



YOUTH'S CORNER

EDUCATION
The First Step
to
Being Somebody
Doing Something
Helping Someone
Getting Somewhere

LITTLE JOURNEYS.

By Walter Raleigh Lovell.

One who has always lived on the Atlantic seaboard, or even in the midwest with its neighboring cities of vast industries can have little conception of the magnitude of America, until he goes across the continent; to see the boundless plains, countless hills and mountains, and to stand at last at "Land's End," there to sweep in his view the broad, blue waters of the mighty Pacific.

The multifarious scenes, glorified by nature and time, defy the language to describe its beauty. For, when the artist of renown has climaxed his supremest effort; when Harold Bell Wright in "When A Man's A Man" and "The Eyes of the World" has told in sublime prosaic legend, "the beauty of the hills;" when the unnamed poet laureate has wrung from the Muse the sweetest song of the "Wonderful West," even then "the half has never been told." One must see it for himself.

But, alas, our reverie in the georgousness of the landscape is broken by the rude realization that it is growing fearfully hot again. We used a little psycho-analysis, auto-suggestion, or something of the sort, in a vain endeavor to persuade ourselves that it wasn't hot, but we sweated just the same. Perhaps we didn't "hold the thought" long enough, but at rate we did not have the faith nor the energy, nor the inclination to do it in the face of the sweltering desert sun.

Instead we dived ourselves of everything which decency would permit in the way of clothing,—not words,—and thus we felt almost comfortable, consoled by the thought that it could not last always; it would be night again, and besides, two more of them would bring us to the cooling regions of breezes.

Nature is so fanciful in her ramifications, I speak of the mirage, again. I have not yet been able to determine whether this were an added feature, by the way, or whether it were a little joke played up the traveler, it could be either or both. Perhaps you have seen a mirage, if not, read about it. It is an effect which produces a lake of water, in imagination only, looming up in the distance; the lake moves away, of course, as you approach, and you soon discover to your prespiring dismay that it does not exist. But, I repeat that it adds to the beauty of the landscape.

Far away we see "flee" crawling across the plain and we realize they are automobiles, or Ford's which have helped wonderfully to annihilate not only distances. We come now to a railroad station, not worthy of a name so I did not get any for it. But hard by we see a sheep-shearing pen; sheep are being sheared; workmen, resting at lunch time, lounge under the freight cars, feverishly seeking a place of shade. Piles of baled wool await shipment to some woolen mill. Fortunately all climates are not like this, or there would not be much sale for wool.

We saw a great giant jack-rabbit scurry away frightened by the noise of the train, and there comes to mind the lullaby of bye gone days, which ran:

"Rock-a-bye baby,
Daddy's gone a-huntin',
To catch a little rabbit skin
To wrap the baby up in."

Surely there wouldn't be any difficulty in wrapping "the baby up in" the skin of one of those giant bun-

But now I am tired of writing, so I change the order a little and read, first, two chapters in the Bible, then "Why I Did no Die" by Harold Bell Wright, in the American Magazine, and finally several interesting articles in the Literary Digest, including "Nordics and Other Peoples." As I read these splendid writings it occurred to me that we are really getting something worth while in current literature now-a-days, and the pity is that so many people are continually saying they do not have time to read. The best that may be said for such an one is that his time is unwisely distributed. It is as impossible to be intelligent without reading as to live without eating. Strange, is it not, just as I was writing the word "eating" the porter calls out, "Vaughan, the next station, thirty minutes for lunch," and you bet your life there was no anybody too busy reading to eat.

A little waitress, looking tired to death, told us, as we finished that there were 360 people, passengers and train men on our train, for lunch. You would not have doubted her, I am sure, if you could have seen the remains on the counters and tables as the passengers, having dined, fled out to reboard their train. Then we are off again, and it grows hotter and dustier as the grass falls, sage brush becomes the order of the day, with here and there patches of the barren sandy waste warning us of our approach to the desert region of the Southwest. "Cheer up, the worst is yet to come" is a very fitting comment, but with little encouragement.

