



THE FABLE OF THE OAK AND THE VIOLET

In a large garden there grew a fine oak tree with its wide-spreading branches; and at its foot there grew a sweet and modest violet. The oak one day looked down in scorn upon the violet and said, "You, poor little thing, will soon be dead and withered; for you have no strength, no size, and are of no good to any one. But I am large and strong; I shall still live for ages, and then I shall be made into a large ship to sail on the ocean, or into a palace where kings and queens dwell. I shall have a place of honour in this world for years and years and years."

"Yes," answered the violet in its humility, "God has given you strength and me sweetness. I offer Him back my fragrance, and am thankful. I hope to die fragrantly as I have lived fragrantly, but we are both only what God made us, and both of us are where God placed us. He knows best, and He will not expect me to be strong, like you are, but He wishes me to be small, but sweet."

Not long afterward the oak was struck by lightning and shivered to splinters. Its end was to be burned. But the violet was gently gathered by the hand of a Christian lady, who carefully pressed it, and kept it for years in the leaves of her Bible to refresh herself with its fragrance. Here we see the difference between pride and humility. How foolish it is for any one to boast! Let us all humbly and joyfully do what the Lord wishes us to do.—Selected.

NO "IF" ABOUT IT

There was a knock at the door of Aunt Fanny's pleasant kitchen one morning, and on the steps stood a little girl with a basket on her arm.

"Don't you want to buy something?" she asked as she came in. "Here are some nice home-knit stockings."

"Surely you did not knit these yourself, little girl?" said Aunt Fanny.

"No, ma'am; but grandmother did. She is lame, so I run about and sell them. She says we are partners."

Aunt Fanny laughed and then bought some stockings. As she counted out the money to pay for them, Maggie said, "This will buy bread and butter for supper."

"What if you had not sold anything?" asked Aunt Fanny. Maggie shook her head. "You see, we prayed, 'God give us this day our daily bread'; and so there is no 'if' about it."—Unknown.

BANKING

Some one has said, "Don't spend your life, invest it." Put it where it will draw interest, where it will increase, where it will develop and bring an abundant harvest.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Don't grind your seed corn." Save something from the fleeting round of present desire, which may mean very much later. Don't sell your birthright for a mess of pottage.—Selected.

Our consecration must be so complete that we delight to ask—"What shall I do, Lord?"—Clipped

Courage is a natural attribute of faith. Faith is the acceptance, as true, of anything that God says.—John H. Chambers.

OBITUARY

A tragic accident took the life of Perry DeMerchant of Perth, N. B., on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Funeral services were held at the Primitive Baptist Church, Lerwick, N. B., conducted by Rev. W. L. Fernley, on Tuesday Nov. 6th.

Surviving are his wife, one daughter and six sons, one sister and two brothers.

The funeral service for the late Alfred Lewis Moses, age 87, was held from Sweeney's Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 14, Rev. L. K. Mullen in charge.

Mr. Moses was born in Lake George, the eldest of twelve children born to John Moses and Maria Porter Moses. For the last twenty years of his life he was a resident of Cedar Lake. Previous to his death, he had been ill for a period of twelve years.

Surviving the deceased are four sisters, the Misses Grace, Mary, Florence, and Jesse Moses. Interment was in the Lake George Cemetery.

Mr. Jesse Beal, of Beals, Maine, passed away at his home on October 28th following a long illness. He was a faithful member of the Beals Reformed Baptist Church, and served in the capacity of a deacon for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, five daughters, 27 grand children, and 15 great grand children. The funeral service was held in the Allay's Bay Reformed Baptist Mission with Rev. Glendon Kierstead, the pastor officiating.

REV. R. H. NICHOLSON'S SLATE

Dec. 5-16—Saint John, N. B.

Dec. 30-Jan. 20—Port Maitland, N. S.

Jan. 30th-Feb. 10—Seal Cove, Grand Manan.

Feb. 17-Mar. 3rd—East Ferry, N. S.

Mar. 15-18—Truro and District (Home Missions).

April 14-28—Presque Isle, Maine.

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

A Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 will be held in the Old Town Church, Dec. 6-9.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT OLD TOWN, ME.

Special services will be held in the Old Town Church from Dec. 10-23, with Rev. J. W. Turpel as evangelist. Rev. H. O. McGeorge is pastor.

DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTORY

For the information of our pastors and churches we list the names and addresses of some of our church officers:

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