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LIVING SUDDENLY

Mrs. Brown went in to see Mrs. Smith, whom she found, tired and pale, trying to sew with the baby on her lap.

"Life does seem hard," Mrs. Smith said, after a little ordinary conversation; "I've just had a letter from my sister wanting me to come there for a fortnight and bring the baby. It looks like heaven to only think of it, but, of course, I can't go."

"Why not?" asked Mrs. Brown.

"Oh it would be perfectly impossible. There's the sewing and the spring cleaning, besides everything else. I've got to stay here."

"Suppose you die suddenly—what then?"

"O, then, of course, they'd just have to get along somehow."

"Then why not live suddenly, and let them get along somehow, just the same?"

Mrs. Smith stared.

"Live suddenly," she said, "Why, I never heard of such a thing!"

But, nevertheless, Mrs. Brown managed to get her to do it, and the next week she went off for a fortnight and didn't come back for a month.

What happened at home was like a miracle.

Elsie and Amy, whom their mother never allowed to take the least care, took all the care and made father and the boys have a regular picnic. The boys turned in and helped clean the house. Mrs. Smith cut out the spring sewing and showed the girls how to do it.

The whole family took hold exactly as they would have done had the wife and mother been suddenly snatched away.

Only, as she was just "suddenly alive" instead, there was joy instead of sorrow, looking ahead instead of backward.

And then what a homecoming, with the baby rosy and all its back teeth cut, and mother not tired, not pale, not fidgety, not nervous. Really and truly alive for the first time in years. What a stupid lot of big children we are, anyway, fumbling over dirty old methods when the new ones are showing clean, smiling faces everywhere! Here's to no more necessary people "dying suddenly." Let's all "live suddenly" and be happy forever after.—Ex.

Try this and come to Camp Meeting.

We clipped the following from a daily paper. It is very suggestive.

INDICTMENT OF ANGLICAN CHURCH

Scathing Denunciation of the Church of England in Dominion by Clergyman

London, June 6.—Bishop Graham Ingraham, an influential prelate of the Church of England, who recently toured Canada in connection with the Anglican Mission Help under the auspices of the Archbishop of Canterbury publishes a volume here which includes a scathing indictment of the Church of England in Canada.

The writer is an anonymous Canadian clergyman. He says:

"The greatest hindrance to the progress of the church in Canada has been the constant quarrelling between the high and low factions. It has been simply pitiful to see congregation after congregation split up and almost destroyed over some inane question such as whether the clergyman should wear a cassock, or not, or where a cross should be placed that some persons wished to present to the church.

THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

"It is a thousand pities that the clergy do not take the plain prayer book stand and give a simple service to the people, instead of continually worrying them over ornaments and useless accessories.

"The budgets of the Methodist and the Presbyterian Churches are statements of finance that, compared with those of the Anglican church, look like a millionaire's income in contract with that of a second class school teacher.

"The worldlines of its members is declared to be another frightful present-day weakness in the church. Church people are to be found as leaders at races, society functions, and military affairs. So few are real leaders in their own body, as is the case with the Methodists and the Presbyterians.

"The church in Canada," he proceeds, "needs a real conversion. Elaborate music, early services, strange vestments, and stranger doctrines, do not in the least interest people in this busy land. The liquorman, the gambler, and the society devotee have signally failed to keep the church alive. It is time for real christians to take charge of affairs, and let the professionals have a rest; for if there is one force more than another that holds Canada loyal, it is the influence and teaching of the old mother church.

"A strong element is at work along these same evangelical lines. The day of priestcraft and ecclesiasticism are long since over. They, in fact never arrived in this country."

In publishing this indictment, Bishop Ingraham says:

"It is criticism, not from without, but from within. This critic, being himself a Canadian, can say what no outsider would dare to say. His words should be carefully weighed."

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT ALLIANCE.

