

SIGN-BOARDS ON THE UP-ROAD

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The world has been, is, and shall be world without end, kept alive by the folk who have conceived a purpose to be the will of deity. If there is intelligence there is purpose... and intelligent purpose. This idea automatically eliminates mysteries and magic and anything irrational. The visioned folk have responded to the challenge of the wrong of every age because wrong is inimical to purpose. Certain folk have always reacted to justice because injustice is irrational. So the soul of humanity has been developing a Bible writ not in letters but in equations and formulas and interpretations, platforms, policies, charters, declarations, in a thousand ways writing into the human consciousness what God saith to the world. Not arbitrarily but necessarily they are greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven who become the servants of all because only great-minded, great-hearted people, can serve. Service is the overflowing energy of a high-volted life. It is not static but dynamic, anything which is born of a spiritual recognition. It will be impossible to believe in God rationally without giving forth one's energy as a reasonable service. The world situation is a challenge to builders. Half the world are men-

A Disturbed Decision

By A. W. PEACH

Sometimes it seems as if into our moments of supreme happiness fate dropped a regret or disaster that immediately comes pretty near to dissolving that happiness. So it seemed to Richard Marsh as he read and re-read the letter upon his desk. Beyond his windows the white winter lay with its ancient friendliness over the village square. His office was cozy and warm, but he shivered. The prepping evening he had gone to the little cottage at the end of the broad street where Avery Wells lived with her pleasant-faced mother, and there, in the homelike quiet of the cottage living room, he had looked into Avery's dark eyes and asked the question as bravely as he could, which she had answered in a whisper. He had spent most of the night dreaming in his rooms, building castles. He loved the village, and the village people trusted him. His future did not promise glory and gold, but it did promise happiness with Avery to share it with him. And now, from beyond the grave, Brinner had reached with bitter ingenuity to wreck a dream he could not share. Marsh turned to the letter. It was from a law firm in Philadelphia. It said in precise phrases that Edgar Brinner had died, that in his will a bequest of \$100,000 was made to Miss Avery Wells, that the firm wished him to take charge of the matter, to notify Miss Wells himself as the will directed.

He turned to his desk. Duck came down over the village with its suggestion of peace; the headlights began to gleam and smile along the street through the snowy shadows. He looked at his watch, then down, and did not trust himself to look again—home along that friendly stretch had been a part of his dream. He did not know Avery until she stood beside him, slight, graceful and mysteriously pretty in her winter fur. Her eyes were dark and tender as they rested upon him. He started as he saw her, speaking her name in a whisper. Then she spoke, and the office seemed filled with pleasant music. "Dear Ted, I've sworn to keep his word to you, but he came to me; said he would keep no such fool promise as he made you. I think I know all that is wrong. They wrote me of the money, as Brinner told them to, that you were to have charge of it. You want me to have it for what you think is mother's happiness and mine, and you won't come to me if I do take it. You see, I know. Why, dearie, I couldn't take it. I couldn't be happy with it. I love you, the village and the ones I have known from girlhood. I couldn't touch a penny of it, because I know how he got it. You see..." He rose to his feet trembling. "But you accepted it!" Her white teeth gleamed a bit in a smile. "For others! I'm going to turn every cent of it over to that hospital for crippled kiddies; you know, the one we visited. That visit nearly broke my heart—seeing them. I'm going to make his money forget its black past. Oh, dearie, I simply must have you! I simply must! Take me and say—" The door opened slightly and Ted stuck his head in, gasped at what he saw, and with the utmost skill softly, lingeringly, gently closed it.

WHAT WILL PEOPLE THINK?

Question Which is Set Down by Magazine Writer as a Particular Form of Snobbishness.

To most of us the word "snobbish" (which is almost as much in use today as if it were the latest slang) suggests, as the dictionary intimates, either one who toadies to the great, or one who patronizes the humble. Between these two extremes of vulgarity there is a large social area inhabited by the rest of us; but even here—in this zone of excellence, there are far too many who, before daring to do the simple and the appropriate thing, ask themselves the essentially snobbish question, "What will people think?" What a refreshing relaxation of over-reliance nerves would result from the abolition of snobbish conventions—not the conventions which are standardized good manners, but the conventions which admit that perfectly unimportant things should be performed in exactly the same way by totally different people. The woman who will not ask Mrs. Goldcoin a lunch, because she has to give her peas from the can instead of from the South, is quite as much of a snob as Mrs. Goldcoin would be, if she declined the invitation for the same reason. If only money (and the lack of it), and social position (and the lack of it) could be taken naturally, and not become beams and notes in the eyes of the observers and observed!

Birds Will Repay Attention.

It has been suggested that one reason for substituting the modern fence for the old was that it permitted the cultivation of a much greater area. But the added area has not responded with a proportionate increase in yield of crops, and the experts think that the destruction of the birds has more than nullified it. It is well known that birds are great destroyers of insect enemies of crops. Therefore, the reason for failure to obtain full value for the increase in area is clear. The answer is not to restore the old worm fence, but to give a little more attention to the birds in other ways. It is suggested that bird houses be constructed here and there and that shrubs be planted or at least new growth encouraged where slashing has gone too far. There is such a thing, it seems, as a too thorough clearing; the bird refuge may be made to yield a crop quite as valuable as grain or vegetables.—Portland, Oregonian.

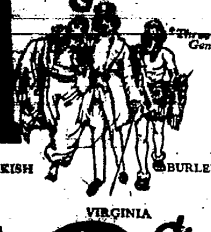
Andree's Balloon Expedition.

