

God, and I know there is a human soul. Call it by any name you want, there is something in humanity that is above and beyond any material calculation of science.

"The world needs religion. It needs religion as distinguished from creeds born of theologians' disputes. The surgeon and physician realize quickly that they need religion to help them. I do not mean the personal religion of the surgeon and physician; I mean the personal religion of the patient.

"I have seen patients who were dead to all medical standards. We knew they could not live. But I have seen a minister come to the bedside of such a patient and do something for him that I could not do, although I had done everything in my professional power. But something touched some immortal spark in him and, in defiance of materialistic common sense, he lived.

"Religion is the universal comforter in times of physical or spiritual distress. Let us not delude ourselves into believing that the state can take the place of some form of spiritual belief. There is a tendency for a group of intellectuals—persons who have been educated beyond their intelligence—to underestimate the value of religion as the universal comforter; but to the mass of people, religion has the same potency it has had for two thousand years.

"No thinking, reverent man can read the Sermon on the Mount or the life of Christ without knowing here is truth."

From their knowledge of mankind, gained through the treatment of the diseased and suffering, the Mayo brothers held a deep respect for human beings. They sympathized with human aspirations, with the yearnings of the mass for religion and education and the desire for self-improvement.

They gave time and money freely to bring more persons the essentials for human happiness. Each individual, no matter what his station, was worthy of the best effort of doctor and educator. And on that premise they anchored their philosophy of personal and professional conduct.

The Mayos were not backward in expressing their views on social and economic problems of their day. Dr. Will, usually the spokesman of the pair, revealed their home habits.

"We never had cocktails in our home," Dr. Will said. "We never drank or smoked. It is tremendously important not to set a bad example for young people."

Dr. Will carried his toboggan aboard his river yacht North Star, on which he relaxed and spent his week-ends. He always had guests with him on his cruises along the Mississippi River. There was no routine the visitors had to follow. They could read, nap, talk, sit alone, watch the scenery—do as they liked. But no liquor was allowed.

In 1938 Dr. Will sold his luxurious \$35,000 yacht. He explained that he could no longer enjoy it because "it made me feel conspicuous when so many people are poor." The money went to a charitable enterprise.

Looking at the liquor problem from a cold, professional view, Dr. Will cautioned physicians against its use.

"As doctors, we must begin to think of promoting the cause of temperance," he wrote. "How often do we hear, when we speak of a certain man, 'A very bright fellow, but he drinks.'"

"Of my classmates in college, so far as I know, none of those who drank steadily are

now living, and of those who were addicts to even a very mild degree, from the time the addiction became manifest, none progressed or maintained his position. One of the greatest surgeons in the world told me he had never known a surgeon of the first rank who was in the habit of using alcoholic drink."—Adolph C. Regli, in Religious Digest.

DON'T LOOK OVER THE FENCE!

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A fence is intended to keep one in, and at the same time to keep others out. Cattle like to look over the fence and things seem to taste better just over the line than inside the enclosure. Boys think that stolen watermelons are better than others. This is according to a very wise man's conclusion when he says, "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant" (Prov. 9:17).

This is where temptation becomes sin—in letting down just the top rail and glancing over; in listening to the first thought that brings one near the edge of yielding. This was where Eve, David, and many others since their day went down in defeat. On the other hand, thank God, Joseph and others came through untarnished. Joseph's secret of victory was this—"He got him out." Many a man has stayed five minutes too long.

Satan is too wise to suggest to some souls open and disgraceful sins. But what is the harm in just one secret glance? Oh, how subtle! Remember, this first little glance has resulted in strong men's becoming stone blind and like a mad animal breaking down the entire fence, in view of a present gratification.

Say, friend, are you afraid, yes, deathly afraid of getting too near the line and glancing over? This is your only safety! Crush as you would a viper the first suggestion to bitterness, jealousy, and unchastity. Do not glance the second time in the wrong direction.

GOD HAS A PROGRAM

It would seem that the hundreds of Christians who stand baffled with the problems of today act as though there were no God, or if there is He has no program. The major emphasis of conversion is that of problem, and the atmosphere is that of defeat. The whole emotional drive is that of hopelessness. God lift our vision from problem, defeat, and inquiry for precedent to new horizons. Yes, there is a God. He still lives. He had a program for yesterday. He has one for today, also one for tomorrow. He has one for the Church and each subdivision thereof, and each God-ordained organization co-operating therein. Why not look for it? The Holy Spirit still leads. He can guide into the proper methods and manner of meeting and commanding our day. Shall we seek Him until He rains wisdom, enthusiasm, and aggressiveness upon us? Give us the spirit of sacrifice, and a willingness to die to carry on for God. Let us cease to magnify the difficulties and minimize God, and begin to magnify God and minimize the difficulties. "With man it is impossible but with God all things are possible;" therefore, "What shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"—Sel.

Be discreet in all things, and so render it unnecessary to be mysterious about any.—Wellington.

NORWAY CAN NO LONGER PRINT THE BIBLE

Printing of Bibles will cease in Norway following Reichskommissar Terboven's order prohibiting further sale of paper to the Norwegian Bible Society.

This restriction find the Norwegian society with a large number of unfilled orders; for the last year, in spite of enemy oppression, witnessed a record call for the Bible. With the state of war the Bible Society had great stocks of Scriptures on hand. Orders for Bibles began to pour in. Never, in the 125 years of the Society's work, have the Norwegian people bought Bibles on such a scale!

This unprecedented sale is all the more significant," writes New Europe, "as religious unity, in the most profound sense of the term, has now been added to the political unity of the Norwegian people in the face of Nazi oppression."

Notwithstanding the fact that most families in Norway already possessed a Bible, for it is said that in proportion to its population no country in the world has such a large distribution of the Bible, 90,000 volumes were circulated last year with unfilled orders for many thousands more.—Bulletin.

THE MINISTRY OF SORROW

Learn to wait—life's hardest lesson,
Conned, perchance, through blinding tears,
While the heart-throbs sadly echo
To the trend of passing years.

Learn to wait—hope's slow fruition;
Faint not, though the way seems long;
There is joy in each condition,
Hearts, through suffering, may grow strong.

Constant sunshine, howe'er welcome,
Ne'er would ripen fruit or flower;
Giant oaks owe half their greatness
To the scathing tempest's power.

Thus a soul, untouched by sorrow,
Aims not at a brighter state;
Joy seeks not a brighter morrow,
Only sad hearts learn to wait.

Human strength and human greatness
Spring not from life's sunny side,
Heroes must be more than driftwood,
Floating on the waveless tide.

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Alcoholic insanity is said to remain at a high level. The Census Bureau report for 1939 shows that of one hundred and ten thousand, seven hundred and seventy-three "first admissions" to all hospitals, twelve thousand two hundred and seventy-five were directly due to alcohol. This was an average for all hospitals of 11.1 per cent. The Veterans' Administration hospitals showed 13.3 per cent and the private hospitals, 18.0 per cent. State hospitals showed 9.9 per cent and county and city hospitals 6.4 per cent.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

"You cannot worship, if you are kneeling on a question mark."

He has attained to an eminent degree of Christian grace who knows how to wait.

"Man can as well live physically without breathing as spiritually without praying."—D. L. Moody.