We come now to the busy and prosperous little town of Willard, where there is an ice plant and facilities for icing the refrigerator cars, which pass in unending strings, going eastward, laden with California fruits and vegetables. Hot, and grimy we wonder why some genius has not devised a plan to refrigerate the Pullman cars, at least while they are in semi-tropical zones. Go to it, youngsters, it may mean your fortune.

(To be continued.)

PURPOSE OF FATHER AND SON WEEK.

To keep alive the very best in American home life for the growing boy.

To get fathers to renew their interest and re-consecrate themselves to their paternal obligations.

To lead sons to deeper respect and appreciation for their fathers and for their homes.

To lead fathers and sons to recognize the Church and Sunday School as necessary to the finest development of their character and to co-operate in the work and support of the Church in extending and making effective in every day life the will of God.

To acquaint fathers more intimately with the simple principles of boy psychology.

To encourage fathers and sons to accept in a larger way their privileges of citizenship.

To emphasize the necessity for home's beginning early with boys the training in physical, mental, spiritual, social and economic activities.

To create interest on the part of father and sons in nature study, wood-craft, and God's great out-of-doors.

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A STORY.

"He was asked his age one day and he replied, 'I do not know, I was born a slave.' And then he told how he saw his mother with her baby clasped in her arms, and carried away in a wagon—where he did not know. He could not tell any more, for the tears were in his eyes. After a few minutes he went on and said that even after so many years he had to try so hard to keep it from his mind. He tried to find her once, years afterwards, but could find no trace of her. So the years have passed and still he does not know where she is."

REVERENCE

Roy E. Dickerson.

And the boy spoke all these words saying:

I am Thy Son whom thou hast brought, without regard to his wishes, into the land of the living.

1. Thou shalt love Thy Son with all thy heart and hesitate not to manifest thy interest in and affection for him. This is the first and great commandment.

2. Thou shalt not take unto thee any graven image of thy business, thy career or thy sports nor any likeness of any pleasure, occupation or pursuit in the heavens above, the earth beneath or the waters under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them nor serve them so that thou forgettest to be a pal and a chum to Thy Son.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of "Dad" upon thee lightly for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless who hath little regard for the responsibilities of Fatherhood.

4. Remember Thy Son's portion of thy time and keep it holy. Many days shalt thou labor and do all manner of work that thou mayest provide suitably for his needs but in that portion of thy day which belongeth to him thou shalt not do any work, neither shalt thou bury thy nose in a book, betake thyself to the golf links or busy thyself otherwise according to thine own pleasure.

5. Honor thy wife, my mother, for I Thy Son, lovest her dearly and cannot admire, respect and love thee if thou deplay not loving kindness toward her.

6. Thou shalt counsel and advise with Thy Son in all things and share with him the secrets of thy heart.

7. Thou shalt be firm in thy discipline lest Thy Son stray away from the paths of righteousness for the lack of thy guiding hand but thou shalt not even now hold the reins of thy authority too tight nor fail to understand that Thy Son desireth and needeth more and more of that independence of action which becometh a man.

8. Thou shalt have trust and confidence in Thy Son and be patient and long-suffering with all his short comings.

9. Thou shalt walk uprightly before men and make thy ways clean in the sight of thy God for Thy Son doth follow Thy example. Moreover, take heed that thy son hath more discernment than thou sometimes thinketh and is more influenced by what he seeth thou really art than by what thou pretendest to be.

10. Thou shalt not forget that thou wert once a boy neither shalt thou be unmindful that times have changed much since the days of thy youth.

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HARDING'S PLEA FOR CLOSER UNION BETWEEN BOY AND HIS "DAD"

July, 1924.—Addressing 50,000 boys in Woodland Park, to whom he administered the oath of allegiance to the flag, President Harding made a plea for closer union and sympathy between the American boy and his "dad." He said he wanted the kind of boys in America who can "look their dad in the face and tell him everything without being ashamed," and that at the same time "dad should be the kind that would not be ashamed to own up everything to his boy."

"I want American boyhood," the President said, "I don't want the goody-goody boy, but the real boy, the American boy, the boy who loves life and sports and all other things that go to make real boyhood. A boy can be all of these things and be absolutely square with his dad—provided his dad is equally square with him."

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If you want to be miserable, think much about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and what people think of you.



