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AFTER DINNER STORY,

BREAD UPON THE WATERS

THE GENERAL'S STORY, SHOWING THAT GOOD DEEDS ARE NEVER LOST, BUT, THAT AFTER MANY DAYS THEY RETURN AGAIN.

(WRITTEN FOR THE ROANOKE NEWS.)

At a dinner table, at which were gathered quite a number of ladies and gentlemen, was General Archer, who is too well known in public and official life to need an introduction to the reader.

Taking nothing better than a good after dinner story and being in a specially happy frame of mind on this occasion the General told the following, which is too good to be lost.

After addressing a clergyman, who was present and near him at the table, and declaring himself to be a believer in the efficacy of prayer, especially if accompanied with good works, and the return of bread upon the waters, he said: "Let me tell you a little story. When quite a young man, having just begun to practice law, I was living in the town of W. This town has always been particularly noted for its cultivated people and open handed hospitality, but it was remarkably so at that time. There lived there a very worthy-minded, but kind hearted man named C., who for some cause moved out of a house in order that a Methodist circuit rider, by the name of Archer, might move in. Mr. C., being a man of some means and the preacher of that day being generally poor, when he left the house it was well supplied with everything necessary for the preacher's comfort when he should first reach his new home. Pantry and larder, woodshed and stables, all provided with sufficient for present need. Mr. C. even continuing to send supplies for quite awhile after Mr. Archer had moved in. Having made the acquaintance of Mr. Archer and being an appreciative man, as preachers generally are, one day he came to me and said, 'Mr. C., as I do not know Mr. C., and you do, I wish you to do me the favor of thanking him for me for all his kindness to myself and family, since we have been in W.; also, will you please ask him if there is anything I can do for him in return?'"

This I readily agreed to do. So seeing Mr. C., I delivered Mr. Archer's message.

"Tell him so," said Mr. C. "There is nothing in this world he can do for me, but in the next he can do his level best, as there is where I shall need him."

About five years after this Mr. C.'s brother became involved in a difficulty in which, unfortunately, he killed a man, he being the aggressor and having himself provoked the attack of his victim. The people of the community were very much incensed against him. The whole section was stirred up over the matter, regarding it as an outrage and determined that the murderer should suffer for his crime. He was arrested and brought to trial. I, with others, was engaged as counsel for the prisoner. We had made every effort to have the trial postponed but so far had failed. Feeling that it was absolutely necessary to gain time in order to accomplish anything for my client, I made an appeal to Judge Dick, who was then on the bench, at which I said, 'Your Honor, these people are clamoring for this man's blood. It is impossible to do him justice at this court. The whole community is thirsting for revenge. The prisoner at the bar is hardly able to stand up for his Honor's presence.

This, you see, proved to my mind that our good deeds are often rewarded in this world, for through this preacher, whom he had befriended, Mr. C.'s brother escaped with his life, for at the trial a compromise was effected by which he got clear on condition that he would join the regular army."

Continuing on this line, the General said, "During the civil war at one time I was with the N. C. Regiment in General Archer's Brigade in Virginia. One day, after a forced march on the Mechanicsville turnpike, just at night, we came to several barns and other outhouses belonging to some plantation. Taking possession of one of these for myself and the other officers the men were directed to make themselves as comfortable as possible in the others."

It being my custom to always say my prayers before retiring and not supposing any one was noticing my actions, as usual I knelt down to pray, before going to sleep.

There happened to be a little whipper-snapper of a courier present, who, observing my devotions, rushed out to the camp-fire and said: 'By — boys, we are going to catch it to-morrow, you had just as well get ready.' 'How do you know?' he was asked.

'How do I know! Why the old Colonel is in yonder now saying his prayers,' he replied."



From the day that a young man starts out to seek his first position on to the end of his business life, his health has a world to do with his success. When a young man applies to a business man for a position, his personal appearance has a deal to do with the outcome. "Personal appearance" does not mean dress alone. It does not mean may be clean, so far as soap and water will make him, but he is dignified by unsightly pimples, eruptions and ulcerations on the skin. These are due to impurities in the blood. The blood becomes impure because it is impurely nourished. Instead of receiving the life giving elements of the food, it receives the foul emanations of indigestion, biliousness and constiveness. The reason that Dr. Price's Golden Medical Discovery is the best remedy for disorders of this description is that it goes right to first causes. It gives a man an appetite "like a horse." It facilitates the flow of digestive juices. It corrects all disorders of the digestion, and makes the assimilation of the life giving elements of the food perfect. It invigorates the liver. It purifies and enriches the blood. It makes the muscles strong and active. It tones and steadies the nerves. It makes a young man look as he should—strong of body, alert of brain and clean and whole some of skin. Medicine dealers sell it, and have nothing "just as good."

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A Red Hot Time.

CAPT. DAY MAKES AN IMPASSIONED SPEECH.

LIVID WITH EXCITEMENT HE CRIED, YOU WOULD FORCE UPON ME THE ODIOUS OF STARVING CONVICTS.

When the Judiciary Committee had under consideration the House bill, cutting off all supplies for the penitentiary, unless ordered by the new executive board, in Raleigh last week, Captain Day appeared before the committee and made an impassioned speech.

