



YOUR HABITS

Are you bound or free?

A preacher one day spoke to a large gathering of boys and girls. He warned them against bad habits, and told them the time to get rid of bad habits is before they have taken a firm hold.

"Here," he said, "is a thin thread. See how weak it is. With just one little jerk I can break it."

Then, calling a big boy to the platform, he showed him the thread and asked him to break it. The boy laughed and without any effort, broke the thread.

Turning to the children he said, "You have seen how easy it is to break the thread, and yet I assure you that I can wind it around this big husky boy so that he will be powerless."

"I'd like to see you do it," the boy said. "I'll show you I can break that thread, no matter how often you wind it around me. Go ahead."

While the children were watching attentively, the preacher went ahead. He wound it around the boy until he had wound it fifty times. Then he asked, "Do you think you can get free?"

"Sure," said the boy, "that's easy." But it wasn't so easy. He tried his very best. He jerked and moved in all possible directions, but, do what he would, he did not succeed. He couldn't move his arms or hands. The only result of his attempts was that the thread went deeper into his flesh and began to hurt him.

The children were surprised. They had never thought that a thread could be wound around a person so many times that it would be impossible for him to get free without help.

The preacher first freed the boy, and then said, "Children, I have tried to teach you a lesson. The thread I have used represents bad habits. You do a certain thing once, and you know it is wrong. Be sure and never do it again. Do not think you can do it again without harming yourself. Maybe you are tempted to do it just once more. If you yield to that temptation, you will find it a little harder the third time to resist it. Your sin is like the thread I used. The oftener you do it, the harder it will have taken such a hold on you that it will be impossible for you to resist the temptation. Remember what happened to the strong boy when the thread was wound around his body many times. Remember that he was unable to help himself any more.

"Sinners are in that condition; they cannot help themselves. God is willing to hear the prayers of those who will earnestly ask Him. He will free them from their sin, and will give them strength to resist the devil."—Selected.

WEDDINGS

MacCallum-Pinch—On Wednesday, September 16th, at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Belleville, Ontario, Miss Dorothy Edna Annette Pinch, daughter of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. A. F. Pinch, of Trenton, Ontario, and Mr. Robert Clyde MacCallum, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. MacCallum, of Lewisville, N. B., were united in marriage. Rev. J. S. A. Spearman officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. E. A. Whitmore.

Griffin - Green—On September 25th, at eight o'clock, Rev. A. D. Cann united in marriage Wilba Rebecca Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Green of Wood Island, to Donald Ralph Griffin, son of Mrs. Annie Griffin, of Seal Cove and the late Sherman Griffin. The wedding ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilcox, Seal Cove.

MacCallum - Trites—On September 25th, in the Reformed Baptist Church, Moncton, N. B., Miss Myrna Isabel Trites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Trites, of Hildegard, N. B., and Mr. Neil Oswald MacCallum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacCallum, of Moncton, N. B., were united in marriage, with Rev. T. M. Webb, of the United Baptist Church, officiating, and Rev E. W. Tokley assisting.

Forbes-Seely—Miss Anne Forbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Forbes, Forbes Point, N. S., was united in marriage at a lovely candlelight ceremony September 15th to Lic. Ralph A. Seely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seely, Woodstock, N. B., by Rev. Lawson D. Saunders, assisted by Rev. Joseph Stracken, in the United Baptist Church, Forbes Point, N. S. Mrs. Saunders was soloist with Mrs. Victor Smith at the organ. The couple will enter the ministry of the United Baptist Church.

HOTTER FIRES . . . (From Page One) ment to "speak forth the Word of God with boldness."

In a day of blatant defiers of God and of fearless communism, why should Christian men and women go sneaking along some back alley to heaven, instead of coming out boldly into the highways and marts of the world, declaring fearlessly their undying allegiance to the Risen and Glorified Lord? The God of Consuming Fire demands that His people get off the side lines as spectators and come out into the fierce and fiery battle for truth and righteousness! Only a heart purged of its sin, possessed of Holy Ghost convictions and Holy Ghost passion can meet the fire of Satan and communism.

Who shall dwell with Everlasting Burnings? Only those who are like Him!

Lord, make us like Thee—blazing furnaces, with dross consumed—with purified, fired and empowered hearts fit for our God-destined purpose

—Wesleyan Methodist.

OBITUARY

Joseph Hudson

Joseph Hudson died at Presque Isle Hospital on Sept. 25th, following a long illness.

Mr. Hudson was born in Nova Scotia in 1878 and had lived in Presque Isle for the past 52 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie M. Hudson; five daughters, Mrs. Mary Rideout and Mrs. Ella Rose White, of Presque Isle, Mrs. Florence Starbird, of West Bunton, Mrs. Mabel Hanson, of Long Island, N. Y., and Mrs. Blanche Perrior, of Perham; one brother, Harry Hudson, of Mapleton; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Apt and Mrs. Jessie Cook, both of Willimantic, Conn.; twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Reformed Baptist Church in Presque Isle, on Sept. 27th, with the pastor, Lic. M. W. Bagley officiating and Rev. H. A. Grant, pastor of the Methodist Church assisting. Two appropriate hymns were sung by Mrs. Lester Todd of Fort Fairfield. Interment was in Fairmount cemetery. May God comfort those who mourn.

Edmund Churchill

Mr. Edmund Churchill (Uncle Eddie) 79, passed away at the Yarmouth Hospital on Sept. 23rd. When just a young man Brother Churchill became a Christian and joined the Reformed Baptist Church at Sandford, N. S., and he has been faithful all through the years. Those surviving are his son and daughter, Vernon and Viola, who tenderly and lovingly cared for their father all through his long time of sickness and severe suffering, except for the last three weeks when he was in hospital. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Aaron Churchill of Sandford, N. S. The funeral service was conducted from the Reformed Baptist Church, on Sept. 26th. A male quartette sang two numbers, favourites of the deceased. Interment was at Lake Darling Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." To the sorrowing ones we say, "God Bless you at this time." —H. S. WILSON.

CHRISTIAN RESTRAINT

The story is told of a young minister who was late in going home one evening from the church. He entered a crowded car, with his Bible under his arm, and at once there began some sneering remarks from some rough fellows.

These remarks kept up, and when the young minister left the car, to the amusement of his companions, one youth said: "Say, mister, how far is it to heaven?"

Many a Christian under the circumstances would have kept quiet or have resented the insult; but the minister, with a quiet dignity and with all gentleness, replied, "It is only a step; will you take it now?" This reply and the influence of the young minister keeping his temper under provoking circumstances were later the means of bringing that young man to Christ.—Earnest Worker.

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