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## EDITORIAL

### THE KING PASSES

With millions of people throughout the world we mourn the passing of our beloved King George VI. Though ailing in health, the news of his death came as a shock, and has left us greatly saddened, and with a keen sense of loss. He was a great and a good King. Doubtless his life and reign were much shortened by his concern for others and his devotion to duty. He counted not his life dear unto him.

Let us prayerfully remember Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and all the members of the Royal Family in this their hour of deepest sorrow. May the God of all comfort be with them.

Let us also pray unceasingly for the new Queen that she may have wisdom, grace and strength for the great responsibility which is now hers. God save the Queen!

### THE POWER OF HUMAN INFLUENCE

Recently as I was glancing over the chapter titles of an autobiography, I noticed that the caption of the second chapter was "Formative Influences." In that chapter the writer referred to people—parents, preachers, teachers, friends and others who, by their character, their standard of living, their devotion to duty, and their wise counsel, had helped to influence and mould his life and work. And doubtless all of us would readily admit that there have been "formative influences" in our lives. We too, have been fashioned, partly at least, by people with whom we have had to do. But it is just as true that others are being influenced, and perhaps moulded by us, by what we are and by what we do. "No man liveth to himself," wrote the apostle. And by that statement he evidently meant that we are accountable to God and have responsibility toward men. Because of the first he also wrote, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Because of the second he added, "But judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall, in his brother's way," and, "Let us therefore follow after the things . . . whereby we may edify one another."

Jesus also taught this same important truth by His words: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? . . . Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works." By the

salt of Christian character, and the light of Christian conduct and consecrated service we are to exert a powerful influence upon others.

Billy Sunday used to tell the story of a man who, with his daughter pushed off in his fishing boat to look at his catch for the day. The catch was heavy, and they had to labour long and hard. Then as darkness was settling a storm arose, and a strong wind blew off the shore, making it difficult for them to return. The thoughtful wife and mother at home lit a lamp and placed it in the attic window. Some hours later there was a lift in the storm, and the girl caught sight of the light. "Daddy, there's a light," she cried. "Hard a-port with the helm!" At two o'clock in the morning they entered the house. "How did you get in this terrible night?" asked the son, who had remained with his mother. "We steered by mother's light in the window," the girl replied. Such a reply set the boy thinking, and he decided that spiritually he had better do just that.

Sometime later when he lay dying, and loved ones were weeping, he said, "Don't weep for me, I'm steering by mother's light. I'll enter the harbour in safety."

There are doubtless those whose entering of the heavenly harbour will depend upon your light and mine. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see."—E. W. T.

### MAINTAINED FELLOWSHIP

If I am not enjoying this place of maintained fellowship with the Father and with Jesus Christ, when did I depart therefrom? What word of His have I disobeyed? To that point let me return, whether it be but an hour ago or years ago, and there let me surrender at whatever cost, and do **whatever God requires** however irksome it appears to be.—Dr. G. Campbell Morgan.

### THE SECRET PLACE

O my soul, wouldst thou have thy life glorified, beautified, transfigured to the eyes of men? Get thee up into the **secret place of God's pavilion**, where the fires of love are burning. The life shall shine gloriously to the dwellers on the plain. Thy prayers shall be luminous; they shall light thy face like the face of Moses when he wist it not.—George Mathieson.

### "HOLINESS TO THE LORD"

Let us see—and with the conviction that we cannot do without it—that all selfishness be extirpated, pride banished, unbelief driven from the mind, every idol dethroned, and everything hostile to holiness and opposed to the Divine will crucified; that "holiness to the Lord" may be **engraven in the heart**, and evermore characterize our whole conduct.—David Livingstone.

### A REASON FOR HOLINESS

Are these feet so soon to tread the courts of heaven? Is this tongue so soon to unite with the heavenly beings in praising God? Are these eyes so soon to look on the throne of eternal glory and on the ascended Redeemer? Then these feet and eyes and lips should be holy; and I should be holy; and I should be dead to the world, and live for heaven.—Albert Barnes.

## TAKE THE BURDEN KNEELING

Today at eventide I saw a caravan of camels winding their way out of the Gobi Desert into the fertile plains of Peking. I saw how the camels kneeled down at the close of the day to have their burdens removed by their masters. I saw how the masters did stroke their camels affectionately, it seems, as a sign of good will for a day's faithful toil.

I, too, have carried my burden today. As the evening shadows steal over me, I want to kneel in solitude before my Lord and Master, in order that He may remove my burdens. The removal of my burdens means His approval, His good will. He gives, He takes. Praise His name!

Tomorrow morning the same camels will kneel again before those same masters to have their burdens replaced. Carrying burdens is the business of camels. Camels have talents for that kind of service. Back to the desert they go. The heat of the sun is theirs to bear. The hot desert sand they must tread. The burden stays, but the master is with them. Both the camel and the burden are a concern to the master.

"Lord, tomorrow morning I want to kneel willingly before Thee and have my task placed upon me. I want to carry my burden, if Thou wilt but put it upon me and if Thou wilt but accompany me. Teach me to kneel and have my burdens from Thee placed upon me, and to have burdens removed by Thee!"—Lee S. Huizenga.

### EFFECTUAL PRAYER

A young man in Indiana left home for a business opening in Ohio. There, a man from his own native place found him, and was shocked to discover that he had become a profane swearer. Returning home, he felt constrained to tell the pious parents of his awful degeneracy. They said little, and, in doubt whether they had understood him, he called the next day and repeated the statement. The father calmly replied: "We understand you; my wife and I spent a sleepless night on our knees, pleading in behalf of our son; and about daybreak we received the assurance from God that James will never swear again." Two weeks after, the son came home a changed man. "How long is it since this change took place?" asked his rejoicing parents. He replied that just a fortnight before he was struck with such a sense of guilt that he could not sleep, and spent the night in tears and prayers for pardon. Mark, there had been no time for any parental appeal, or even for a letter of remonstrance. While they were praying for him God moved him to pray for himself.—Illustrator.

### TESTING

Sometimes testing is very severe. The great question is how we meet such a crisis, whether in pity for ourselves or in crucifixion to the will of God. To walk in the stern faith of Divine obedience, oblivious of consequences, means that eventually the storm will lift and the sun will shine gloriously. When we go through the storm in His presence then our souls are purified and peace reigns within. Shut up to Him we can only pray to be kept in the mighty embrace of His love. Divine Love never fails to conquer all opposing power. Divine Love must win.—Selected.