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BIBLE THOUGHT

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.—I Corinthians 13:13.
(Passage upon which President Roosevelt has placed his hand when taking oath of office as Governor and as President.)

A Message To All Peoples

WHEN President Roosevelt traced the history and defined the faith and hopes of democracy in his incomparable twelve minute inaugural speech last Monday, he spoke to and for the peoples of the earth.

Never before has a leader so taken advantage of an opportunity to state his creed. Never have conditions been so ripe to receive such a message. In those twelve minutes this champion of the common man, exalted in power for a brief period by the will of his own people, spoke for the "plain peoples" of every nation.

It is certain that he, himself, was keenly conscious of this as he prepared and delivered his brief message. That which false leaders have always declared impossible, this message proclaims as the hope of the world. What has been actual for the first time in history for this nation is declared possible for all the countries that now groan and travail. The message reiterates an undying faith in the "spirit—the faith of America", that is the product of centuries, born of the "multitudes of those who came from many lands—some of high degree, but mostly plain people—who sought here . . . to find freedom."

"To the fearful in other lands and the skeptical in this, the President points to the upward swing of these "fruitful years" from the "fatalistic terror" which possessed this republic eight years ago, and refutes the fallacy that the democratic form of government and frame of life is an "ebbing tide before tyranny and slavery" that have become "the surging wave of the future."

And to those perhaps hopeless under oppression, come these words, "Democracy is not dying . . . we know it cannot die . . . because democracy alone has constructed an unlimited civilization, capable of infinite progress in the improvement of human life . . . below the surface we sense it still spreading on every continent . . . the most unconquerable of all forms of human society."

Pressing home this gospel, there follow these words:

"The democratic aspiration is no mere recent phase in human history. It is human history. It permeated the ancient life of early peoples. It blazed anew in the middle ages. It was written in Magna Carta. . . .

"America has been the New World . . . to all peoples . . . because all those who came here believed they could create upon this continent a new life—a life that should be new in freedom."

But this message was no academic or theoretical credo. It pictured no Utopia. For the achievement a price has been paid. For the life of the spirit there must always be the compelling necessity of obedience to the spirit's leading.

If we, as a nation, are to "rediscover what we are and what we may be" there are conditions to be met. "If we do not, we risk the real peril of inaction." This last brief sentence reminds one of a story the President's mother told of his boyhood. When she told him he must let his companions play "leader" sometimes, he replied, "I try to, mother, but when I do, nothing ever happens."

Here, perhaps, is the touchstone which reveals one secret of continuing leadership. "The real peril of inaction" whether of a leader or of a nation, has been tragically proven time and again.

"Action" sometimes swift and resolute, other times determined and progressive, but always with a purpose rooted deep in his faith explains much of Franklin Roosevelt's genius for leadership.

Two purposes requiring action now are thus stated:

"The hopes of the republic cannot forever tolerate either undeserved poverty or self-serving wealth. And in conclusion, "We do not retreat. We are not content to stand still. As Americans, we go forward, in the service of our country, by the will of God."

The Influenza Epidemic

THE influenza epidemic has reached such alarming proportions all over the country that it is high time that everybody do everything possible to prevent its spread. In Highlands the schools are already closed while many teachers and pupils in the Franklin school and the rural schools are out on account of illness. The number of cases in the

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



"THE VISITING FIREMEN"



county is on the increase.

Consideration for others should be the watchword of any who have the slightest cold, sore throat, cough or temperature. The disease is usually spread by victims in the first stages. There is no place in the business or social world for the brave person who boasts "I am just sick with a cold, but I will not give up." This all too common attitude does not denote heroism, but only a selfish variety of stupidity.

"How to Avoid the Flu" is a set of common sense rules printed in another column, which Dr. E. N. Haller, Macon county health physician, has outlined for the benefit of all citizens. All who read them are asked to protect the health of others by heeding the instructions and passing them along to others.

Press Comment

NO PLACE FOR LENIENCY

(Raleigh News and Observer)
The bill introduced by Representative Weeks of Edgecombe to weaken the present law requiring revocation of drivers' licenses of persons convicted of drunken driving is a very dangerous bill.

The law requiring revocation of drivers' licenses does not need weakening. On the contrary, it should be strengthened. The Weeks bill would eliminate the mandatory provision of the bill and make revocation of a driver's license discretionary.

There is a very real question whether the mandatory punishment of a small fine should not be made more severe. Certainly any person proven to be a menace on the roads should be denied the privilege of continuing to be a menace. The only mandatory provision of the bill which should be amended is the provision making it virtually mandatory that a license shall be restored at the end of one year.

