

JOHN WESLEY

John Wesley was born June 17, 1703, and died March 2, 1791. Among his last words were: "the best of all is, God is with us." He was buried between five and six o'clock on the morning of March 9 from City Road Chapel. He preached over 42,000 times, an average of fifteen times per week. He gave away, during fifty years of his life, \$150,000. He published about two hundred volumes. He never worried. He said: "Ten thousand cares are no more weight to my mind than 10,000 hairs to my head."

Dr. Stevens says of him that he preached the "everlasting Gospel oftener and more effectually than any other man for sixteen hundred years." The last open-air sermon preached was from the words: The kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel." The last sermon preached was on Wednesday, February 27th, 1791, from the text: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." His last entry in his account book read: "For upward of eighty-six years I have kept my accounts exactly; I will not attempt to do it any longer, being satisfied with the continual conviction that I save all I can and give all I can—that is, all I have."

Hester Ann Rogers, who was present at his death, thus wrote of the last scene: "The solemnity of the dying hour of that great and good man, I believe, will be ever written on my heart. A cloud of the divine presence rested on all; and while he could hardly be said to be an inhabitant of earth, being now speechless and his eyes fixed, victory and glory were written on his countenance and quivering, as it were, on his dying lips. No language can paint what appeared in that face! The more we gazed upon it, the more we saw heaven unspeakable!"—Christian Standard.

HERO WORSHIP IN WRONG DIRECTION

Attorney Blames Parents for Children's Devotion to Movies Instead of Church

New York, Feb. 8.—Charles H. Tuttle, former United States attorney, told the Federal Grand Jury Association at its annual meeting that hero worship, which he characterized as one of the world's greatest educational forces through the influence it exerts over boys and girls, is "being extended to certain characters on the screen whom we, as parents, would not allow in our homes.

"Yet we permit our children to go out and worship these characters two or three times a week at the 'movies,'" he continued, "although, when Sunday comes, we can't get them to go to church and worship the Deity."

In this connection, it might be noted that the National Lutheran Council, representing 2,000,000 Lutherans in the United States, voted unanimously to join the boycott of indecent motion pictures. The council frowned alike on producers and the players, insisting the latter must "lead lives that conform to decent standards of society.

"We find that frequently plots are based on illicit love and seduction," wrote the committee. "Prostitutes and adulterers are leading characters in the story, and sordid facts of the underworld are depicted, which are wholly unfit for theatrical treatment."—Moncton Times.

If you would be better looking, begin on the inside.

GETTING GOOD BY DOING GOOD

On a very cold day in winter two travellers in Lapland were driving along in a sledge, wrapped up in furs from head to foot. At length they saw a poor man who had sunk down benumbed and frozen in the snow.

"We must stop and help him," said one of the travellers.

"Stop and help him!" replied the other; "you will never think of stopping on such a day as this! We are half frozen ourselves, and ought to be at our journey's end as soon as possible."

"But I cannot leave this man to perish," said the humane traveller; "I must go to his relief." And he stopped the sledge. "Come," said he, "come, help me to arouse him."

"Not I," said the other; "I have too much regard for my own life to expose myself to this freezing atmosphere any more than is necessary. I will sit here and keep myself as warm as I can till you come back."

His companion hastened to the relief of the perishing man. The ordinary means for restoring consciousness were tried with complete success. And what was the effect upon the traveller himself? Why, the very effort he had made to warm the stranger warmed himself. And thus he had twofold reward. He felt that he had done a benevolent act, and he also found himself glowing from head to foot by the exertions he had made.

And how was it with the other traveller, who had been so much afraid of exposing himself? He was almost ready to freeze, notwithstanding the efforts he had been making to keep himself warm.

And that which is true in the natural world is true in the spiritual.

We cannot engage in any work for the good of others without getting good for ourselves. In stretching out the hand to help another, we are increasing our own spiritual strength.

HOW TO BE LIKED

Don't contradict people, even if you are sure you're right.

Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friends.

Don't under rate anything because you don't possess it.

Don't believe that everybody else is happier than you.

Don't conclude that you never had any opportunities in life.

Don't believe all the evil you hear.

Don't repeat gossip even if it does interest a crowd.

Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. Few care whether you have an earache, headache or rheumatism.

Learn to attend to your own business; a very important point.

Do not try to be anything else but a gentleman or gentlewoman; and that means one who has consideration for the whole world, and whose life is governed by the golden rule.—Exchange.—Selected.

A preacher in these days of cold skepticism is very nearly out of ammunition when he begins to preach against religious excitement. It is like a man protesting against the use of fire with the thermometer down to zero. If you are out of coal, brother, say so; but do not persuade others who have a good supply to abandon the use of it and freeze along with you. They will hardly consent, just to help disguise your destitution.—Methodist Advance.

DYING FOR A SMOKE

We clip the following from Norman Dunning's Life of Samuel Chadwick. It has to do with the days when Chadwick was principal of Cliff College.

"No man would dare to take liberties with Samuel Chadwick. Shortly after the beginning of a certain term, a student much older than the average Cliff man, knocked at the door of the Principal's study. On entering he addressed the Principal very timidly.

"Sir," he said, "would you give me permission to have a pipe?" (It is a rule at Cliff College that no student smokes.) "I am not like these boys," continued this middle-aged brother. "I have been a smoker for twenty years. I finished my last pipe before I came through the College gates on Friday, and I have tried my best to do without tobacco since. But, sir, I can't hold out any longer. I am dying for a smoke." The principal half turned in his chair, and swept the brother with his glance from his toes to the crown of his head. "Is that really true, brother? Are you really dying for a smoke?" "I am, sir," replied the student. "Then," said the principal, pointing to a seat beside his desk. "sit down in that chair and die." He went on to explain that any man who allowed a habit to get such a hold on him that he would die if he did not give way to it, was best dead. The would-be smoker looked first at the floor and then at the ceiling and then at the floor again. "Let us talk to God about this," said the principal. They knelt together on the study floor. The principal prayed that God would glorify Himself in this man's life. The brother rose from his knees, the craving gone. For a year, he stayed at the College, and the temptation to smoke never returned."—Moody Church News.

DON'T LOSE HEART

Don't be discouraged with that boy of yours. There were many as bad and worse than he and yet to-day they are holding important positions. Be patient with him. There are many ministers of the gospel who were once regarded as candidates for the States prison, but the Lord wanted them for his service and saved them. Don't try to impress upon him the idea that he is the worst boy in the neighborhood. He will very likely glory in that. Be kind, patient, tender, yet firm. With the help of God you will accomplish more in this way than by harsh and unkind treatment.—Christian World.

A MEAN THING

The man—or the paper—who will extract from an elaborate production a paragraph which, standing alone, conveys a meaning, or a shade of meaning, different from the effect of the same paragraph in its connections, commits an offence against morals. If it be done carelessly, it is criminal carelessness. If deliberately, it is bearing false witness against one's neighbor. To this kind of attack it is useless to reply. The difficulty being in the moral nature of the man who makes it, the reply simply furnishes him with further opportunity of practicing falsehood.—Christian Advocate.

Religious Intelligence,

JOINING A PASTOR

They do not join the church. They "unite themselves" to the popular pastor. While he stays they stay. When he goes, they scatter and hunt for the next popular pastor to join.—Christian Examiner.