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THURSDAY DECEMBER 17, 1931.

STAND TRUE (James Monroe Downum) Let war so cruel cease, And come sweet lasting peace For every land;

Stand true for highest aim, And nation's surest fame For coming days; Stand true when others fall, And war's dread ills assail, And never, never fail For peaceful ways!

Know ye the truth so well, With sincere purpose tell That war must fail; Raise ye the shout so high That none will e'er defy, Nor ever dare deny Peace must prevail!

The world's a brotherhood, And each for others' good Must rule the lands; Each nation must be free, In vital things agree, Reach out from sea to sea With brother's hands!

LINCOLN ON LAW Abraham Lincoln: Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in the schools, in seminaries, in colleges. Let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in the legislative halls and enforced in the courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions sacrifice unceasingly upon its altar.

FORCE BILL TACTICS (News and Observer.) Not long after the last election two score citizens of Watauga county were indicted in the Federal courts on the charge of "conspiracy" to commit frauds in the election. Years ago Mr. Lodge tried in vain to secure the passage of the notorious Force bill which would oust all local authority and give Federal marshals control of elections in every precinct when a member of Congress was being chosen. That bill was killed— "dead and damned"—and no serious attempt has ever been made to enact it. There was on the looks a statute coming down from Reconstruction days, under which it was believed state control might be ousted. It was repealed. The state was wiped clean of all such Force bill acts.

Later, claiming the right to interfere on the charge of conspiracy one Federal Court claimed jurisdiction of charges growing out of elections. In the case of United States vs. Mosely (U. S. Supreme Court, 59th Law Edition, 238, 238 U. S. page 1355) the late Justice Lamar wrote a great dissenting opinion that cuts the ground from under that sort of prosecutions (persecutions would be a better designation) that were instituted in Watauga. No man can read Lamar's able argument without being convinced that it is usurpation for the Federal courts to undertake to control elections.

It may be asked if charges of election frauds should go uninvestigated and wrongful acts go unpunished. By no means. If any of the 39 people charged with violating the election laws are guilty, there is an honorable forum established by law in which all the facts can be brought out and guilty parties punished. If there is evidence against any or all of them it should be presented to the grand jury of Watauga county. The citizens of that county belong about equally to the members of both political parties, and most of the members of both parties are upright men and would not cloak election frauds. The Federal courts were not instituted to usurp the powers of State courts.

SNOW CLEARANCE (Charlotte Observer) In the early days of good roads in North Carolina not much attention was paid to clearing the highways of snow, largely because the road forces were not properly organized for that work, but under present-day dispensation the road forces keep an eye on coming snow falls. The plan of operation has illustration in the case of Watauga County. The Democrat reports that all through last Tuesday night maintenance crews in the different sections of the county labored clearing the snow from the surface of the highways and making them safe for motor transportation. Shortly

Who Can Pass This Examination?

By Albert T. Reid

Illustration of a man with a list of questions: 'Have you tried to be a good boy? Are you impudent? Do you eat what you are told to? Do you pick up your play things? Do you tease the dog? Do you wash your hands and face? Do you track mud into the house? Do you always say "yes mam" and "no sir"? Do you always say "thank you"? Are you nice to your little playmates? Do you go to bed when you are told?' Includes a small table with 'QUESTIONS' and 'ANSWERS' columns.

after nightfall it appeared that "the big snow" had come and the watchful foremen took no chances on the weather getting the upper hand, but with power-driven scrapes, kept the highways clear throughout the night. In this way, the good roads of North Carolina are kept good for travel, even when snow abounds, which, in this section of mild winters, is infrequent.

"The Way of Life" By BRUCE BARTON

PRAYERS A lady from Kansas sends a very personal question: "Have you," she asks, "ever known of any instance of the efficiency of prayer?"

The answer is, Yes. And this is the story. Years ago when my revered friend Dr. William Goodell Frost left his comfortable professorship of Greek at Oberlin College to take the presidency of the struggling little college at Berea, Kentucky, his friends thought he had made a terrible mistake.

The buildings were old and dilapidated. The faculty was underpaid. There were plenty of debts, and no income. The president, in addition to his scholastic duties, was expected to ride the rails from city to city and beg for funds to meet the current expenses. Frost was a seer and a prophet. He knew the sterling character of the Kentucky mountain people; he was thrilled by the vision of what Berea College could mean to them. Full of courage, he journeyed up to Cincinnati and called upon the pastor of the leading Protestant Church.

"Will you invite some of the generous people of your city to a meeting and let me tell them about the needs of the mountains?" Frost asked. "Oh, no," replied the pastor. "I couldn't think of that?" "Will you let me preach in your pulpit Sunday morning?" "No. We have a positive rule that the Sunday morning service is never to be devoted to any charitable appeal."

"Well, I don't suppose you get many people out in the evening," Frost persisted. "Will you let me speak Sunday evening?" Again the preacher refused. "How about the Wednesday evening prayer meeting?" "No." "Well, then, will you pray for the mountain people and the success of the college?" Frost demanded. The preacher said he thought it would be hypocritical for him to ask the Almighty to help a cause to which he could give no aid himself.

