

THE PRAYER CORNER

The Nazareth Home and Our Homes
 "Jesus went down to Nazareth, and was subject unto them."

Jesus gave Himself as perfect man to all those varied influences of growth and development which the home offered, learning obedience from the gentle rule of Mary and the unselfish and happy ministries of His boyhood in the home at Nazareth, the help given to Mary in the duties of the house, the work done with Joseph in the carpenters shop, the thousand happy and beautiful ways in which a child will find expression for its sympathy and changing affection and as childhood passed, and boyhood was growing into manhood, the joy of the home must have centered around Jesus. To Him the mother could turn for sympathy, resting more and more upon Him the burdens of the home, while He took an ever growing share in the work of Joseph.

Nor was it only the joys of home that Jesus shared at Nazareth, Jesus knew what misunderstanding was. There were those about Him in the village who were known as His brethren James and Joseph and Judas and Timon—a little older than Himself, who did not believe in Him. He found in them no sympathy with His own ideals. There was little fellowship of thought and purpose. Their jealousy and suspicion, and contempt prepared Jesus for the rough usage of the world, and tested the faith and obedience of His boyhood. He knew how to turn aside the angry word, and be silent under the look of innuendo, taunt and contradiction.

For us, too, home often brings the same trials. Nowhere is misunderstanding so difficult to bear as in the home. Just where the intimacy is greatest, and the more secret tendencies of the life and the inner purposes of the soul are most revealed, the opportunities of suffering are most frequent. With us, too, there has been lack of true and tender understanding in the home.

How often that very proximity and fellowship of daily life, which should have been the means of linking two souls together in the bond of truest sympathy and mutual knowledge, has become the source of fraternal difference, resentment and dislike. In the moments of such suffering it is a help to know that Jesus experienced the pain of being misunderstood, and steadfastly resisted these temptations to sullen brooding, morose bitterness and self pity, to which it exposes us, the trustful reliance upon the Father's love, and in quiet obedience to His will. Jesus found the way of escape from all the dangers of loneliness, contempt, and misunderstanding.

A PRAYER.

Blessed Jesus, sweet child of the Virgin Mary, love of God most high, keep us today to sanctify our homes by the remembrance of Thy perfect obedience, and Thy gentle love that following the example of the diligence, the self control, and the holiness of Thy Childhood, we may make our homes more worthy of Thy presence, and may win for them the benediction of peace to Thy honor and glory. Who in the Holy Ghost, everlivest and reignest one God, Eternal Almighty, Amen.
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TAXING THE PEOPLE FOR PUBLICITY.

"Small Town and City Publicity Work Be Maintained by Taxation"—A way to make shirkers bear their portion of town, city and State upbuilding," is the full title of a special article in the current issue of the Manufacturers Record, by Willis Powell, Secretary of the Lakeland County Chamber of Commerce, Ocala, Fla. Mr. Powell answers in an emphatic affirmative the question framed in the title and gives figures and facts in proof of his claim that a millage tax upon all is the ideal way to raise money for publicity for that community.

In a strong editorial indorsement of the millage tax plan, The Manufacturers Record points out that in every community here are "two classes of people, the workers and the shirkers," and that under the old plan of financing Chambers of Commerce and publicity drives by membership fees and voluntary contributions, a few always bears the burden of the job while the shirkers sit back doing nothing but waiting to cash in on increased property values and the greater volume of business brought by the patriotic efforts of the enterprising few. These few workers often are required to expend in money-raising campaigns much of the time and energy which they could devote to more constructive work.

Mr. Powell and the editorial both make the unqualified statement that the ideal way to pay for the advertising of a community is through an act of the State Legislature author-

izing it, and which equalizes the slight expense on everybody.

Mr. Powell quotes President Hatfield to the Community Advertising Department of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World as saying that 65 cities spent last year \$300,000 for publicity, of which amount one-third came from taxpayers, and the small tax for publicity is rapidly gaining favor all over the country.

Ten years ago the Florida Legislature authorized any town or county to pay a millage tax upon all taxpayers of the unit affected for maintenance of a Department of Publicity. It has done much to make Florida famous the world over.

The Citizens would like to hear from its readers and from newspapers, particularly those in Western North Carolina, their opinions of the feasibility of this plan for the towns and counties of this section. What it would do for Western North Carolina, Inc., is obvious. Thus generously financed in its publicity department, with noticeable expense to no one individual, that organization would be enabled to work so much faster and on such a bigger scale that the enrichment which it will bring us would be inordinably speeded up.—Asheville Citizen.

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