



—Editorial—

TO HAVE IS TO GIVE

There are some things you cannot have unless you give them away. This is a law of life which is as old as man.

Recently I was reading over the shoulder of a boy about various ways the early Indians used to appraise wealth. I was taken up with one of the standards of measurement used by one of the Northern tribes. To them, a man was not wealthy unless he shared his means with others. The measure of ones wealth was determined not by what he would acquire or accumulate. Wealth for these Indians was determined by how much a man gave away.

There are many things of worth which we cannot value in this manner. On the other hand, there can be the accumulation of some things only by giving them away. The more one gives, the more he has—the more precious they become to him.

Thanksgiving is a precious season for us. It is merely a day when special emphasis is placed upon that which we should be doing every day. Indeed, there are many things we ought to give thanks for daily — Our home, our Church, our friends and many privileges of life. The fact is, the more we thank God for our temporal blessings, the more precious they become to us, and the more thankful we are for them.

We should thank God for our Christian heritage. We ought to thank God for the plan of Salvation, which was made for us. If we are a Christian giving thanks to God is a necessity for spiritual survival. The absence of thanksgiving in the Christian life always leads to spiritual poverty.

Young people do not always take things for granted. While openly there may be no sign of gratitude for special favours, inwardly there is often a feeling of thankfulness and worth.

It is good for young people to cultivate this inner feeling until it finds expression in verbal tones through the lips and in daily living.

In distributing our thanks we must not overlook the smaller things of life. If we do not express our thanks for them they cease to be of value to us. On the other hand, spiritual blessings demand extra attention. One hymn writer, when evaluating all the things he should be thankful for, expressed his feelings like this, "Thanks, more thanks to Him ascend, who died to save our Souls and every trophy send from sin."

We often hear people say, "I wish I could be more thankful than I am." I have the secret for that person — Give thanks. You cannot have a thankful heart without thanksgiving — To have is to give.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

For the day when nothing happens,

For the cares that leave no trace,

For the love of little children,

For each sunny dwelling-place,

For the altars of our fathers,

And the closets where we pray,

Take, O Gracious God and Father,

Praises this Thanksgiving Day

—Margaret Sangster

THE "HAVE-SIDE" OF GOD'S DEALINGS

by Emily Spratling

God's children are sometimes called to pass through deep waters. Such a bitter cup of sorrow is given them to drink that they are tempted to cry in their anguish, "can it be love that sends this?" "Has it not come in Judgement?" The Word of God says "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth (Heb. 12:6). Do not let us try to get away from that.

It is no proof of a parents love when he neglects the proper discipline and correction of his child. Rather it shows lack of proper love and interest. God's love is more tender than that of our earthly parents. If He sees fit to send chastening it is because it is best for us. It may be He is trying us. It is one thing to sing—

"Though waves and storms go o'er my head,
Though strength, and health, and friends be gone,
Though joy be withered all and dead,
Though every comfort be withdrawn,
On this my steadfast soul relies,
Father, thy mercy never dies,"

in fine weather, when our little bark is gliding smoothly on the sea of life. But it is quite another thing when the storms come, and we are tempest-tossed and the night of sorrow closes darkly around us. It is then we need to be safely anchored in the Rock of Ages. If we are, we shall hear the Master's voice even in the storm, saying, "It is I, be not afraid."

RIVERSIDE YOUTH CAMP REPORT

On behalf of Riverside Youth Camp I wish to send greetings to "Highway" readers everywhere.

The enrollment this year was fifty-eight together with eight day campers, giving us a total of sixty-five young people. They were full of life, zeal and surprises! I was greatly impressed, however, by the spirit of cooperation manifested by the campers. Every day was packed full of activities and excitement. Nearly everyone burned up extra or (needed) energy, mountain climbing, swimming, playing ball, hikeing, hay rides, etc.

The highlights of the Camp centered around spiritual things.

Under the unique and inspiring ministry of our evangelist, Rev. Milton Bagley, young people quietly responded to the call of Christ.

My heart is thrilled as I recall the sacred scenes at the altar of prayer. Our Lord moved upon the camp in a glorious way! Even the last Saturday night of Camp found many hearts seeking and finding victory.

Mrs. Milton Bagley, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Corey, and Miss Evelyn McGeorge were most helpful with their services.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies and men from the surrounding area, for their kind help.

Truly, we are "labourers together with Christ".

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Bernard L. Brown,

Youth Camp Director.

Thanksgiving is a glad thing: thanks-living is a better thing. —P. Henry