Messrs. R. O. Burton and C. M. Busbee, as attorneys for the new executive committee, were present. When the bill was called up, Captain W. H. Day, among other things, said:

Gentlemen, I am aware that when a man fights his friends, he loses even if he wins.

In conference with Governor Russell, who is an old schoolmate, about the appointment of an Adjutant-General, I found him inclined to take my advice, and the appointment he made was approved by all men. Later, when he was in a great deal of trouble about the condition of the penitentiary, he did me the honor to send for me and consult with me about what he should appoint. He named over a dozen leading and strong Democrats whom he said he would appoint, but he knew not one of them would accept the offer. I suggested several names, and he, not dreaming of myself for any such position, he suddenly said that I was the man, and he urged me to take the place. I said to him, "You are the only man in North Carolina who would ever have thought of me for such a place." He said "Yes," he expected that would be repeated by others. Not until a certain gang, which is well known, began their assaults on me, did I have any purpose to hold the place, except to trust for the best arrangement that could be made for the State and for the Democratic party. My character, my politics, the integrity of my motives, have been assailed by this crew. I was fighting the battles of Democracy when some of this gang were praying God to speed the day when negro women could sit down to the table with white women to take a social meal together. I refused to vote for a Populist when some of them were check-by-jowl with them, and came so near amalgamating with them that every man in the Democratic party who was not willing to enter into a solemn and base alliance with those no longer than last spring was denounced as a golding traitor. When this infernal assault began on me by such men, I took the stand, as you are trying to do, on another self-respecting man would have done.

By it thousands of dollars have been lost to the State by their procuring the defeat of any provision by the General Assembly to pay not only current debts, but actual expenses and debts due for past services of the employees of the State's prison. They stopped my discharge of Republican, Populist and negro guards by refusing money to pay them off so that I could discharge them there by compelling me to hold on to worthless and incompetent help and making it impossible to save the corn and cotton from rotting in the fields. A personal friend of mine paid \$900 out of his own pocket to the negro guards so that I could discharge them. This was before the Legislature met, and they have refused to pay one cent of it back. Not an incompetent employee would have been in the service today if they had not held me up. Every place would have been filled with a competent and responsible Democrat. Now was ever such a disgraceful, outrageous bill as the one under consideration passed? It never even had the consideration of a committee. It was pushed through under whip and spur, without thought or consideration. It means simply that the Governor must either pardon every convict out of the penitentiary, or that I must let them starve. It is intended to throw the odium of such a course upon me or him, at the same time making either of us guilty of a high crime to buy or give orders for food, guards or sustenance. The law of 1895 and 1897 in regard to the government of the penitentiary was the result of the practical, excellent work of Paul Faison, and they substitute it with a miserable makeshift that makes it impossible of economical management. All this to punish, browbeat, humiliate and disgrace me. Even the fusion Legislature proceeded in an orderly manner and under the forms of law to reorganize this institution for partisan purposes. What is the place to me? What are a few dirty dollars to me? I am not a pauper. I am rich in the traditions and the blood of 1,200 years of Anglo-Saxon ancestors. I am a man and a gentleman. Glorious old Halifax was my birthplace, and I sprang from the loins of as good a breed of men as God ever made. And who are they who have led and instigated these yelps at me, and sought to bring dishonor on me and all my tribe by this abominable and damnable prosecution, brought to a focus in this bill now before you?

Who are they? What are they? Whom did they come from? God knows I have more respect for you, gentlemen of the committee, than to use proper terms to describe them. I am mad. I can't help it.

Captain Day proceeded in this vein for some time, and concluded by saying that he wanted to apologize for any words he might have used in heat that showed any want of deference to the committee, and closed with these words: "Rather than have the disgrace of such a law upon my State, I will write 'W. H. Day' on a blank sheet of paper and Senators Justice, James, Skinner, Osborn, and all of this committee, can write what you please on it, and I will abide by it, saying and reserving to myself any legal rights I may have to be asserted in the future."

Captain Day offered at first to resign March first and turn over the Penn. to the new board reserving his right to bring suit for the office. The committee voted unanimously to report the bill unfavorably. Several of the Senators stated they had no idea of taking favorable action on it.

Take It All.

STOP AND REFLECT.

HOW MUCH OWEST THOU MY LORD?

A merchant, who was a God-fearing man, was very successful in business, but his soul did not seem to prosper accordingly, his offerings to the Lord he did not feel disposed to increase.