"My brother, since you can do nothing to help us, will you join me to pray for your church and your ministry?" The pastor could not refuse. Down on their knees they went together, and Frost proceeded to send up to the Pearly Gates not only a prayer for the church but a most eloquent and moving presentation of the needs of the Kentucky mountaineers and the little college that was struggling to help them.

The Family Doctor By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

THIS IS NO FABLE He was one of the outstanding characters of a great church of the Middle West. He had accumulated a splendid fortune—no finer business man, I have just laid aside the paper that detailed his love of home, friends—his love of a bountiful table. He was a wonderful carver of meats, was at his happiest when seated at the festive board, serving his guests. He loved to preface his club meetings and business conferences with the most elaborate dinners—six o'clock, on all week days, but the Sunday feast shortly after noon.

He had a magnificent mind—could do without sleep in a very astonishing way; often did not retire till after midnight. His associate business men noticed that he dropped asleep frequently on cars, at his desk, or just anywhere that a slight lull in business offered. He was not at all an aged man—not that; why, he was under sixty, if I mistake not.

He almost literally dropped dead in his splendid home the other evening. The city, state, and much of the nation was shocked; there was almost universal mourning. The old, old story, "heart disease."

He hadn't learned how to take care of his most precious possession—his life. Why did he have "heart disease"? There is a cause for every effect. My answer is, overfeeding at improper hours. Protein food is not to be trifled with. The six o'clock dinner is never perfectly digested in the full-grown human being. Eating heavily at this hour is deadly, if persisted in by the aging man. Note the "sleepy spell," coming on at unseemly hours—the forerunner of apoplexy. The six o'clock dinner is almost universally overwitted—has "adipose" stowed away about him to last a year—ballast! Killing more people than alcohol! The wonder is, when will men learn better, and stop this American blight of "heart disease?" Still, "gluttony and ignorance" wouldn't do at all, I suppose... but that heart was not to blame.

Sunday School Lesson REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D.

International Sunday School Lesson for December 20th THE SUPREME GIFT OF LOVE I John iv, 7-19

For this Christmas lesson the Supreme Gift is analyzed rather than told as an incident. In Luke ii, 8-20, you will find the narrative that tells of angels, shepherds, Bethlehem and the Babe. Here is the story, that the world is increasingly eager to hear. Devoutly, we will listen to the anthem, and then do as did the shepherds—"Go and see that which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." John iii, 16, also sets forth the meaning of this Supreme Gift to mankind.

John, the beloved disciple, was approaching the century mark. It is thought that he was released from Patmos exile and returned to his headquarters church in Ephesus. When he was too infirm to preach he would be carried to the church and would say to the congregation merely, "Little children, love one another." For an exposition of this theme read the three epistles of John; together they cover only seven chapters.

Because "God is love" He expresses His divine nature in His special gifts to mankind. Irrespective of our attitude toward the Lord "he

loved us and sent his Son to the procreation for our sins." In the nature and work of Jesus Christ we have a concrete and understandable expression of the love of the Father. Because of what was taking place in the incarnation, well did the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest." The exhortation of John is that we ought to manifest the spirit of love to others, and there are boundless opportunities. Our Christmas gifts should be love-tokens for the sake of Jesus Christ, and we will, of course, give to some from whom we will receive nothing." The writer takes this occasion for the fourth time in succession to say a hearty "Merry Christmas" to all in this decidedly large Bible class.

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Helps Along the Road

A CHRISTIAN'S DAILY LIFE Cast away thy sin, let the Saviour in. Breathe, oh, my soul! Kneel in prayer each day, to thy Father pray. Pray, oh, my soul! Ask and thou shalt see, gifts He has for thee, Ask, oh, my soul! Daily take thy cross, all to gain, no loss. Trust, oh, my soul! When the Saviour speaks to thy soul, He seeks. Live, oh, my soul! Give to Him thy best, leave Him the rest. Love, oh, my soul! —Mildred G. Street.

WHY NOT BE FRIENDLY? Life is too short to be wasted in saying mean things about other people. Did you ever try to go a whole week without speaking unkindly to anybody? It isn't easy. It's astonishing the number of harsh things we say without actually meaning to make others uncomfortable.

Most of us are too critical in our attitude toward others. We criticize others for doing certain things, when half the time, were we in their place, we would do exactly the same or even worse. You can never tell what you would do.

Try to take a generous view of other people's actions; even if you can't bring yourself to think kindly, at least control your tongue. It is nearly all a matter of habit. You get in the way of making spiteful remarks without realizing how much harm it does you.

Just try the scheme of refraining from unkind criticism. Try it for a week anyway. It can't hurt you and

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it may do you a world of good.—Exchange.

THE WORD Thou art the source and center of all things, Their only point of "rest," eternal Word. But, oh, thou bounteous Giver of all good, Thou art of all Thy gifts Thyself the crown! Give what Thou canst—without Thee we are poor And with Thee rich; take what Thou wilt away. —Cowper.

During the past six years, Lincoln County farmers have shipped 421,615 pounds of turkeys for which they have received \$146,150.

CARD OF THANKS The family of Mr. J. G. Ray wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of sympathy from the friends and neighbors during his sickness and death. May each of you have the same comfort and help when the pull of sorrow falls on your home.

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