

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

IN UNKNOWN GRAVES.
Who they were none knew:
What they were all know:
So in our minds we will name them once more:
So in our hearts we will give them a place:
Think of those far-away heroes of ours,
And cover them over with beautiful flowers,
When the long years have crept slowly away,
Even to the dawn of earth's funeral day:
Then the glad ear of each war-martyred son
Proudly shall hear the good judgment "Well done."
Blessings for garlands shall cover them over—
Parent and husband and brother and lover,
God will reward these dead heroes of ours,
And cover them over with beautiful flowers.

I WOULD RATHER.
I would rather go to the forest, far away, and build me a little cabin—
build it myself—and daub it with clay,
and live there with wife and children;
and have a winding path leading down
to the spring where the water bubbles
out, day and night, whispering a poem
to the pebbles from the heart of the
earth; a little hut with some hollyhocks
at the corner, with their bannered
bosoms open to the sun, and a thrush in
the air like a winged joy—I would
rather live there and have some lattice
work across the window so that the sun-
light would fall checked on the babe in
the cradle—I would rather live there,
with my soul erect and free, than in a
palace of gold and wear a crown of
imperial power, and feel that I was
superstition's cringing slave and dare
not speak my honest thought.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM.
Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher penned
the following wise words to the newly
married:

Work together, plan together, select
and furnish the house or room together.
Be one in all home arrangements. The
less talk of "mine and thine" the better.
We are satisfied that "my rights"
should be erased from the dictionary
which governs husband and wife, and
"our rights" substituted. But, not-
withstanding short engagements and
early marriage certainly appear to be the
most certain road to abiding happiness,
there are some cases which necessitate a
long engagement. But it is full of
dangers and uncertainty. Yet, if each
continued faithful, and swore not from
their plighted vows until the circum-
stances which compelled delay have
passed or been overcome, then a long
engagement almost invariably ends in a
very happy marriage. A love that has
not been shaken by long delay, usually
involving long absences, is not built on
sand, but on a rock, over which floods
may sweep and the wind threaten in
vain. If young people are trained to
look upon an engagement as a solemn
contract as binding in God's sight as
marriage, there would be very little
danger. If in early youth, before
education is completed, and some pro-
fession or employment is secured, two
meet and are drawn together, becoming
devotedly attached, then the engagement
even if of necessity it must be long, is
the wisest course. Any sacrifice is
better than to relinquish the first love.
We firmly believe in first love, given
when the heart is young and tender,
unclouded by too close contact with the
world and its bewitching, beguiling
attractions. Such love, honestly given
and as truly returned, is next to a
mother's love—the safeguard of young
men and maidens. This once secured,
the world may spread out all her devices
ever so skillfully and she will not break
the bond. So, because the first young

love is so sweet, so strong, and when
faithfully nurtured, so enduring, we say
"let it not go" even if it can be held
only by a long engagement.

FOR THE BOYS.
You who are men in years, and you,
just entering manhood, stop and consid-
er life as it is. Remember, "action is
the essence of character," good or bad.
This character building is a daily thing,
so consider your ways and weigh your
actions, and build wisely.
What are your aims? Are you striv-
ing to develop yourself, mentally and
morally, so as to have an influence in
your community? Our boys will be the
future men of our country, our lawmak-
ers, and they should be men who honor
the law; they should be men of principle
who cannot be corrupted by bribes; who
have the moral courage to do their duty.
When a community lacks such men evil
and corruption predominate. How
much the well-being of a community de-
pends upon the honest, upright men in
it.

Many temptations beset the young,
and they come in contact with evil in-
fluences in every vocation in life. Yet
there is within yourselves, boys, a coun-
teracting force (if used) that will enable
you to withstand temptations, and to
overcome the evil influences with which
you will surely come in contact. Bring
your reasoning powers to bear. Argue
with yourselves the certain moral de-
gradation if you continue in a wrong
course. Bring your will power to bear
and keep under the low appetites and
the little mean things that corrupt any
who give way to them. Have a high
standard, choose a right, open path in
life. Nothing to hide, nothing to be
ashamed of.

Listen to the counsel of your parents.
Seek the home nest and its pure influ-
ences. Shun places of vice and evil in
every form. Look carefully over the
record of the past. Are you proud of
it? Are you willing it should be read
out? Are you satisfied with it? If you
can't say yes, let your every effort be to
better your condition.

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Great Britain has requisitioned all tobacco supplies and all imported cheese. The colors of the American Legion were deposited in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Mrs. Wm. Beattie, a pioneer settler in Palmerston, mother of Col. William Beattie, C.M.G., is dead.

