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And There Was No Room

Strange as it may seem, it has been from time immemorial the practice of crowding out the finer things in life, and holding open the door to things of lesser value. Surely all the things that are housed or taken in and readily accepted by society are not bad, but we have a peculiar way of determining values.

The Christ child was born in a stable because his mother was crowded out of the inn. Down through the ages the peoples have crowded out the things that really count to give way for those things possibly thought to be more important but really were not.

In the court of the last quarter of century we have crowded out most of those things that were good and promoted the things of questionable value. Possibly we are reaping our reward today more as a result of our own actions than for any other reason, for history records no more than one major war within the span of 25 years.

Williamston's public library is about to be crowded out by the plans for remodeling the town hall. Maybe it will be closed. The authorities are first considering space for a mayor's court, a place to handle the town's financial affairs, new headquarters for the police and more space for the firemen. All that is good, no doubt, but aren't we overlooking something equally as important as any of these when we say there'll hardly be room for the library?

We are spending too much in an attempt to punish crime instead of trying to check and prevent crime. It has been estimated that each arrest in Williamston and Martin County costs, on an average, about \$25. And, yet, we spend less than 25 cents a day in support of the public library.

Regulations require the maintenance of certain standards in keeping prisoners, and today we spend 50 cents each day to feed one prisoner while the poor devil on the outside who la-

bors to pay the tax and abide by the laws of society lives on as little as three cents a meal and sometimes even less. We are providing the common criminal better care than the fellow who is paying the bill and is, in many cases, dying for the want of medical aid.

All of this goes to show that we are crowding out the good in too many cases and trying to build up from the top by paying tribute first to the lesser things.

America Today Is Not The America Of Old

Once upon a time America was looked upon as the land of the brave and the free, a land where down-trodden souls in other lands looked longingly to as a haven of refuge and peace. America then held the respect of the world. People sought to plant their homes here, grow with America and help in its development.

Those days have past and we have become the melting pot of the world, but not by an increase of foreigners who entered our portals past the Statue of Liberty. They came here to be good citizens, but a cruel fate soon met them and they turned traitor. They were misled in their beliefs and gradually hatred multiplied until today America, the land of the brave and free, is reaping unrest and the uncertainty that has faced the little Balkan nations for centuries. We are in the middle of unrest, and we cannot with any degree of ease explain away the acts that caused this unrest.

A few years ago the United States was shipping around 2,000 tons of scrap iron to Italy annually. Last year we robbed the points from the plow in the field and removed the fixtures from engines and shipped 425,000 tons of scrap iron to Italy. Only this week we, in our anxious and never-failing grab for a dollar, continued to load scrap iron for Italy where it will be re-shipped to Germany and made into weapons for use in ripping the last rim from around civilization.

Just a few days ago it was learned that the United States and England had made 75 per cent of the machines used by Japan in her ruthless rape of China. What explanation can we give the hundreds of thousands of little children in that great country? Or do we consider our acts beyond question and deny the victim of our greed for extra money the right to question our acts?

Even in this new crisis there are still those who would sell to Japan and to Germany the weapons that could and possibly will—who knows?—be turned on us, a defenseless people.

There are those who warned against the damnable practice. But those warnings went unheeded, and today it appears as if the time is not far off when we will pay and pay dearly for the many acts that were against the laws of God and humanity.

Within our own borders the less-fortunate have been ignored while we reached out at the expense of suffering humanity and even at the risk of our own lives for an extra profit dollar. The principles propounded by the Master on Calvary and the things for which our forefathers were cast aside while we blated about added profits. This is not the America of old; it is the America builded upon suffering humanity and today it stands at the Cross Roads with great doubt if its moral strength will withstand the pressure that is now about to be applied against it.

The True Source Of Peace

By REV. JOHN HARDY Church Of The Advent

The great purpose of the Christian Church is to promote and interpret the life of a person whose birth was announced to the world by the great strains of "Glory to God Toward Men." In these words the program for the life of Jesus of Nazareth was proclaimed to the world. This comes not as a challenge to Him but to impress upon His parents their supreme privilege and honor of ushering in the beginning of a new day. This was the realization that again God was speaking in such a way that His voice might be heard. The challenge that comes from these words is to the people who grope in the darkness of life trying to find that which brings to humanity its supreme goal of life.

