of our humanity, the glory of our history.

Never flinched from the flame,
From the torture never.
Vain the foremost sharpest aim
Satan's best endeavor.

For by faith they saw the land
Decked in all its glory,
Where triumphant now they stand,
With the victor's story.

H. T. Miller.

Have You Throat Droppings?

Is there a chronic cold in your nose, a dropping in your throat, a foul breath, constant spitting and bad taste? You have Catarrh, and to cure it quickly, we recommend Catarrhogen. It clears out the nostrils, strengthens the throat, cuts out the phlegm, gives instant relief. Nothing ever discovered equals Catarrhogen. The dollar size is guaranteed. Trial size 50c. All dealers or the Catarrhogen Company, Kingston, Ont.

Livingstone and the Lion.

The most famous of all missionary encounters with wild animals was that of Livingstone and the lion, which well-nigh cost his life. As it was, his arm was permanently injured. A false joint, resulting from the crunching of the bone, seriously inconvenienced him during the thirty years of arduous toil that followed. He never recovered an important service, however, after his death, by furnishing a conclusive means of identifying his body when it was brought to England by his followers in 1874.

In 1843, two years after his arrival in Africa, Livingstone opened a new station at Mabotsa, a place infested with lions. Not long after nine sheep were killed on a small hill opposite Livingstone's house. Greatly exasperated, the people started out to kill the lions, and, hoping to inspire them with courage, Livingstone went with them. After a time, finding his assistance not needed, he returned to his tent. In the evening, a lion, discovered a lion sitting on a piece of rock behind a small bush. Taking deliberate aim, he fired both barrels into the bush, wounding the lion, but not killing it. What transpired as he proceeded to reload can best be told in his own words, as recorded in "Missionary Travels."

When in the act of ramming down the bullets, I heard a shout. Starting, and looking half-round, I saw the lion just in the act of springing upon me. I was upon a little height; he caught

my shoulder as he sprang, and we both came to the ground below together. Growing horribly close to my ear, he shook me as a terrier dog does a rat. The shock produced a stupor similar to that which seems to be felt by a mouse after the first shake by the cat. It caused a sort of dreaminess, in which there was no sense of pain nor feeling of terror, though quite conscious of all that was happening. This peculiar state is probably produced in all animals killed by the carnivora, and if so is a merciful provision of our benevolent Creator for lessening the pain of death. Turning around to relieve myself of the weight, as he had one paw on the back of my head, I saw the eyes directed to Mebalwe (a native assistant), who was trying to shoot him at a distance of ten or fifteen yards. His gun, a flint one, missed fire in both barrels; the lion immediately left me, and, attacking Mebalwe, bit his thigh. Another man, whose life I had saved after he had been tossed by a buffalo, attempted to spear the lion while he was biting Mebalwe. He left Mebalwe and caught this man by the shoulder, but at that moment the bullets he had received took effect and he fell down dead. The whole was the work of a few moments, and must have been his paroxysms of dying rage. In order to take the "charm" out of him, the Bakatis on the following day made a huge bonfire, and the lion was burned and cleared to be that of the biggest lion they had ever seen.

Besides crunching the bone into splinters, he left eleven teeth wounds on the upper part of my arms.—Missionary Review of the World.

A WEAK STOMACH BRINGS MISERY

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restore Despondent Sufferers to Health.

Nothing is so distressing as a weak stomach—the victims of this trouble suffer from indigestion, biliousness, dizziness and frequent headaches. No food agrees with them—meal time is a time of misery; not a time of pleasure. Relief from this suffering can be found through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—they never fail to make the weak stomach strong; to banish the distressing headaches; biliousness and dizziness. Mrs. C. S. Steeves, of Hillsboro, N. B., is one of the many who have been cured through the use of these pills. She says: "I suffered very much from stomach trouble and would often leave the table without tasting food. I got no relief worth speaking of till I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They gradually restored my health and strength, and now I am as well as ever I was. I would earnestly recommend them to all those who suffer as I did."

It is the blood—bad blood—that is the cause of the ten-fifths of the ailments from which both men and women suffer. The blood is the life-giving fluid of the body. When the blood is bad it is bound to poison some part of the human system and thus it is that rheumatism, kidney trouble, indigestion, headaches and backaches, and a host of other troubles make their appearance. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure all these troubles—and they are them thoroughly—simply because they fill the system with rich red blood. The genuine Pink Pills for Pale People, are sold by all dealers in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

RIVAL BEAUTIES.

Fairest Women of Europe in Competition.

(London Daily Mail.)
Six of the prettiest girls on the continent are to oppose the half-dozen most charming women England can produce, in an international beauty competition which is to take place at the Victoria Pier, Folkestone, on Aug. 17.