REVERENCE Planted in Childhood will Bear Fruit in Manhood in BETTER LIVES HAPPIER HOMES NOBLER CITIZENS

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

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LESSON VI—Aug 10, 1924.

THE FIRST MIRACLE OF JESUS.

Lesson Text: John 2:1-11.

1. And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage:

3. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.

5. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

6. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.

10. And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Golden Text: Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. John 2:5.

2. Memory Verse: Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. John 2:5.

3. Time: A. D. 30.

4. Place: Cana, of Galilee.

5. Leading Thought: The first great public miracle of Jesus gave his followers a thrill of joy.

6. Historical Background: And Jesus, the Son of Man, and also the Son of God, comes for the first time into public notice. And so different from John the Baptist he comes into a social program and helps to furnish the feast for the evening. You will note that he gave them the wholesome, harmless fluid, when he had taken from them the injurious. He at once won public attention and the commendation of his friends and associates.

This is no mere lesson to use strong drink at our social gatherings, but rather a protest, made against it, for Jesus took away the evil and gave them in its place, something better and without danger.

7. Topical Outlines:

I. The Master's contribution to the special hour, v. 5-8.

II. Commended for the part he takes, v. 9-11.

3. The Lesson Exposition.

A. The Master's Contribution to the Social Hour.

"There was a marriage in Cana of Galilee."

There is nothing so unusual about Oriental marriages, but the fact to be noted is that Jesus, family and disciples were there. He called John the Baptist, who had no social intercourse with the world, to witness the marriage.

FAMILY ALTAR

might give time to meditation and prayer.

"We have no wine." In the moment of a social crisis, the mother appeals to Jesus. "Mine hour is not yet come." The answer which Jesus gave his mother seems rather a rebuke; but it is the Oriental language used to women of rank and position. He might have meant to say to her, this is a matter about which you need not concern yourself; but leave it to me; and at the proper time, I shall do what seems best. His time had not yet come because he had no direct communication in this matter.

Knowing the moods of this strange Son, she commanded the servants not to interfere, but to obey his every request. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Jesus was not certain that his time had come to perform a certain miracle; he must wait on his father for a revelation on this point.

Six water pots. The Syrian firkin, placed there that the guests, who were so supercilious about watching, may see in order to prevent desilement. The firkin would hold one-fourth of a barrel. "Fill the waterpots with water." It seems that the Master now has a revelation from his heavenly Father. They draw and serve, or pass it to the governor that he might test it.

B. Jesus Commended for the Part He Takes.

"But thou hast kept the good wine until now." It is scarcely possible that the Master of ceremonies knew who made the wine, or how it was procured; but he commended the wine, and declared that it was the best wine of the evening.

There is no evidence whether Jesus or his disciples drank of this wine, even though made by him on the spot.

C. Manifested Forth His Glory.

The miracle of Jesus at once took him out of the realm of human; and marked him as one far above the human. John would be among the first to see this, for he was watching for signs of his divinity, and then gave the fruits of this miracle.

And his disciples believed on him. God directed him to perform the act to this end.

Practical Hints of the Heart of the Lesson.

1. Religion does not bid us leave the social world.

2. Do we seek the will of God in matters of life?

3. We can be in, but not of the world.

OUR BOYS A GREAT NATIONAL ASSET.

"The boy is looming large upon the horizon and worthy of special attention. Our hope lies in our children as never before. The boy of today becomes the factor of tomorrow in the replacement of America's man-power. The strongest bodies and the clearest minds are needed now as at no other time. The wisest care we can, therefore, bestow upon our boys is the surest investment for our country's future. They must be made strong in every fiber. Their minds must be wisely trained; their hearts must be strong and right. The responsibility of the American father is suddenly increased a hundredfold. For, truly as we say we shall reap, and never was it so necessary and so vital that the harvest of American men of the future shall be productive of the best."—Edward W. Bok.

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A wise old preacher is the author of the following advice: "Make no apologies. If you have the good message declare it; if not, hold your peace. Have short introductions, and good things from the first and last before you get poor. Do not speak of sinners in general. The sinner is a nameless thing. If you have a message, speak it."