These words set forth the grounds along which all our thinking should progress, about the tragic situation that now shrouds the world. Too often when we think about catastrophes which are caused by men, we allow hatred, selfishness, greed and the determination to seek revenge, color our thoughts rather than the higher motives of life. We are now being faced with this very situation and unless we are careful we will again allow these lower traits to control our thoughts. That is exactly what happened after the last great war and as the result we are re-creating it with even more devastating and cruel results. We must begin now to search for that which will enable us to find a means of bringing the world to a unity of nations. Humanity must be brought to the realization of its supreme task—"To do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8).

The miseries of the world will never be cured by force. It is only when people learn to give and forgive, to make sacrifices and control anger, that we are able to understand the liberty of the sons of God. We will never help the oppressed merely by cursing the oppressor. It is only as we love all men that we can make a contribution to a world in which there is so much knowledge and so little wisdom. It is only as we call good evil, and evil good, that we begin to sin against the Holy Spirit. It is this offense that is responsible for the chaos in Europe. It is this same sin that we need to avoid in our own land.

Men cannot long disregard God without showing a scar in their lives;

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon: "Christ in Behalf of His Church." Training Union Assembly, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. Sermon: "Between God and Us." All in the intermediate training union group are urged to be present Sunday night for the first meeting to be conducted by Mr. Carlyle Hall. You will find the basement of the church a cool place for your program.

METHODIST

Regular services will be held at the Methodist Church next Sunday. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services. Young peoples league, 7:15 p. m.

Piney Grove Baptist

The pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, absent for several weeks on account of a serious illness, will return to the pulpit at Piney Grove Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

At the 3 o'clock service Sunday afternoon, the pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. H. Smith, Williamston minister. The public is invited. Neither can nations, when good will toward men is disregarded there cannot be for long a peace of mind for the individual or peaceful activity between nations. The same sins which cause international conflicts cause internal conflicts within the souls and personalities of men. The only difference is that so often they are overshadowed by tangling alliances and treacherous treaties between nations that the root evil is not readily seen. So often as we criticize nations we are using arguments that would condemn us if we bothered to look upon ourselves to see our secret faults. As we live by the laws of nature, so must we live by the spiritual laws of God. Hatred and selfishness can never overcome love and fellowship without bringing suffering. Peace of mind and peace among nations can only come by giving God a place in life and by showing active truth and love in our daily relationships.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Third Sunday after Trinity. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

HOLY TRINITY MISSION

BEAR GRASS

Regular second Sunday afternoon service at 3 p. m.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, For Better or for Worse (Marriage). At 3 o'clock the pastor speaks at Martin County Prison Camp. Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Subject, "Youth Around the World-Wide Fellowship."

Evening praise and worship service, 8 p. m. Subject, "Companionship, Human and Divine." Pastor speaks at both services.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Junior Philathea Class meets with Miss Kathleen Price.

Mid-week service, Thursday, 8 p. m. Subject, "What the Church Means To Me."

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of J. B. Hyman, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., on or before the 14th day of May, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of May, 1940.

LIZZIE HYMAN,

Administratrix of J. B. Hyman, Deceased.

B. A. Critcher, Atty. m17-6t

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of C. J. Griffin, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 17th day of May, 1940.

ELEANOR LORETA BROWN,

Administratrix of the estate of m24-6t C. J. Griffin, deceased.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court. County of Martin against Ethelene Carson, William Carson, Rachel Burton, Martha Webbs, James Carson, J. G. Godard and Mrs. Carrie Godard, Administratrix, and Annie

Dickens.

The defendants, Ethelene Carson, William Carson, Rachel Burton, Martha Webbs and Annie Dickens, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to foreclose the taxes on land in Martin County in which said defendants have an interest; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the completion of this service of publication by notice and to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 15th day of May, 1940.

L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County.

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