



### A HINT TO HIM

A prosperous looking citizen, on a downtown corner in Boston, bought a newspaper from an alert little newsboy, who made change instantly, without speaking a word. But the man lingered. "How many papers do you sell here at night?"

"About fifty," said the newsie.

"What is your name?"

"Tim Manning."

"Listen, Tim," said the man. "When I was your age I had this corner for a stand. I sold two hundred papers a night, and I did it by carefully saying, 'Thank you' to every one who bought a paper. I said it loudly so that they would be sure to hear it."

Three evenings later the man came by again and bought another paper from the little chap on the corner.

"Thank you!" said Tim, not recognizing him. "How's business?" asked the man.

Then Tim knew him. "I'm selling seventy-five papers every night, sir," he said. "I'm not going to forget that any more, either," and he grinned all over his honest, freckled face. Tim had learned his first lesson of the value of courtesy to all.—King's Treasuries.

### SHUT OUT!

"Tom," said his father, "I told you before, that you must not speak to your sister like that at the table. Now leave the room, shut the door, and stand there until I send Mary after you."

After five minutes, his little sister Mary was sent to bring him back. The tears were streaming down his cheeks and his father held out his arms, and the boy ran into them. As his father enfolded him in his arms, he said,

"I am sorry I was naughty, father, but I did not like being shut outside the door."

The father, wiping away the boy's tears, told him the story of the shut door in the Bible, and repeated the text, "And the door was shut."

"Now, Tom," said his father, "one day God will shut the door, and then no one will open it."

Tom remembered that talk, and it was the means of his coming to the Lord Jesus and being saved.

"One door, and only one,

And yet its sides are two—

Inside and outside . . .

On which side are you?"

—Edith Goreham Clarke.

### CONFIDENCE IN DARK DAYS

We must not spend our time bemoaning the evil days, but must show the world by our cheerful faith that the Lord is our Refuge and our Strength, and all sufficient in dark days, to keep us quiet. He bade us expect tribulation, but told us in Him we have peace. Let us show that it is so, lest our testimony be diminished here in this world.—George Goodman.

### THE STRENGTH OF GOD

What was the secret of the great career of Frances Willard? "One Sunday evening in a Western farmhouse a plain farmer was teaching his little girl Charles Wesley's hymn, 'A Charge to Keep I Have.' When they came to the verse:

To serve the present age,

My calling to fulfil;

O may it all my powers engage,

To do my Master's will!

the godly farmer told his little daughter that the Creator had brought her into the world in order that she might fulfil that verse." That verse took possession of that little girl; and the one who was telling her life story found in that fact the secret of Frances Willard's great work.—Selected.

### QUAINT RULES FOR CHURCH DECORUM

Thou shalt not come to service late,  
Nor for the Amen refuse to wait,  
Thy noisy tongue thou shalt refrain  
When speaks the organ its refrain.  
But when the hymns are sounded out  
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.

The endmost seat thou shalt leave free  
For more must share the pew with thee.  
The offering plate thou shalt not fear,  
But give thine uttermost with cheer.

Thou shalt to the minister give heed,  
Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.  
Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend,  
And, of a stranger, make a friend.  
And so, by all the spirit's grace,  
Thou shalt show God within this place.

—Old Selection

### FIVE LEVELS OF GIVING

#### 1. The "Tip" Level

There are those who give a small coin to the Lord, the same way that they tip the waitress or the porter. It is just a little matter of appreciation for the Lord.

#### 2. The "Entertainment" Level

There are those who refuse to pledge and give only when they come to Church. They give just as they give to a theatre, or the ball game. They give when they go.

#### 3. The "Emotional" Level

There are those who give only when they are emotionally stirred. They refuse to give when their feelings are hurt. They may give once a year or twice a year, according to feelings.

#### 4. The "Promise" Level

There are those who pledge but neglect the promise. They say they have pledged, but they expect the Church to prosper on promises. They never or seldom pay up.

#### 5. The "Bible" Level

There are those who give systematically and proportionately. The stewards of this level are the ones who carry the burden of the Church's financial programme. What is implied here is cheerful, joyous regular giving, week by week both to their local Church needs and to the wider work of the Church.—Sel.

### OBITUARY

Millville Church has lost another of its valued members in the passing of Mrs. Murray Cox, age 45 years. Our sister had been a great sufferer for many months, and while we miss her very much, we could not wish her back.

Death came at the Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, on Feb. 7th, midnight, and the funeral service was held from her late home in Millville, to the Union Baptist Church, and was in charge of her pastor, Rev. J. A. Owens. Other ministers present, and assisting were: Rev. H. E. Mullen, Rev. Albert Brooks and Rev. Chas. Curtis. The pastor used as a subject, the "No Mores" of Rev. "No more sea, no more tears, no more sorrow, no more pain, no more curse, no more death." The choir sang, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells," and "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye." Mrs. Owens sang as a solo, "Precious Lord Take My Hand." Interment was in Millville Cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Besides her sorrowing husband and daughter, she leaves her father, Mr. Carleton McGuire, of Beach Wood, N. B.; two brothers, James of Bath, and Ronald of Hamilton, Ont.; also three sisters, Mrs. Grace DeMerchant of Bath, Mrs. Albert Pelky of Fore Falls, and Mrs. Cassie Coston of Toronto, Ont. Her mother and one sister predeceased her.

May the God of all comfort and grace sustain and uphold those left to mourn.

The funeral service was conducted for the late Elizabeth May Comeau, from the Reformed Baptist Church, Havelock, N. S., Thursday, February 11th, at 2.00 p.m. Mrs. Comeau passed away at the Yarmouth Hospital after a very brief illness at the age of 65.

She leaves to mourn her husband, one son, four sisters, and four brothers.

Service was conducted by Rev. D. C. Webb. Sympathy is extended to the sorrowing ones.

### WEDDING

Easton-Amero—Miss Shirley Amero, of Weaver Settlement, and Mr. Harris Mullen, of Easton, were united in marriage Monday afternoon, February 1st, at the Reformed Baptist parsonage at Havelock, N. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. C. Webb.

### QUICK—LIFE GIVING

The word of God is life-giving. Its living waters make everything to live, wherever the river of God cometh. The living Spirit of God here speaks to the responsive spirit of man. And so down through the ages this Book continues to go, a mighty miracle worker, for ever undying in itself, and carrying to the nations a message and a power which are both divine.—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

### THE WORD AND PRAYER

It is by feeding upon the Word of God that we learn to abide in Christ. And if we let the words of Christ abide in us, they will stir us up to prayer. They will be the mould in which our prayers are shaped, and our prayers will be necessarily along the line of God's will, and will prevail with Him. Let us then not neglect the study of God's Word.—Dr. R. A. Torrey.