Bread dropped two cents in price for large loaf in a number of cities, and flour dropped 40c a barrel at Winnipeg.

REDUCE CAR SHORTAGE BY FILLING CARS

The object in issuing these bulletins is not to start a controversy with the public and not to shift responsibility to the public, but to secure the co-operation of the public.

Bulletin No. 1 contained the following information, from 1907 to 1915:
The Freight carried on Canadian Railways increased... 51%
The number of Freight Cars increased... 91%
The total car capacity increased... 131%
The average capacity of cars increased... 5.8 Tons
The average weight of contents increased... 3.0 Tons

The present heavy volume of traffic will no doubt continue so long as the war lasts.

Additional cars and locomotives are needed but they cannot be secured in large numbers for many months.

There is also a serious shortage of labor and in some places of yard trackage.

The only way to improve the conditions therefore is to secure greater efficiency in the present equipment, terminal trackage, and man power.

The railways alone cannot develop the maximum efficiency; the railways and the public co-operating can.

Consignees can help by ordering full car loads instead of minima authorized in the tariffs and classifications, and consignees can help by loading cars to their full authorized cubical or carrying capacity.

A 1915 Typical Train				
Proposed Typical Train for 1917				
Comparison	Cars	Average load	Weight of contents	Result
Typical train, 1915	23	18.4 tons	800 tons	423 tons
" " proposed	20	23.4 tons	948 tons	468 tons
A COMPARISON				
The Average Train				
	1915	Proposed for 1917		
Average weight of contents of cars	18.4 tons	23.4 tons		
Total weight of cars	503 tons	448 tons		
Total weight of contents	344 tons	399 tons		
Total weight of train	847 tons	847 tons		

Had the average load per car in 1915 been 23.4 tons instead of 18.4 the same traffic would have been handled with:
6,947,588 less trains hauled one mile.
1,568,765 less car trips.
29,806,535 less tons of dead car tare hauled one mile.

By increasing now the average load by 5 tons per car the public would improve the efficiency of the equipment, facilities, and man power of the railways to an extent equal to:

64,800 additional freight cars
482 additional freight and yard engines
415 additional miles of yard trackage and
13.5 per cent increase in man power employed in train and yard service

A CAR SAVED IS A CAR GAINED.

AUTOINTOXICATION OR SELF-POISONING

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RAMSAY COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Court of Revision was held in the council chamber at 10 o'clock a.m., on Saturday, May 26th. All the members were present and after taking the required oath, proceeded to business, with the Reeve in the chair.

The Clerk reported that Messrs. Robert Hilliard, Adam Craig and John Fenlon had appealed against their assessment, and that E. Symington had applied to have his assessment reduced as his dwelling had been burned.

On motion of Messrs. Young and Turner, the assessments of Adam Craig and John Fenlon were sustained. The following names were added to the assessment roll, viz.: James King, Melville Paul, Arthur E. McNeely, James Brophy and Mrs. M. McMunn.

Moved by John R. James, seconded by W. H. Robertson, That the assessment roll for the Township of Ramsay for the year 1917, as now revised, be and the same is hereby finally revised, corrected, and that the Clerk be authorized to certify to the same. Carried.

At the close of the Court of Revision the Council met for the transaction of general business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Mr. J. B. Wylie asking that some repairs be made on the road through Mr. H. Dickford's farm from the back road to the 21st line, and that the gates on either end of the road be left open.

After duly considering the matter the Council decided to take no action.

Mr. Hyndman, field secretary of the Patriotic Fund, and Mr. Wm. Thompson, M.P., were heard before the Council in support of a grant by the Township to the Patriotic Fund.

The Reeve presented a petition, signed by Rev. G. A. Brunet and fifty others, asking that the Council take the necessary steps to have the

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road from Bolger's Corner through the Village of Clayton designated as a county road.

Moved by John R. James, seconded by R. W. Young, That the Reeve be requested to make requisition to the county council to have the road from Bolger's Corner through the Village of Clayton, and also the 7th line from lot 21 to lot 27, inclusive, designated as county roads. Carried.

On motion of Messrs. James and Robertson, the Council decided to levy one mill upon the Township assessment and to divide the money raised thereby between the Patriotic Fund and the British Red Cross.

