



"THE HOME CIRCLE"

BETWEEN THE DAYS.

Between the days, the weary days,
He drops the darkness and the dews;
Over tired eyes His hands He lays,
And strength and hope and life renews.
Thank God for rest between the days!
Who could bear the battle stress,
Or who withstand the tempest's shock?
Who tread the dreary wilderness
Among the pitfalls and the rocks?
Come not the night with folded socks?

The white light scorches, and the plain
Stretches before us, parched with heat;
But, by and by, the fierce beams wane;
And lo, the nightfall, cool and sweet,
With dews to bathe our aching feet!
For "He remembereth our frame";
Even for this I render praise.
O, tender Master, slow to blame
The falterer on life's stormy ways,
Abide with us between the days!
—British Weekly.

PUNCTUALITY.

(In substance, these words were spoken by the late Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald at the chapel service in Vanderbilt University on Wednesday, September 29, 1909.)
The topic for this talk is "Punctuality." Its motto is: "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure." (2 Peter 1:10.) The word "punctuality" is not to be found in the Bible. It means, according to the dictionary, "seasonable," "timely," "prompt." I do not claim special ability to treat this subject, though my convictions concerning it are strong. Of a preacher, with whom many of you are acquainted, it was said by his landlady: "He has one virtue, namely, punctuality at his meals." That might make him something of an expert in this matter. Punctuality is promptness. In the full sense of the word, promptness is diligence, and diligence is timeliness. These words run together, according to the dictionary. The lack of this grace of punctuality is the fatal defect of many lives in all sorts of callings and for both worlds. If I could persuade one of the persons here present to turn over a new leaf, to make

a fresh start on a better line from this hour, I should hope that I had not spoken in vain. Let us consider what punctuality will do for its possessor.

First, it will be promotive of self-respect. The weakling who drifts this way or that without definite purpose or method is a poor creature, and he knows it to be so. He may yield to the weakness that makes him uncertain in his movements and untrustworthy in his behavior; but if there is within him a spark of genuine manhood, he cannot be satisfied with himself. Punctuality is the price that must be paid for self-respect.

Secondly, punctuality is the condition of securing and retaining the confidence of the persons with whom we have dealings in any of the relations of life. The student who lacks this grace takes a low rank with his instructors, his fellow-students, and all other persons with whom he comes in touch. The most brilliant talents are shadowed by this cloud. Stupidity itself is made by it to look still uglier. The lack of ability is pitied; the lack of punctuality is despised. And it is justly despised. An artful dodger in recitations becomes more and more likely to bear false witness in his own behalf. He is apt to be delinquent in the payment of debts and in the fulfillment of all other obligations. If he goes on in this false way, he will awake at last to find that he has sacrificed his life by yielding to this subtle enemy of all true manhood and nobility of character.

Thirdly, punctuality is a grace that pleases God. He is a God that loves

truth in the inward parts. The unpunctual man lacks this truth in the inward parts. The Holy Spirit will not lead those who are aimless as to where they are going and why. The highest joy of human soul is the conscious favor of God. That joy is forfeited by the soul that rejects heavenly guidance. In that touch there is a joy unspeakable and full of glory. That God may give this touch to all who have this day listened to this friendly voice is the prayer of my heart.

SOME NOTED BOYS WHO BEGAN WORK EARLY.

As a general proposition, the boys of this world who became much as men began work very early in life. They had no lazy bones in them, and as soon as they had strength and knowledge to do something helpful they wished to be up and at it.

At six years of age Benjamin Franklin was dipping molds for candles. He wrote in his after life: "It was uncommonly hard work for my age, but it kept me busy, and I was content with it."

At the same age Elias Howe, who was to give the sewing machine to the world, was sticking wire teeth through leather straps used for carding cotton. He earned the first money for his education in that manner.

At six Peter Cooper, one of the greatest philanthropists the nation has known, began earning money by pulling hair from rabbit skins.

John Ericsson, who invented the monitor type of fighting ship, from which the modern submarine boat has been evolved, before he was elev-

en years old, with a file, gimlet and jackknife as his only tools, had made a miniature sawmill. It was a marvel of ingenuity. He used an old watchspring for a saw blade, while a broken bit of a tin spoon turned the crank.