The following committees are expected to report at the coming Alliance; and as we will only have a few days for business, the committees ought to have their several reports ready so as not to delay the business.

Brethren, will you please get your reports ready?

Alliance Executive—Revs. A. H. Trafton, S. A. Baker, H. C. Archer, W. B. Wiggins and E. M. Smith.

Hotel Committee—Revs. H. C. Archer, P. J. Trafton, and H. S. Dow.

Grounds and Tabernacle Committee—Revs. G. B. Trafton, J. H. Coy.

Rooms Committee—Revs. M. S. Trafton, H. Smith, E. W. Lester.

King's Highway—Revs. H. C. Archer, S. A. Baker, J. H. Coy, M. S. Blaisdell, L. T. Sabine and B. N. Goodspeed.

Quarterly Meeting—Revs. S. A. Baker, J. H. Coy, G. B. Trafton, A. F. Tanner and S. H. Clark.

Sunday School Agent—Miss Alma Slipp.

Camp Meeting Workers—Revs. G. B. Trafton, H. H. Cosman and J. H. Coy.

Riverside Hotel—Revs. P. J. Trafton, H. S. Dow and Wm. Andrews.

Riverside Tabernacle and Grounds—J. H. Seeley, C. S. Hilyard, L. S. Kinney, Edward Higgins, John Manter and M. S. Trafton.

Social Reform—Revs. M. S. Blaisdell, M. S. Trafton and S. A. Baker.

Rev. H. C. Archer expects to go to St. John on the 16th and will leave Montreal on the 21st for Europe.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR AND TOBACCO

The following from the New York Tribune, ought to arouse this nation to a more determined fight against an enemy which surely threatens destruction to us as a people:

"Reformers will either be dismayed or moved to redoubled efforts by the report that in the last fiscal year this nation used more strong drink and tobacco than ever before. Particularly notable, perhaps, is the immense increase in production and consumption of cigarettes, for which the Treasury officials cannot account. It will, indeed, be difficult to explain it in view of the fact that States in increasing numbers are now forbidding the use of cigarettes by boys. However, it may be said that in Great Britain and in most European countries the use of tobacco for smoking is steadily increasing. In Great Britain the amount of it consumed has increased one-third in ten years. In drinking the tendency is not so uniform. In the United Kingdom there has been and is a very marked decline in the consumption of both brewed and distilled liquors. As against the one-third increase in tobacco in ten years, there was in the same years a decrease of nearly fifteen per cent in the consumption of brewed drinks and of nearly thirty-three per cent in distilled liquors. But the United States is both smoking and drinking more than ever. The production of beer was nearly twice what it was in Great Britain and fifty per cent more than Germany—in which country, however, the quantity is steadily increasing. The production of distilled spirits here last year was more than four times as great as in the United Kingdom. So immense a consumption of these articles in this country must have an unfavorable effect on social economics. The cost of nearly 11,250,000,000 cigarettes, not to name also cigars, of 133,000,000 gallons of spirits and of more than 62,000,000 barrels of beer was obviously enormous; it brought no commensurate compensatory advantages, and it was largely paid by those who could ill afford to spend the money. The country would be better off if each year showed a marked decrease in all of these figures."—National Advance.

ALLIANCE FUND.

Will the pastors and deacons see that the regular Alliance Fund, 25 cents per member, is collected from the members of each church and brought or sent to the Alliance by the pastors or delegates. Beloved, let us have a full fund this year. We need it.—The Sec'y.

NOTICE TO CHURCHES.

Will the churches please select delegates to represent them, who will attend the Alliance and assist in the business. Each church has the privilege of electing two delegates, and each mission society can elect one delegate. We hope to see a large delegation this year. Every pastor also ought to be present.

Let us all come this year beloved.—The Secretary.

Come to the Alliance and remain until the close of the Camp Meeting.

We may decide to extend the Camp Meeting over Sunday, July 13th.

"Be filled with the Spirit, and come in the fullness of the blessing."