The following accounts were paid:
Municipal World, supplies \$ 3 82
W. B. Paul, roadwork 5 77
John Price, do 6 30
W. A. Toop, do 3 10
J. H. Symington, do 1 65
Habt. Reid, do 2 00
Gavin Gilmour, do 14 49
Jacob Matthews, S.S. No. 14 150 00
The Council adjourned until Saturday, the 30th day of June.—T. A. Thompson, Clerk.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XI.—Second Quarter, For June 10, 1917.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, John xix, 16-30. Memory Verses, 26, 27—Golden Text, I Cor. xv, 3—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Pilate seems to have tried again and again to release Him, and his wife also sent him word to have nothing to do with that just man, for she had suffered many things in a dream because of Him (Matt. xxvii, 19). Peter testified after Pentecost that Pilate was determined to let Him go (Acts iii, 13). He evidently thought when he asked them to choose between Christ and Barabbas as to which he should release unto them—that they would surely ask for Christ. But they cried out, "Not this man, but Barabbas," although Barabbas was a robber and murderer (chapter xviii, 40; Acts iii, 14). Pilate's fear to touch Him increased when the Jesus said that His crime was that He said He was the Son of God (verse 7). When Pilate asked Him about this Jesus at first made no reply, but a little later said to him, "Thou couldest have no power against Me except it were given thee from above; therefore he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin" (verse 11).

The first part of this reply must refer to the will of God, the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, that which His hand and His counsel determined before to be done (Acts ii, 23; iv, 28), the last part to the high priest who delivered Him to Pilate. There are degrees of sin and degrees of punishment for the lost, as there are degrees of rewards for the righteous (Luke xii, 48; Rev. xxii, 12). When the Jews cried out, "If thou let this man go thou art not Caesar's friend; ... we have no king but Caesar" (verses 12-15), Pilate took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it." Then the people said, "His blood be on us and on our children." Then he released Barabbas, scourged Jesus and delivered Him to be crucified (Matt. xxvii, 24-26). Why did he scourge Him after he declared Him innocent? Why did he deliver Him to the brutal soldiers to be mocked and spit upon and so ill treated? Even a guilty man is protected from injustice at the hands of his enemies as a rule. If we cannot reply to the why, let each one at least say it was all for me, the Holy One of God suffering in my stead. When we see the Son of God, the Creator of all things, the Judge of all mankind, receiving such treatment at the hands of the civil and religious authorities and remember that they are just the same today, what should be our attitude to them? When we hear Pilate say, "Behold the man!" and "Behold your king!" (verses 5-14) we think of the true testimonies of the Spirit, "Behold the man whose name is The Branch" and "Behold, thy king cometh!" (Zech. vi, 12; ix, 9).

So Pilate delivered Jesus to be crucified, and they took Him and led Him away, and He, bearing His cross, went forth (verses 16, 17). They met one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming into the city and compelled him to turn about and help Jesus bear the cross or bear it for Him (Luke xxiii, 26). We remember that He said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Matt. xvi, 24). Let us not forget that the cross is never anything beautiful, but a cruel thing signifying a painful and lingering death. Many women followed Him, bewailing and lamenting Him, but He told them not to weep for Him, but for themselves and their children because of the things that would come upon them (Luke xxiii, 27-31). Having reached Golgotha, they crucified Him and two evildoers with Him, one on either side and Jesus in the midst, and thus He was numbered with transgressors, all for me.

The four soldiers divided His garments among them, but for His coat they cast lots, thus fulfilling another Scripture (verses 23, 24; Ps. xxii, 18). Perhaps three more awful words were never written than these, "They crucified Him" (verse 18), when we consider who He was that they crucified, the Prince of Life, the Lord of Glory (Acts iii, 15; I Cor. ii, 8), and that He submitted to be a curse for us that we might not perish (Gal. iii, 13). We have in our lesson three of His seven sayings on the cross (26, 28, 30); but, taking them in order from all the records, we have first forgiveness, even for those who crucified Him; then glory for even a penitent thief; then provision for His own mother, suggesting the supply of all we can need between salvation and glory. The fourth was at the beginning of the darkness, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" and the other three at the close of those awful six hours, "I thirst," "It is finished," "Father, into thy hands I commit My spirit."

When the Jews asked Pilate to have the bodies removed that their Sabbath day might not be desecrated (oh, the utter hypocrisy of it all!) the soldiers broke the legs of the two malefactors, but found Jesus dead already, so they did not break His legs, but a soldier pierced His side, and thus two Scriptures were fulfilled, Ex. xii, 46; Zech. xii, 10. The last part of the chapter describes His burial by Nicodemus and Joseph in Joseph's new tomb, and thus was fulfilled the saying, With the rich in His death (Isa. liii, 9).

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