

# Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

Every person has worked out some theory of life--will it grind? The ultimate test of one's religion will be: Should I want the other man to think and do as I think and do? Am I willing to be in relation with people on any plan? Jesus phrased this attitude in the words of the Golden Rule. This rule probes to the uttermost depths.

Will your plan of relationship with God and Man grind?

The story is told of a great composer who had a test that experience had taught him was infallible, of the popularity of each of his new musical creations. "Will it grind?" was his eager and earnest question, after having it tried out on a hand organ. He knew that a great orchestra with a skillful leader could make almost any music sound impressive and beautiful. But when it was brought down to the limited powers and humble sphere of the hand organ, it had to be really musical in its deepest essence to be successful there. Only an actual melody will grind out as a melody. Every discord and fault shows put on a hand organ. When music stands this test, it is music, and no mistake.

The question is fair in other matters than music. There is a phrase often used about life--"the daily grind." Many people think it applies exactly to their lot. Anything that comes to them has to come through an atmosphere of commonplace drudgery. Whatever music and melody they are to have must be adapted to the daily grind. That is all they have--no great orchestral harmonies, nothing but the hand organ on the dusty street.

Therefore any beauty, any sublimity, that is to reach them, must pass the test. "Will it grind?" It is a fair test. All masterpiece have passed it since the world began. The great picture is enjoyed through the cheapest photographure. The great book lives in a hundred cheap editions. The great thought, the great emotion, must pass the same test. It must be able to express itself, anywhere, everywhere, to everybody, in most humble form.

Tried by this test, how does the highest and most beautiful thing in the world--the religion of Christ--stand? From the very first, the gospel entered into humble daily life. Every thought in the teaching of Jesus applies

to all men, rich and poor. He took even the little children into His kingdom of heaven. One of the most noticeable points about his ministry was that "the common people heard him gladly." His disciples were for the most part fishermen.

The beauty of holiness showed itself triumphantly in these humble surroundings. The grandeur of the gospel was first exemplified in imperial Rome by the slaves and the lowly. Anywhere, everywhere, the religion of Jesus reached the souls of men. Constantine, the emperor, became a Christian--but so did many a gladiator, many a soldier in the ranks, long before the emperor confessed his faith and blazoned the cross on his banner. In every age since the gospel has uplifted and sweetened life for the lowly. Its truths belong to every home, and every hour. Like a lovely melody, it can be expressed on even the commonest instrument.

Will it grind? Will the good resolution he makes to-day, in church, come out the same in the business grind of the week? Will the faith and love that expand gently in his heart as the familiar hymns are sung show themselves tomorrow when he has to pass through an irritating crisis? Will the benediction really abide with him, when he is tempted, at home, to be worried or angry? If any religious thought or feeling does not stand "the daily grind," it is not true music. It may seem beautiful when everything is in unison, but it fails when it comes to the test.

There are young people whose hearts are full of dreams of high ideals. They long for heroic opportunities, moments when, with everything at concert pitch and the whole world looking on, they shall prove themselves noble. But in the meanwhile, they not only neglect, but despise, their daily duties. Their dreams are worse than worthless. Their imagined music grinds out only as a discord. It is not music at all that is in their souls, but a total lack of beauty and harmony.

The wise thing to do with a feeling is to try it out. "Yes, Stella is in earnest about being a Christian," said a girl's brother. "She's begun helping mother with the dishes." The new note was struck--and the household all listened.

Of one who loves his fellowman who faithfully, through all his days, has worked upon our order's plan.

Friendships, and sacred Truth and Love. To him are more than empty sound; For all his words and actions prove They have a meaning most profound.

Let him not think his brothers here. Have passed his many labors by. Or viewed his work from year to year With cold, unsympathetic eye; We heed his never vacant chair. His ready voice, his willing hand, To guard the interests of our band.

May the just power that rules our fate Grant him a lengthened lease of years, Will strength to bear their growing weight. And kind succor from pain and tears; As in the golden Autumn days The sun when sinking to his rest Pours forth his richest, purest rays Before he fades into the West.

And when the evening shadows fall Around his peaceful, honored road, And low, mysterious voices call The soul to leave its worn abode; Then, rising o'er the doubt and fear Of that supremely trying hour, A quiet mind, a conscience clear, Can brave the grim destroyer's power.

Oh, surely; if, beyond the gloom That hides the future from our view, The immortal fields of Eden bloom or those who loved the pure and true, Their shining gates will open wide For one who, in his earthly span, Has patiently and truly tried To benefit his fellowman.

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will meet in the session room at 3:00. The Young Peoples Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:30.

The Federated Service-- The service this evening will be held in the M. E. church at 7:30. This service is for the graduating class from the High School and Brother V. L. Eggleston will deliver the address to the class.

Mid-week Service-- The mid-week service will be held in the session room on Thursday evening at 7:30. The Baraca Class will serve a supper in the church on Saturday of this week at 5:30 until all are served. Come and have a good time.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

R. A. Pease, Chairman Pulpit Committee

The preacher next Sunday morning will be Rev. Mark Shenton of Almond. Many people of Andover have heard Mr. Shenton and in response to their request the committee has obtained his services for next Sunday.

Sunday School at usual hour. Epworth League at 6:30. The Federated Service will be held in this church and will take the form of the annual Baccalaureate sermon. Rev. V. L. Eggleston has been invited to preach the sermon. There will be a large attendance in honor of the graduates and to hear the message.

Election of trustees and lay delegates will take place Thursday, June 24th at close of prayer-meeting, postponed from June 15. The young peoples choir will render several special selections next Sunday morning and evening. Their good work and that of the organist, Miss Hazel Baker is being much appreciated.

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## CASTORIA

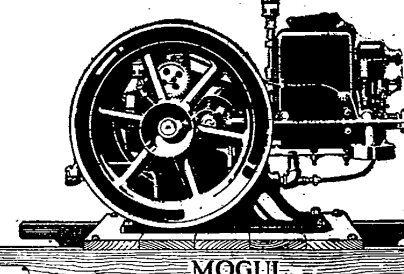
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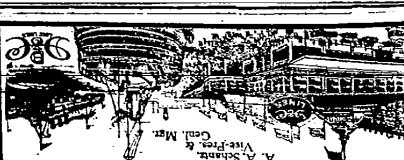
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