S. A. Andree, an explorer of Swedish birth, set out July 11, 1897, upon his fatal balloon venture to the far North. Andree was an aeronaut of experience and found it possible, by aid of a rope drag and a rubber sail to direct the motion of a balloon somewhat aside from the course of the wind. His plan of taking advantage of the currents of the air was thought by many to be more hopeful than previous expeditions by water which had failed. Andree carried two companions and had ardent hopes of returning successful in a few months. Unhappily, accident or miscalculation interfered with his plans, and he and his companions failed to return. In all probability falling victims to the terrible conditions of the northern zone.

Obstinacy.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him; for when he is once possessed with an error it is like a devil, only cast out with great difficulty. Whatever he holds on, like a drowning man, he never loses, though it do but help to sink him sooner. His ignorance is abrupt and inaccessible, impregnable both by art and nature, and will hold out to the last, though it has nothing but rubbish to defend.—Butler.

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Pastor. Sabbath services at 2:30 p. m. Brother Frank Langworthy will have charge. Sabbath School following the church service. Prayer Meeting Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Leader, Mrs. J. L. Williams.

BAPTIST

A. D. Shepard, Pastor

Last Lord's Day a large number availed themselves of the privilege of worship. May we all see the habit formed in our own lives, of giving God His rightful place. Easter Sunday witnessed nearly one hundred per cent. increase in the attendance of our Baraca Class. Were you there to take your part? Sixteen of our young people were in attendance at the county C. E. institute held at Belmont last Tuesday afternoon and evening. All had a happy and a profitable time. Plan to be on hand next Lord's day evening at 6:15, to hear the reports. You will be interested. Sunday morning at 10:30 the pastor will speak on "The Clamant Need." Sunday evening at 7:30: "Let Us Pass Over."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Rev. W. H. Smith, Pastor

10:30 a. m., Morning-Worship, sermon by the pastor on "The Observance of the Lord's Day." 12 M., Sunday School. 7:30 p. m., Evening Worship. Lecture by the pastor on "Child Welfare Work," with special reference to the Methodist Home for Children at Williamsville. This address will be illustrated by stereoscopic views of the Williamsville Home, of which Mr. Smith was superintendent before coming to Andover. Thursday at 7:30 p. m., Mid-week Service, with address by the pastor. Friday at 4:15 p. m., Junior Ep worth League, conducted by the pastor and his assistants.

ELM VALLEY UNION CHAPEL

2 p. m., Sunday School. 8 p. m., Public Worship, with sermon by the Rev. W. H. Smith.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, Minister

Sunday, April 23rd.—Morning Service, 10:30 a. m., sermon: "The Forward Look: the Evidence of a Unified Personality." Evening Service, 7:30 p. m., address: "The Broader Vision." Sunday School immediately following the close of the morning service. There are classes for all, and every one is cordially invited to attend. Christian Endeavor Meeting, 6:45 p. m. Topic: "How to Overcome Difficulties." Numbers 13:25-31. Leader, Gerald Hann. Mid-week Service every Thursday evening. On Thursday evening April 27th, Rev. William H. Meyer pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Allegany, Pa., will be the speaker, and will give an address on "The Koran versus the Bible." The aim of the address will be to show the absolute importance of bringing the unclaimed million to Jesus. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. The church is the temple in which the Spirit of God is to dwell as it dwells in the human body. The more perfectly organized and managed is

the 'human-body temple' or the 'church-temple', the larger are the results which the indwelling Spirit can produce.

Cultivate the habit of speaking good word for Christ and your church. Tell to others what the mean to YOU. We welcome YOU to all the services of our church.

INSPIRING EASTER SERVICE

Special Easter services were held in the Presbyterian Church, last Sunday morning and evening, with unusually large congregations at both services. At the morning service, a choir of sixteen voices sang an Easter anthem "Awake Thou That Sleepest," accompanied by the organ, with Mrs. Arling Baker, organist, corne accompaniment, Carl Hann, violins, Albert Rogers and Mr. Howland. The pastor gave an Easter sermon: "The Message of the Resurrection," emphasizing the fact that the resurrection strengthens man's hope of immortality as being in itself, the promise of God.

Following the sermon, baptism was administered to one infant and seven adults. The following persons were received into the full communion of the church on confession of their faith: Ruth Parker, Mrs. Hayden Rogers, Alice Rogers, Albert Rogers, Gerald Hann, Richard Harder, Ernest Snyder, Herman Snyder, Clyde Slocum. Mr. Arthur Wagner was received by letter from the Baptist Church of Andover, and Mrs. Charles Bloss from the Methodist Church of Andover. At the celebration of the Lord's Supper, about 130 communed.

The evening service was largely devoted to special music as follows: Organ Prelude Mrs. Arling Baker Violin Solo, Miss Alice Rogers, accompanied by Mrs. H. D. Rogers. Anthem by the Choir "Easter Day" Duet Misses Livermore and Boyd Solo Mr. Charles Bloss Quartet, Dorothea Snyder, Margaret Poising, Eleanor Williams and Naomi Stiecker. Sermon by the pastor: "The Spirit of Easter."

Do the right thing and you won't go wrong.

A jail is of no value as long as it remains empty.

Some men never kick. They find it more profitable to work.

Any one can avoid the pitfalls of life by steering clear of them.

Some people are never keen on the borrow. They always pay.

Some men are great at swaggering until they turn towards home.

The fellow who is "boss of his own home" generally bears the earmarks.

Some people are experts at getting into trouble and keeping out of jail.

The best way to convince a woman against her will is to swear she is right.

According to a local oracle the best time to kill a fly is before it begins to fly.

The British government is reported to be ready to pay the interest on the war debts due the United States, but we doubt it. They don't do anything rash over there.



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