One evening he had a remarkable dream: A visitor entered the apartment, and quietly looking round at the many elegancies and luxuries by which he was surrounded, without any comment presented him with the receipts for his subscription to various societies and urged their claim upon his enlarged sympathy. The merchant replied with various excuses, and at last grew impatient at the continued appeals. The stranger rose, and, fixing his eyes on his companion, said, in a voice that thrilled to his soul, "One year ago to-night you thought your daughter lay dying; you could not rest for agony. Upon whom did you call that night?" The merchant started and looked up, there seemed a change to have passed over the whole form of his visitor, whose eyes were fixed upon him with a calm, penetrating look, as he continued: "Five years ago, when you lay at the brink of the grave, and thought that if you died then, you would leave a family unprovided for—do you remember how you prayed then? Who saved you then?" Pausing a moment, he went on in a lower and still more impressive tone, "Do you remember fifteen years since, that time when you felt yourself so lost, so helpless; when you spent day and night in prayer, when you thought you would give the world for one hour's assurance that your sins were forgiven—who listened to you then?" "It was my God and Saviour," said the merchant, with a sudden burst of remorseful feeling. "Oh, yes, it was He!" "And He too ever complained of being called on too often?" "I inquired the stranger, in a voice of reproachful sweetness. "Say—were you willing to begin this night and ask no more, if He in this time will ask no more of you?" "Oh, never, never!" said the merchant, throwing himself at his feet. The figure vanished and he awoke; his whole soul stirred within him. "O God and Saviour, what have I been doing? Take all—take every thing! What is all that I have to what Thou hast done for me?"

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Whither Drifting?

ARE WE IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE GENTILE AGE?

EVANGELIST W. P. EFFE CONVINCED THAT THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE AT ANY MOMENT.

I notice in your editorial of Jan. 17th, "Growing Skepticism as to Immortality" you use these words: "For some time past the New York Sun has held that there is at this time a remarkable departure from the old landmarks in religion. This is being evidenced not only by scepticism and infidelity of the world at large, but also by a decline of faith in the most orthodox branches of the Church itself. In this discussion of immortality the papers find added evidence of its oft repeated conviction." The Observer well says the Sun argues convincingly, and its conclusion is a matter for serious consideration. I agree with you fully when you say this is a matter for serious consideration. Let us look at our Bibles and see whether we cannot find why this is the case. Are we not in the days that precede the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? I have had the privilege of hearing a great many of the leading Bible teachers of Europe and this country for the past four years, and every one declared, according to what they can understand from the Word, that we are in the closing days of the Gentile age, and that the "rapture" of the Church is likely to take place at any moment. Let us see what St. Paul says in regard to the days that must precede: "The coming of the Lord." II Thes. 2:1-3: "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus, and by our gathering together unto Him, for that day shall not come unless there be a falling away first. Is the world to be converted in this age? No. Acts, 15:16-17: "He is calling out from among the Gentiles a people for His name." After this he will return and build the tabernacle of David, which was fallen down, and the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the saints shall be saved together. The apostle also says in I Tim. 4:1-2: "Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." St. Paul continues in II Tim. 3:15: "This know also, in the last days perilous times shall come when men shall be lovers of their own selves, enviers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away," and 13th verse "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." II Tim. 4:2-5: His Command to Timothy, "Preach the Word, be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables; but watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, abide in thy ministry." St. Peter says in I Pet. 1:16: "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2:1-13: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon them swift destruction, and many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

I desire to ask a question: Are we not in the "days of apostasy?" Are we not in the days of peril? Are we not in days of turmoil, strife, confusion, not in this country alone, but all over the world? Are we not in days when men are departing from the faith once for all delivered to the saints, 11,000,000 adherents of spiritualism in the world to-day with thousands that believe in Christian Science and hypnosis and other forms of denology; thousands that deny the divinity of Christ? Whither are we drifting? Christ Himself says in Luke, 18:8: "Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" Do we believe God is able to save our souls? Do we believe He is able to save from the power and dominion of sin? Do we believe He is able to save our bodies from sickness in answer to prayer of faith? Jos. 5:14-15, with Isa. 53:4-5, margin of new version; with Matt. 8:16: Do we believe in the literal coming of our Lord Jesus Christ? I Thes. 4:17-18: "For the Lord himself shall descend from

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THE UNLUCKY DAYS.

THE ANCIENTS HAD A LONG LIST OF DAYS TO BE FEARED.

In ancient times the heathen were so superstitious with regard to certain days that they were pointed out in their calendars with different colored characters to mark the lucky ones and the unlucky, and all classes arranged the details of their daily life with reference to these marks.

We of the present day claim to be free from all this, but many there are who will not begin a journey nor a piece of work on Friday, nor cut the hair in the last quarter of the moon, and who are very much frightened if the soft rays of Luna chance to fall upon the face while they are asleep.

Friday is ever under a ban; even with regard to the weather, there is an old saying which declares that

Friday's moon,
Come when it will, comes too soon,
In countries where capital punishment is in vogue Friday has nearly always been "hangman's day."

There are many superstitions connected with New Year's day one that is still firmly believed by many of the devout is that of opening the Bible, at random and putting the finger on any chapter contained in the two open pages. It is believed that the luck or unluck of the coming year will in a greater or less degree be foreshadowed by some of the lines.

Again, others believe that it is very unlucky to take anything out of the house on New Year's morning before taking something in; the old rhyme which expresses this belief runs as follows:

Take out, then take in,
Bad luck will begin;
Take in, then take out,
Good luck comes about.

Certain days for birth have generally some particular attributes given them which tell us the child:

Born on Monday is fair of face;
Born on Tuesday, full of God's grace;
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