

## THE HAPPY MAN

Was born in the City of Regeneration, in the parish of Repentance-unto-Life; was educated in the school of Perseverance, worked at the trade of Diligence, and sometimes performed acts of Self-denial; he is clothed in the plain garb of Humility, and has a better suit to appear in at court, called the robe of Christ's Righteousness. He breakfasts every morning on Spiritual Prayer, and sups every evening on the same; he has meat to eat which the world knows nothing of, and his drink is the "sincere milk of the word." He has a large estate in the country of Christian Contentment, and his delightful mansion is called the House of Prayer. His associates are the excellent of the earth, such as those who excel in virtue and piety; and where truth inhabits, there is he. The law of kindness is written on his lips, and the dictates of truth on his tongue. His breast is fortified with the armor of Christ's Righteousness and in his heart there is no guile. Faith bears a shield before him, while Mercy presides at his right hand, and Justice at his left. Should darkness at any time envelop his goings, God's law is a lamp unto his paths, and none of his steps shall slide. Thus he pursues the noiseless tenor of his way through the wilderness of this world, to the celestial Canaan, where only righteous men inhabit, and where the spirits of just men made perfect are ever with the Lord. In a word, he has sin under his feet, the world behind his back, grace in his heart, heaven in his eyes, and a crown of glory over his head. Happy is the life of such a man, and happy is his death. To attain which, persevere to the end, live holy, die daily, watch your heart, guard your senses, redeem your time, live Christ. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."—The Sky Pilot.

## THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT

John Wesley once inquired of a travelling companion who had offended him, "Will you ask my pardon?" "No," came the abrupt reply. "Then," said Wesley, "I will ask yours." The companion's heart was touched by this unexpected magnanimity and he pleaded forgiveness. An impending break in friendship was thus surmounted. It is an incident etching in bold relief the necessity of forgiveness and the feasibility of it. Jesus set forgiveness as the keystone in the arch of kingdom relationships—the highest achievement in the realm of grace. Since upon it depends our hope of God's mercy toward us, it behooves us to take heed to our contacts with our fellows and our attitude toward them. We dare not settle down to a life of discord until we have done all to bring about a reconciliation, and even then we dare not settle down. We will continue to pray that the circle of love may be made complete.—Selected.

## PROCRASTINATION

Be wise today, 'tis madness to defer:  
Next day the fatal precedent will plead;  
Thus on, till wisdom is pushed out of life.  
Procrastination is the thief of time;  
Year after year it steals, till all are fled,  
And to the mercies of a moment leaves  
The vast concerns of an eternal scene.  
If not so frequent, would not this be strange?  
That 'tis so frequent, this is stranger still.  
—Edward Young

## AT YOUR OWN DOOR

Sophie had been praying for twelve years to become a foreign missionary. One day she had so prayed, and the heavenly Father seemed to say:

"Sophiet stop! Where were you born?"

"In Germany, Father."

"Where are you now?"

"In America, Father."

"Well, are you not a foreign missionary already?"

Then the Father said, "Who lives on the floor above you?"

"A family of Swedes."

"And who above them?"

"Why, some Switzers."

"Who in the rear?"

"Italians."

"And a block away?"

"Some Chinese."

"And you have never said a word to these people about my Son? Do you think I will send you thousands of miles to the foreigner and the heathen when you never care enough about them at your own door to speak with them about their souls?"—The Home Field.

## HEEDLESS OF PASSING OPINION

Travellers in the northern lane of ocean traffic have frequently observed the icebergs travelling in one direction in spite of the fact that the strong winds are blowing in the opposite way. The icebergs were moving against the winds. The explanation is that the great bergs, with eight-ninths of their bulk under the waters, were caught in the grip of mighty currents which carried them forward, no matter which way the winds raged.

So the ideal Christian leader has the greater part of his being thrust down into the deep places of God. The currents move him toward righteousness no matter how the winds of passing opinion blow.—Westminster Teacher.

## "WE HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD"

A recent issue of Dawn brings to the attention of its readers the following statements by Calvin Coolidge on the occasion of a visit by a minister of the Gospel. He said:

"I sit at my desk day after day worrying myself sick over our country. What are we coming to, this wave of lawlessness and crime? Dr. Booth, do you know what is the matter with this country? We have forgotten God! He seems to have gone out of our public life, and our personal life. If this nation is to be saved we must get back to the ideals and traditions which went into the making of Vermont and New England. Dr. Booth, go back and preach the Gospel. That is what I say to every minister that comes to me."

What a true and solemn warning! But who of our national leaders are interested in God or in the warnings of His Word!—Wesleyan Methodist.

## DUTY IN HIS SIGHT

An untiring sense of duty, an active consciousness of the perpetual presence of Him Who is its author and its law, and a lofty aim beyond the grave—these are the best and most efficient parts in every sense, of that apparatus wherewith we should be armed, when with full purpose of heart we address ourselves to the life-long work of self-improvement.—W. E. Gladstone.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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It is reported that French insane asylums are packed beyond capacity. Five new large asylums must be built at once. In one region alone, the Department of the Seine, insane patients have increased from 13,206 in 1922 to 20,364 in 1937. A government authority revealed France will need a new asylum every year, so rapidly is insanity spreading. Does this have any relation to the fact that for years France has been a hot-bed of atheism?—Selected.

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Recently the Alaskan delegation to Congress asked it to authorize the transfer to Juneau of the check paid by the United States to Russia for that land, that it might be on exhibition in a fair being held there. The check was missing. After a feverish search it was discovered. We paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska. The value of the minerals produced in that country since 1880 is \$722,222,000, one hundred times the price paid for the country.—The United Presbyterian.

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Dr. S. M. Zwemer, an unquestioned authority on the subject of Mohammedanism, recently made the following statement in connection with the set-back of Islam in Turkey: "It is a sign of the times, and this is taking place all over the Mohammedan world. Islam is dead in Turkey, is dying in Persia, and has ceased to be a great force in India; and while for a time it gained in pagan Africa, its advance there is also being checked, as careful investigation shows."—Church Advocate.

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The craziest hangover in the United States is the exemption of state, county and national employees from the federal income tax. And nobody has ever been able to trump up even a poor excuse. The treasury department hints that the income of future government bonds is to be taxed. Now that such a large per cent of us work for the government, mounting steadily to the fifty per cent mark, there is no rhyme or reason why the other half should support federal employees and then carry their taxes, a double burden.—Selected.

## ANDREW'S BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE

What did you preach about on Sunday?" was the question asked a minister.

"I preached about Andrew," was the reply; "and, do you know, I found him a most interesting character."

"What was there about him that was remarkable?"

"Well, the significant thing about Andrew is that every time he is mentioned in Scripture he is introducing someone to Jesus."

This was certainly a beautiful occupation, and yet it does not call for any wonderful talents. It is work which any one of us can do.—Westminster Teacher.

We need one another, and without one another we shall be heavily laden; to live a selfish, self-centred and exclusive life is to rob humanity of its due, and to dwarf and impoverish one's self.—Dr. J. H. Jowett.

God has his best things for the few

Who dare to stand the test.

He has His second choice for those

Who will not have His best.