The English competitors are to be chosen in a preliminary competition. Already candidates have come forward from all parts of the country. The winner of the Sussex Beauty Show, Miss Ellis, is among the favorites. Miss Logan, who won the Kentish beauty show last year, is also to take part in the selection contest. She is a beautiful brunette.

Paris will be represented by Mlle. Augustine Orlich. She is described as "the queen of queens." "Many people hold her to be the most beautiful woman in Europe," explained Mr. Forsyth, Belgium is sending Mlle. Magda Asaert, "the Queen of Ostend," reported to be Belgium's most beautiful woman. Also coming to compete is Senorita Paquita Martia, of San Sebastian. She is a flashing-eyed, beautiful girl, said Mr. Forsyth, "she is considered a perfect representative of Spanish beauty."

The other foreign competitors include the elected "queens" of Normandy, Bordeaux, and Lille. When they journey to Folkestone each will be accompanied by two maids of honor and two municipal councillors.

In the Electric World.

Hydrogen gas for ballooning is obtained by an electric process.

Steel corrosion is said to be the result of electro-chemical action.

A telephone operators' school is to be established in Springfield, Mass.

Electricity is used to thaw dynamite in the Roosevelt drainage tunnel in Colorado.

Central Park, New York, is to be lighted by electricity. It will take 1,400 arc lamps to light the park.

Electric snow-melters are said to have been used experimentally in the streets of Berlin, Germany, during the past winter.

A new microphone, the invention of two Swedish engineers, is reported to have greatly increased the range of long distance telephones.

An electric motor is used in San Francisco to haul sand for grading purposes. With a drag and cable the sand is scraped from the hills to fill the hollows.

There are now between thirty and forty electric furnaces for steel refining in operation in this country. This number will be increased considerably during the current year.

Experiments made by the Philadelphia Railroad Company show that there is no danger from electric shock, even from a high voltage line, to the operator of a fire stream when the nozzle is held at a distance of upward of three feet from the wire.

Wigwag—The earth is two-thirds water. Guzzler—And yet there are some men who want the earth.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON IX.—AUGUST 29, 1909.

Paul on Christian Love—I Cor. 13; 1-13.

Commentary.—I. Love superior to gifts (vs. 1-13). I. Though I speak—The objector insists that the cases cited in this and the two following verses could never occur, but this has nothing to do with the apostle's argument. He does not stop to discuss whether it would or would not be possible for these things to actually take place; but even if it were possible, yet without charity there would be no profit. Tongues, etc.—That is, though I were able to speak all the languages spoken upon earth, and with the eloquence of angels; and though I have the gift of tongues bestowed by the Spirit at Pentecost. But have not love (R. V.)—That love to God and man which is shed abroad in the regenerated heart, and which is the love of the Spirit (Rom. 5, 5). "Love is a word as impossible to define as it is impossible to define life." As sounding brass—No better than the sounding instruments of the heathen gods. Tinkling cymbal—The symbol of the two pleasing brasses, which, being struck together, made a tinkling, but with very little variety of sound. So the highest eloquence even about the gospel is but an empty sound without the love of God in the heart.

2. Gift of prophecy.—The knowledge of future events, and also ability to speak God's word (chap. 14, 3). All mysteries—Though I understand the meaning of all the types and figures of the Old Testament, and all the secrets of nature, and the dark things in God's providence. All knowledge—Every human art and science.—Clarke. Mysteries—The deep counsels of God heretofore secret, but now revealed to His saints. Knowledge refers to truths long known—J. F. & B. All faith—The most wonderful working faith, to which nothing is in a manner impossible; the faith by which persons were enabled to work miracles, saying faith works faith by love, but the faith of miracles may be without love. They do many wondrous works in Christ's name, whom yet He will disown and bid depart from Him as workers of iniquity (Matt. 7, 22).—Com. Com. Remove mountains—See Matt. 17, 20, 21. "Removing mountains is a phrase used to signify the removing or conquering great difficulties; getting through perplexities." Though I had the highest kind of faith and could accomplish the greatest possible results. But have not love (R. V.)—Notice, Paul does not assert that he could do these things without love, but says "if" he could. I am nothing—Nothing in myself, nothing in the sight of God, nothing in the church, and good for nothing to mankind. Only actions prompted by love are acceptable to God. 3. All my goods—Though I should give away all the pieces of what the great God has given me to be burned—Men will fight for Christianity, or die for Christianity, who will not live in its spirit, which is love. Without that heart, God rejects all else, and so rejects the man who is therefore profited nothing. Sacrifice without love is vain.

