

THE WISEMAN SAYS:

We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12
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EDITORIAL

THE LONG RANGE VIEW

Sir Francis Bacon gave this advice to his readers: "Lend thy ears to every matter, but defer thy judgment." The wiseman in the book of Proverbs gives expression to a similar thought: "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." These bits of wisdom apply to those who have but a "key-hole" view of a situation, and yet attempt to pass judgment on what they see or hear.

Judgments based on a "close-up" view are usually distorted, and often result in embarrassment for the hasty critic. When Abraham Lincoln made his 266 word address at Gettysburg, few people realized the greatness of that speech. One of Lincoln's political opponents declared it to be altogether unworthy of the President of the United States. Many leading papers criticised it severely. But now, with a perspective of over eighty years, it does not take an adept literary connoisseur to recognize the simple beauty and quiet potency of those few score words.

There is no greater need for the long range view than in judging the world of events. For the first time since the present war started, competent observers including Henry Wallace, Cordell Hull, Winston Churchill, General Eisenhower, are predicting an Allied victory in 1944. We hope and pray that these predictions may be true; but, if, on the other hand, we don't see the Allied flags flying from atop the remains of Hitler's Reich Chancellory in 1944, what will our attitude be then? Will we pass judgment on our soldiers, our leaders, on God?

Of course there is the possibility of error among our leaders, but for the most part they know what they are doing. It behooves us, therefore, who have but an "arm-chair" knowledge of the situation to defer our judgment until later. This greatest of all wars needs to be judged in the light of history and Sacred Writ. Fifty years hence it may be possible to observe this terrible conflict in its proper perspective, but certainly not now.

Of this much, however, we can be assured at this present moment: God is still on His throne, and His plan for the world is being worked out regardless of the uprising of nations which to Him "are as a drop of a bucket." Let us all do our best to bring victory in 1944, but meanwhile, may we remember that "a fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterward."

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

A prisoner, condemned to solitary confinement, obtained a copy of the Bible, and, by three years careful study, obtained the following facts.

The Bible contains 3,586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word **and** occurs 46,277 times. The word **Lord** occurs 1,855 times. The word **Reverend** occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the

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A DECISIVE ARGUMENT

Two men were talking in a train. One said, "Well, one religion is about as good as another. It's all a matter of race and habit." "I suppose that's so," said the other man. "I like Christianity all right, for I was brought up in it; but, after all, the other religions suit other people, and I suppose they are as good in their way."

A dark-complexioned foreign-looking man in the opposite corner said, in rather precise English, "Pardon me, I cannot but overhear, and I am much interested. May I say why?" "Rather," said the first one, "go ahead." "I thank you, sir," said the other, leaning forward. "I am an Armenian. I came from Bitlis, which has about forty thousand inhabitants. Do you know of such a town?" "Just the size of my own town," said the second man.

"Good, sir. Now can you picture your own with no hospital, no doctor, no dentist, no church (except a missionary one, and one belonging to a colony of poor foreigners), no press, no drains, no water supply, no library, no public conveyances, no nurse, no public school?" "Yes," said number one, "that's all right. Your town is uncivilized, that's what's wrong with it."

"I have more to say, please sir," said the Armenian. "You shall see, if you will think that it is the Christian religion that has given you these things that you call civilization. But I tell you more. In my poor Bitlis there is one bright spot. It is a Christian Mission; it has dispensary and school. When my wretched Armenian countrymen were massacred—over three hundred thousand of them lately—the missionaries in Bitlis, at the risk of their own lives, saved some of us from death. I was saved, but my wife and children were burned to death in my house."

He paused, before he could manage to speak again. And then he continued, "You can understand now, sirs, why I think that not one religion is as good as the other? I tell you more. What I saw at Bitlis makes me know that it is only the Christian religion that can save this wretched Europe.—The Christian.

letters in the alphabet except the letter J. The finest chapter to read is the 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The 19th chapter of II Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. The 8th, 15th, 21st and 31st verses of the 107th Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm end alike. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

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A SOCIETY LETTER

Westchester, N. S.

Dear Young People:

Our society at Westchester is just getting nicely under way, having been started the latter part of November.

We have been having interesting meetings, with Bible study in the form of quizzes, discussions, and Bible games. Attendance has been good, with an encouraging increase as we went along.

For our Christmas meeting we went out singing carols, ending up at the parsonage for refreshments.

Our aim as a society is for a better knowledge of the Bible, and we are hoping to see our numbers increase even more than they have.

Meanwhile, we would like very much to know what you other societies are doing, and what progress you are making. Any ideas that you would be willing to share with us will be very much appreciated.

REPORTER

WALKING WITH GOD

Who walks with God must take His way

Across far distances and gray

To goals that others do not see,

Where others do not care to be.

Who walks with God must have no fear

When danger and defeat appear,

Nor stop when every hope seems gone,

For God, our God, moves ever on.

Who walks with God must press ahead

When sun or cloud is overhead,

When all the waiting thousands cheer,

Or when they only stop to sneer;

When all the challenge leaves the hours

And naught is left but jaded powers.

But he will some day reach the dawn,

For God, our God, moves ever on.

—Western Christian Advocate

THOSE LAST MINUTES

An American pastor was giving his customary broadcast, and glancing hurriedly at his watch, he took up the second sheet of his script and spoke on to his unseen listeners. He told them of God's great love for them and earnestly pleaded with them to open their hearts to the Saviour. He consulted his watch again and continued speaking. At one-and-a-half minutes to the hour, a perplexed expression crept over his face, and he looked towards the control room, only to find the operator signalling him to stop. When leaving, the operator came hurrying in. "You ran badly over your time, sir. You should wind up at 9.55, you know." The pastor held his watch to his ear. "My watch stopped at exactly five minutes to ten and I went placidly on, thinking I still had time for a few more words. I am very sorry."

Three days later he received a letter, as follows:—"I live up the North River and