

SOME FAVORITE HYMNS IN SALEM COLLEGE CHAPEL

Amongst the old hymns well known in Salem College Chapel service probably the oldest is the one, "Patres, Lord Jesus, Ruler of All Nature," No. 465. This is known as the Crossader Hymn and dates back to the 3th century. It is sung by us to this 38th century setting and in a rare instance the words and tune seem most applicable for church. The latter three stanzas were translated by the beloved Moravian educator and missionary, Frederic Detterter who died in the Island of Jamaica, British West Indies in 1898. Mr. Detterter was a professor in Moravian College and Theological Seminary and was assistant secretary of publishing at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His translation of the last three verses fits most completely with the original translation of the first three verses in N. S. Willis, an English translator.

"The Crowned with Light, Imperial Salem Rise," No. 455, is a stirring hymn which Salem College salutes many important patriotic occasions. It is purely a coincidence that the word "Salem" occurs in this hymn being a poetic allusion to the nation and the song and the word as we sing it is friendly and familiar and we may be allowed for the moment to trace back in song the Salem desire to the ancient Palestinian capital city.

The tune invariably used appeals to everyone in its majestic march, measure, for it is the ancient Imperial Roman hymn that few national tunes have stronger movement or more impressive periods. The words which trace in a sense the history of Old Testament people were composed by Alexander Pope, Bishop of Eborac and Poet and known to students of English literature for the strength and delicacy of its diction and for his consistent adherence to form.

Hymn No. 1, "Peace, Perfect Peace" is an unusually appealing hymn in which each stanza consists of but two lines, the one being a question and the other an answer. The question ranges through the inner experiences of every single heart and the answers ring in simple form of content conviction and faith. This hymn was composed a little less than a century ago by Edward Henry Blacketter, Bishop of Exeter, England, who has made important contributions to our Hymnology, amongst which is the sublime guided hymn so widely known "O God, The Rock of Ages, Who Ever More Hath Been," The tune which "Peace, Perfect Peace" is sung, was composed by A. S. Sullivan, better known as Sir Arthur Sullivan, one of the great English musician whose compositions vary from gay operatic airs to the more dignified and satisfying tunes for Christian religion.

Every Salem girl knows and loves, "Jesus Make My Heart Glad," No. 477. The words were composed by Moravian Deaconess Louise Von Hagen and the hymn has now reached its second full century of use. The tune is likewise two centuries old having been originally a selection contained in the famous Grinn's Choral Book of 1765.

"Morning Stars," No. 1156, which introduces the Christmas season, was composed by Johann Scheffer, a physician of Silesia who was born in 1624 and became a Roman Catholic, giving to the Universal Church a number of distinguished hymns, amongst which are "Praise My Majesty How Great He Is" and a familiar "Table Grace," "Jesus' Mercies Never Fail, This We Praise At Every Meal."

Every Salem girl who thinks of the hymn, "Morning Star," thinks also of one of the beautiful and popular tunes composed by F. F. Hagen, a Moravian teacher and clergyman, born within sight of Salem College in a home no longer standing which occupied the fifth lot on the west side of Main Street just north of Academy Street. This distinguished clergyman loved the old Salem community with all his heart and rendered an extended and lasting service in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. He was greatly gifted as a student of literature and music and was himself an able musician and composer. The familiar tune to "Morning Star" is of itself perhaps his greatest monument. Mr. Hagen was born in 1815 and died in 1907.

Other familiar hymns and well-loved tunes will be presented in successive issues of "The Salemite."

To repeat what has been said a thousand times is commonplace; to contradict it because it has been said, is not originality.

I dip my ink into the blackest ink, because I am not afraid of falling in to my inkpot. — E. Emerson

HAWAII NEWS NOTES

At the time when the American colonists were organizing the United States Government, King Kamehameha I, of "Napoleon of the Pacific," was uniting the island governments of the Hawaiian group in one government. Between 1782 and 1788 Kamehameha formed the government that is today the American Territory of Hawaii, an integral unit of the United States. The people there are today fighting to preserve their full American status, threatened by diverse legislation in Congress.

American traders furnished King Kamehameha I with firearms, including cannon, which he employed in conquering the various island governments in the Hawaiian group in 1782, forming the one central government that 30 years ago became a full-fledged American Territory. The people of Hawaii are today opposing proposed congressional action that would deprive them of their American rights.

Dr. G. P. Judd, grandfather of Hawaii's present governor, Lawrence M. Judd, translated the Life of Lincoln into the Hawaiian language when, as an official of the Hawaiian monarchy, he was laying the foundation in American that eventually resulted in Hawaii becoming a full-fledged Territory and integral unit of the United States.

The small cousin of one of the Bantams staff suppins this witticism for the week. Nancy, aged three and one half, has always been loved by both of her grandmothers are dead. Her family failed to explain, however, that her great-grandmother was living; so the other day, when this great-grandmother was to arrive for a visit, Nancy was told with much enthusiasm, "Your grandmother is coming to see you, today!"

The eyes of small Nancy grew unbelievably enormous, and with great astonishment she asked, "Is she fixed?"

Whereupon the fond parent questioned, puzzled, "Fixed? What do you mean?"

"Well, she was dead, but is she fixed now?"

"Yes, we abhor stories about little Johnny, too—but this is about little Nancy, yah-yah!"

For though the most be players, some must be spectators. — Ben Johnson

Life is a pill which none of us can bear to swallow without gilding. — Dr. Johnson

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

What does life hold for us Which way shall we turn— Are these vain pleasures For which our hearts yearn?

Life is brief; Time races on We must choose ere it is too late— Or is it a choice after all Or an unchangeable plan of fate?

Shall I be the Stote scholar Or parade under pleasure's mask? But to mix these two— That is the impossible task! — Sara Ingram.

WAITING

All day long I would have welcomed Death Tonight it may come like a fleeting breath; Hot and dusty and weary the day Rocky and steep my upward way; Life that queer and twisted game Had almost quenched Hope's tiny flame.

All day long I would have welcomed Death Tonight it may come like a fleeting breath; Skies with a golden lamp are lit In dark's peace I do not welcome it; Life is still beautiful—safer the day I wait for the sunrise of a New Day. — Sara Ingram

NO RIVAL LIKE THE PAST

As those who eat a Luscious Fruit, sun baked, Full of sweet juice, with zest, until they find It finished, and their appetite unslaked, And so return and eat the pared-off rind.

We, who in Youth, set white and careless teeth In the Ripe Fruits of Pleasure while they last, Later, creep back to gnaw the cast-off shell.

And find there is no rival like the Past. — From India's Love Lyrics arranged by Laurence Hope

Where Sense is wanting, everything is wanting. — Halifax

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THE ALOE
My life was like an Aloe flower, beneath an orient sky, Your sunshine touched it for an hour; It blossomed but to die. Torn up, cast out, on rubbish heaps where red flames work their will; Each atom of the Aloe keeps the flower-time fragrance still. — From India's Love Lyrics, arranged by Laurence Hope
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