II. The qualities of love (vs. 4-7). 4. Love (R. V.)—Having exalted love as the golden key which opens the palace of eternity, he proceeds to describe it. This he does as a man might describe gold, by showing its effects and uses, by pieces with the greatest care. Body to be burned—Men will fight for Christianity, or die for Christianity, who will not live in its spirit, which is love. Without that heart, God rejects all else, and so rejects the man who is therefore profited nothing. Sacrifice without love is vain.

III. Contented. "Love...envieth not" (v. 4). Jeremy Taylor says: "Envy is a disease full of pain, a great instrument of vexations; it eats the flesh, dries up the marrow, makes hollow eyes, lean cheeks and a pale face. Envy is a direct resolution never to be contented by way of the noble pleasure in the good of others. But love is without envy, without jealousy; love is ever contented and finds happiness, not in getting and saving, but in giving and bestowing."

IV. Humble. "Love vaunteth not itself" (v. 4). Love is ever the companion of humility. Pride insists on the highest place, humility takes the lowest; pride vaunts itself, humility esteems others; pride seeks only its own, humility looks on the things of others (Phil. 2, 1-4).

V. Peaceful. "Love...is not provoked" (v. 5, R. V.). Love has laid aside all malice, all guile, all bitterness, and wrath and anger and clamor (1 Pet. 2, 1; Eph. 4, 31). Love has no temper. Wesley was mobbed and dragged through the streets by the hair, with blood flowing from his mouth. Death threatened him. The mob said: "Throw him into the river." Wesley said: "I was as quiet in his soul as if sitting in his study. There was no anger nor resentment in his heart."

VI. Guileless. "Love...thinketh no evil" (v. 4, 5). "Let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart" (Zec. 7, 10). A thought of evil in the brain is a temptation, not a sin. But if we let the evil thought creep to our lips, we begin to entertain it and it gets down into our hearts and we sin. Speaking of evil leads to dwelling upon evil. But "Love...thinketh no account of evil" (v. 5, R. V.).

VII. True. "Love...rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth" (v. 4, 6). Love is not a sickly sentiment. Love despises the gain of deities (Isa. 33, 15, marg.). Love hates evil and stands for truth. Nathan says to David, "Thou art the man." But love preaches the truth with a parable, and supplements it with a "Thus saith the Lord," and when David repents, is quick with a promise (II Sam. 12, 7, 13). Jesus says to the rich ruler, "One thing thou lackest," but He says it with a look of love (Mark 10, 21).

VIII. Reasonable. "We know in part" (v. 9, 12). "Now we see through a mirror darkly" (v. 12, R. V.). "My mother sat near me writing. Looking up, I saw her reflection in a mirror, and how awkward she looked writing with her left hand. I looked round at her, and, lo! she was writing with her right hand; I glanced in the mirror, and she seemed to be writing with her left hand, and it looked as badly as before." If we look at the faults of friends in a mirror of prejudice, much they do will seem wrong; but if we look at them with the eyes of love, all they do will be right or be quickly covered with the mantle of charity.

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est discoveries in nature and grace are only the beginning of better things.

10. Perfect.—The word here evidently has reference to the state of eternal blessedness. 11. A child.—Paul says this as an illustration. The present state is a state of childhood; the future, that of manhood. Such is the difference between earth and heaven." 12. For now—In this present life. In a mirror, darkly (R. V.)—Ancient mirrors were not made of glass, but of polished metal, and the reflections were very obscure and imperfect. "Hence, what was seen therein, 'enigmas,' as the original word for 'darkly' means." Thus our spiritual visions are so imperfect that we cannot see or comprehend the full meaning of what God designs for his children. Then—in the life to come. Face to face.—The medium through which we receive heavenly things is faith, and with it we now see through a glass darkly. In our perfect vision, when face to face with our Maker, we shall comprehend the character of God, the mysteries of providence, the plan of redemption, and the glories of the heavenly state.—Bib. Mus. Shall I know.—That is, there will be a thorough, complete knowledge, as the original word signifies. Mysteries will no longer trouble us.

13. Now abideth.—Amid things changeable and perishing the Christian retains these saving graces both here and hereafter. Faith—"The vision of the unseen" (Heb. 11, 1), with its consequent trust in God. Hope—"The expectation of future good. Faith and hope will be stronger and more complete in the next world than in this. "That our happy state will continue forever we shall know simply because God has promised it, that is, by a faith similar to our present belief in the gospel." Love (R. V.)—"Love is the highest and holiest of the graces. Faith is indeed the condition of our spiritual life, but love is its completion. Other graces contribute to heaven, love constitutes heaven; it is a heart of love in world of love is heaven." These three—These three go hand in hand, and never can be separated; nor can one exist without the others.—Whedon. Greatest—Love is love (R. V.)—Greatest in strength, in endurance, in manifestation. Greatest because it is the highest and holiest of the graces. 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