

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

INCHES ON THE YARDSTICK

Ten-year-old Bobby came into the living room, backed himself up against the wall, and proceeded to level the yardstick on the top of his head. Then he turned to measure the height that he stood.

"Just one inch over four feet, Grandma," he happily announced.

"Growing up, aren't you?" said Grandma, who was busily knitting in her chair near the window.

"How big are you?" she asked.

Astonished, the youngster said, "Why, I just told you. I'm one inch over four feet. and I weigh fifty-six pounds. That is one pound above average."

"Yes, dear," said Grandma, "an elephant is large, too. Did you ever hear of the elephant that put his trunk in at the window of a tailor and the tailor pricked him with a needle?"

"No, Grandma. What happened then?"

"Well, it was a story told to me when I was a girl. The elephant went his way until he came to a mud puddle, then he took a drink. He drew his trunk full of muddy water and went back to the tailor shop and sprayed it all over the man who had pricked him with a needle."

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed Bobby, "some smart elephant, wasn't he? Ha, ha, ha!"

"Yes, just as smart as some folks are," thoughtfully spoke Grandma. "Yes, he was large, but not very big."

"Why not big, Grandma? Isn't large and big the same thing?"

"Maybe, sometimes; but I was thinking how the Good Book tells us a little person can be big, so much bigger than some of the largest of human kind."

"What do you mean, Grandma?" asked Bobby.

"Sonny," gently, tenderly Grandma explained, "in the Bible there is a yardstick to measure your life by, and some large folks are pretty small when they stand up 'longside of it. They, like the elephant, seek revenge, not satisfied till they get even with anyone who angers them. But I read in my Bible, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.' Small? Why, my dear child, there are some folks that never grow up. And there are children who love Jesus and learn to walk in His way, and who measure their lives by His yardstick, who are often many times bigger than some physically large folks who refuse to listen to the teachings of the Good Book."

"Say Grandma, will you help me to learn some of the inches on the Bible yardstick, so I can really grow up?" asked Bobby. "I'd like to grow up—big."

Smiling, Grandma said, "I'll be glad to, dear."—The Church Herald.

"If you don't have grace for the hard places, it's your own fault, because His storehouse is full of grace."

Divine grace is God's willingness plus God's ability. The sinner is saved by grace. The Christian is sanctified by grace. The saint is kept by grace.—Hugh C. Bennner.

STRANGE! IS IT NOT?

That any Christian professing to have good religion should object to having more of the same kind?

That any Christian should object to having a pure heart, even though it does require a "second work of grace" in order to realize it.

That any Christian who is having a hard time in maintaining a spiritual experience, and frequently suffering a defeat, should hesitate to accept an increase of capital in order that he might be an overcomer, and live a victorious life?

Strange! Is it not?

That a preacher who claims that a person is sanctified at the same time he is pardoned never preaches sanctification to sinners (nor to any one else) and never invites sinners to become sanctified? If sanctification is what a sinner is to receive, why not tell him about it?

That a person who claims that he was sanctified at the same time he was converted never testifies to the fact, unless cornered in a "second blessing meeting; and then fails to tell anything sanctification has accomplished for him, and seems to become peeved and offended because other people seek to be sanctified?

That a person who claims that sanctification is attained by growth in grace has never been known to have reached the experience by that process himself; nor has he known of any other person who has ever known of any person who has ever reached sanctification by growth; nor does he even witness to the degrees of sanctification, such as being little sanctified, more sanctified, or most sanctified, as would be logically and naturally determined by his progress, or the length of time in which he had been growing toward sanctification. Why not bear testimony to the same?

Strange! Is it not?

That a person who contends that it is impossible to live without sin nevertheless condemns others for living in sin?

That a person who believes that a little sin is essential to keep a Christian humble fails to see that more sin should keep him more humble, and that according to this logic Satan would be the most humble of all?

That a person who teaches and believes that Jesus can save and keep from the great and gross sins—such as adultery, or murder—should yet doubt and deny that He can save and keep from little sins—such as malice, or jealousy—and thus save from all sin?

Strange! Is it not?

That any person who expects to go to a Holy Heaven should be opposed to Holiness in this country?

That any person who professes to live, and serve, and worship a Holy God should manifest a dislike for Holiness?

That any one who professes to read and believe a "Holy Bible" which commands him to be Holy, and declares that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord," should still be heard to say he does not believe in Holiness, and absolutely refuses to be made Holy himself?

That a person who never seems to be disturbed by the shouts and excitement of a horse race, baseball, or a political campaign, should become so greatly disturbed by what he calls excitement, the weeping of penitents and the shouts of the Redeemed, in a religious meeting?—Emmanuel.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Doaktown, N. B., December 6 to 9.

Rev. B. M. Hicks was the speaker at the opening service, bringing his message from the text, Ps. 51:10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Bro. Hicks also brought the message Friday evening, speaking from the text, "By grace are ye saved through faith."

A good prayer service was enjoyed Saturday afternoon. During this service encouraging reports were read from several of the churches of the district. There was no regular business session, due to the fact that there was only one visiting pastor and no delegates present at the time.

Saturday evening Rev. R. T. Benson brought the message, using as his text, 1 Thess. 2:4.

Rev. B. M. Hicks was the speaker at the Sunday morning service, which was followed by Communion service.

Rev. R. T. Benson brought the message Sunday afternoon, speaking from the text, "He calleth thee." Lic. Neil Rice brought the closing message of the Quarterly, using as his text, "Is it well with thee?" Specials in song were by the Fredericton Male Trio, Gerald Mitchell and Roosevelt Benson.

Though attendance was very small from other churches of the district, we can thank God for the good spirit throughout the meeting. For He was with us, Praise His Name.

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Reporter.

SELF-DENIAL

There are many who profess to be followers of Christ who are willing to do almost any thing in religion that does not require self-denial. But when they are called to do any thing that requires them to deny themselves. Oh! that is too much. They think they are doing a great deal for God, and doing about as much as He ought to ask in reason, if they are only doing what they can do about as well as not; but they are not willing to deny themselves any comfort or convenience whatever, for the sake of serving the Lord.

They will not willingly suffer reproach for the name of Christ. Nor will they deny themselves the luxuries of life, to save a world from hell. So far are they from remembering that self-denial is a condition of discipleship, that they do not know what self-denial is. They never have really denied themselves a ribbon or a pin for Christ, and for the Gospel.

Some are giving of their abundance, and are giving much, and are ready to complain that others do not give more; when, in truth, they do not give any thing that they need, any thing that they could enjoy, if they kept it. They only give of their surplus wealth; and perhaps that poor woman who puts in twelve cents at the monthly meeting has exercised more self-denial than they have in giving thousands.—Finney.

A man might as well try to eat enough at breakfast to last all his life as to try to get grace enough at once to last him until he dies.—D. L. Moody.

He who is seeking recognition is as a rule soon recognized — and little appreciated—T. Rotide.