

The Upward Look

Trust

THOUGH He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Job 13:15.

In a letter received from a dear old friend who had just lost her only, tenderly-loved daughter under terribly sad conditions, were these words: "When they said 'Dead,' my heart died at the answer. Can you imagine anyone going around with a dead heart?"

These words have haunted me ever since. I have tried to picture myself in that mother's place, tried to fathom the terrible shock, her awful despair, her utter loneliness. Yet, as long as one believes in a Heavenly Father, I cannot imagine a "dead heart." That Father loves her. That Father loved her daughter.

There are the living for whom she must work and live, though they never were to her what that daughter was. But by these very means she may come to appreciate them more than ever before.

Then there must be others to be found with agonized hearts who need help and comfort. Never before could she be as tender and wise and sympathetic a comforter as she can now. Are not also the wishes of those who have left us a mighty factor in the readjustment of life after a great sorrow? Should it not be a sacred duty to work and endure and be as they would have us.

But stronger than all is the thought of how her bearing her grief thus is dishonoring her Heavenly Father, by her forgetfulness of all the years of joy they two had together; by her seeming lack of trust and faith in His love and goodness and wisdom.—L. H. N.

Elgin County's C.W.C.A.

By Miss Mattie Robinson.

AS soon as it became known that Canadians would be sent overseas to do battle on the fields of Europe, the Regent of the St. Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, Mrs. D. J. Hughes, called a meeting and Red Cross work was planned and successfully carried on. The first annual meeting of this association was held in September, 1915, when the treasurer reported \$2,328.92 as having been received during the year. In the meantime another organization had been formed, called the Elgin Branch of the Canadian War Contingent Association, its object being to send comforts to the men in the trenches. This work is not under the Red Cross as, according to the regulations of the Red Cross, their supplies must be for the hospitals. The C.W.C.A. and the Red Cross societies work hand in hand in their respective spheres for the soldier.

The C.W.C.A. has a counterpart in England in the Australian and New Zealand War Contingent Associations. A women's auxiliary forms an important part of this organization and all boxes sent to them are opened, sorted, classified and sent to the battalions at the front upon the requisition of the commanding officer. Every commander is sent a list of the articles the C.W.C.A. can supply, and all they have to do is to write the number of each required. Up to the present time, within 24 hours every request has been packed and on its way to the front so splendid is the organization and so perfect the system.

After learning that St. Thomas belonged to Military Division No. 1, a branch was organized in February, 1915, and officers chosen, with a full

executive composed of all the presidents of the societies affiliating with the Elgin C.W.C.A. One of the regulations adopted was that no two members of the official board could be representatives of the same society. This has proved to be a great factor in the interest taken in the work and in the dividing up of the responsibility. As some of the Women's Institute branches had expressed a desire to affiliate with the C.W.C.A., the presidents of East and West Elgin were made vice-presidents of the Association. The C.W.C.A. then sent out circulars to every society, church and school in the city and country, asking their co-operation and offering to receive and ship all kinds of comforts, socks, hospital supplies, fruit and parcels to individual soldiers free of charge, if sent to the St. Thomas headquarters. The growth has been wonderful. From 12 societies the first week, it has developed in one year into over 100 societies, sending out thousands of articles each month.

Amusement Dept.

Conducted by Marion Dallas.

An Evening's Fun

IN the article below several ideas are given which may be worked out to advantage when entertaining friends and a varied evening's fun is desired.

Backward Step.

Tell the company that you will lay a line on the floor and that you will challenge anyone to toe the line and jump forward as far as you can jump backward from it. When you have a competition, lay your line three inches from the wall.

Canadian Politicians.

A contest of Canadian politicians affords considerable pleasure. The hostess writes out the names of 12 well known politicians and jumbles all the letters,—for example take John A. MacDonald. A.D.J.A.O.N.H.M.D.A.O.N. A space is left opposite each name for the correct name. Names of authors could be used in the same way.

Dressing Potato Dolls.

Games in which the potato figures are particularly appropriate for St. Patrick's Day. Potato dolls will prove no exception. Pass to each guest a well-washed potato of rather slender shape, then give each one two factory paper napkins, four wire hair-pins, tacks and pins and request them to make and dress a doll. The hair-pins are to be used for arms and legs, the tacks for eyes, nose and mouth, the pins and napkins for dressing the doll. Take a vote as to which is the most artistic doll.

Game of Ballad or Story.

Give a sheet of paper to every one, and have the title of a story or ballad written on the top. The name of a hero, or a heroine, may also be given. Each one begins by writing three lines of a story or ballad. Then the sheet is folded down and passed on to the next neighbor with just the last word showing. From this word every one adds three more lines to their story. The stories pass to all the players, and as each one returns to the originator, he or she reads the whole story out loud to the company. A copy of some new book makes a suitable award for the best story.

Matching Partners

If the party is not a very large one, a good way to match guests for supper is to pin the name of a well-known character on each guest. Then, for instance, Dante must hunt for Beatrice, Jack for Jill, Darby for Joan,



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