Thomas Edison was a newsboy on the trains when he was twelve years old. During the hours when he was not on duty he fitted up a small laboratory in the corner of a baggage car, and there made his earliest experiments. He was reading and digesting at the same time that ponderous but valuable work, Fresenius' "Qualitative Analysis."

Phillip D. Armour and George M. Pullman, afterward to become great factors in the world of work and invention, were polwboys at ten years of age, each working hard on a New York farm.

The Stanford brothers started their business careers at six years of age, digging horseradish and selling it. They also scoured the woods for chestnuts, and made quite a revenue out of the sale of these.

M. M. Atwater says of this kind of boys, the boys who must be working because work is good: "It is in the red-blooded youth of health and animal spirits and cheerful, buoyant optimism that our interest lies—the boy who works to help his people at home, who works to buy a suit of clothes, who works to be able to spend a little money and to save a little."

"For the boy who has begun to feel there is no place for him in this world, who has the false notion that everybody is against him, who thinks

that luck and not industry can help him ahead, there is no better medicine he can take into his system." —Boris' World.

VALUE OF FORTY WINKS.

The first sleep is the soundest—after the first hour the intensity of sleep slowly diminishes—before the value of forty winks after dinner is quickly recuperating shattered powers. Temperature and vitality are lowest about 2 p. m., so that better than four thereafter are better hours' sleep before midnight are better than four thereafter. Nature has no rule as to the length of sleep, except that men need less than women, since women are the more sensitive creatures and a woman's heart beats five times more a minute than a man's. Sleep should be just as long as when you wake in the morning a stretch and a yawn are necessary to land you in a daytime of bounding vigor.—Exchange.

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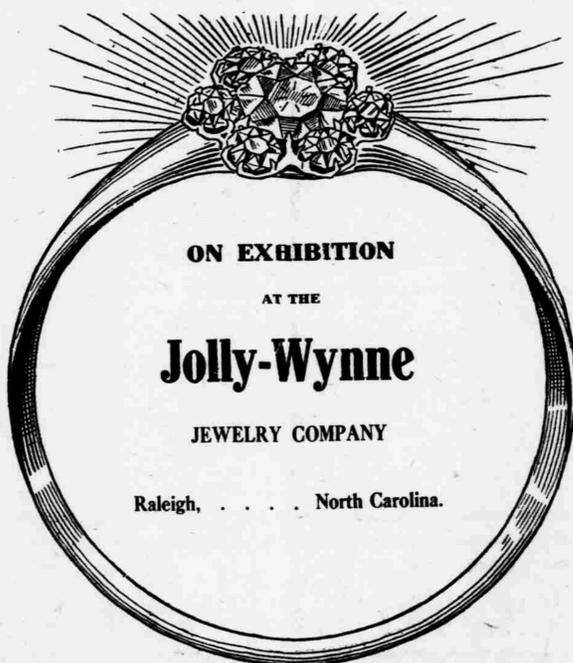
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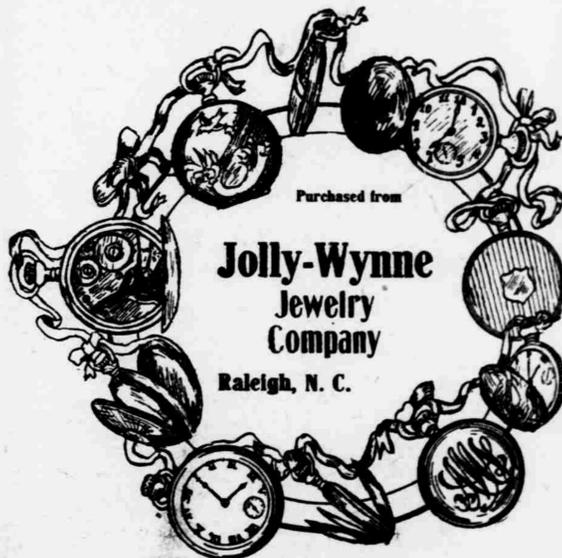
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