The Weeks bill would also prohibit the suspension of a driver's license pending an appeal from a conviction. The length of time elapsing between commission of the offense and the "final conviction" is so great in some instances justice is thwarted. The law should require mandatory suspension following a first conviction, with revocation continuing to become effective upon "final conviction."

Introduction of the Weeks bill would be unfortunate, except that it may serve a useful purpose. The committee to which the bill has been referred should give consideration to the entire question of laws relating to protection of the public generally on the highways. If it is found that the Weeks bill is not desirable, the committee should not be content with negative action. Consideration should then be given to the question of whether present laws need strengthening. Certainly the committee should

Clippings

YEAR OF PROOF

Walter Lippmann, columnist of the New York Herald Tribune, who is not given to false optimism, recently came forth with an assurance and a prophecy which everyone in this country ought to read. We quote from it:

"If this mighty continent goes to work as it can go to work when it goes all out, the year 1941 will see the end of doubt, division, and fear, and the gathering together of an America which is true to its past and equal to anything that the future may bring. Then we shall not only sleep well at night; in the day, having the consciousness of working hard and to a single purpose, we shall have done with anxiety."

"For this we depend upon the government for the plans, the specifications, the leadership. But for the results we depend upon the directors, the managers, the technicians, and the employees of American industry. The defense of America is in their hands. They are not the conscripted employees of a totalitarian state, and it is for them to show that a free industry can in fact keep the world free."

"If they succeed, as I believe they will, their successes will insure the future of free industry by the only means through which its future can now be insured—by an overwhelming proof of its superiority in the struggle for existence."

"If now the free peoples are defeated, there will be no future anywhere for free industry. . . . But American industry will not fail in the test. . . . The world will see this year the proof that this young continent possesses the energy which, throttled down in these ten years of depression and confusion, will pour forth to astound the world."

find that convicted drunken drivers are not proper subjects for greater leniency.

Asheville Production Credit Ass'n Meets Today

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Asheville Production Credit Association, met in Asheville on Thursday morning, January 23, at 10 o'clock, according to John A. Hudgens, president of the association, who said yesterday that a record-breaking attendance of members is expected.

This is the sixth annual meeting of this farmers' cooperative short-term credit organization, which makes short-term loans for agricultural and livestock purposes to farmers of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey counties. The association now has 625 members and Mr. Hudgens said it was hoped that every member would attend the annual meeting.

Complete and detailed reports on the operations of the association will be made to the stockholders, Mr. Hudgens said. "This being a cooperative organization," said Mr. Hudgens, "we feel that the members are entitled to know everything about its operations and we hope that every member will feel it a duty to be present at this meeting."

"A representative of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia will make an address at the close of the business session. A number of new features will be introduced into the program this year."

Officers of the association are: John A. Hudgens, president; A. J.

Muse's Corner

"THE HIGH TIDE OF GETTYSBURG"

The following lines from Will Henry Thompson's poem, "The High Tide Of Gettysburg," are printed in honor of the birthday of General Robert Edward Lee, January 19.

Then at the brief command of Lee
Moved out that matchless infantry,
With Pickett leading grandly down,
To rush against the roaring crown
Of those dread heights of destiny.

The brave went down! Without disgrace
They leaped to Ruin's red embrace;
They only heard fame's thunders
wake,
And saw the dazzling sunburst
break
In smiles on Glory's bloody face!

Fold up the banners! Smelt the guns!
Love rules. Her gentle purpose
runs;

A mighty mother turns in tears
The pages of her battle years,
Lamenting all her fallen sons!

CULLASAJA GORGE: NIGHT

Dark green swirls of water, edged
With fairy bits of foam,
Pointed pines of Pixie-land,
Wierd as any gnome—
Little stars of heaven,
Bright as elfin eyes—
Magic are the trees and hills . . .
Magic are the skies. . . .
—Bess H. Hines.

Buck Creek

By BEE SHOOK

The Rev. W. A. Young filled his regular appointment at the Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday morning. He was accompanied by Rev. John Ernest and Dewey Loggins, all from Walhalla.

Mrs. Ben Rogers is spending a few days on Ellijay with her son, Kermit Rogers.

Kermit Rogers visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers, here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tilson made a business trip to Franklin Monday.

Elisha Fox from the CCC camp spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Herman Rogers.

Dills, vice-president, and W. H. Overall, secretary-treasurer. Directors in addition to the president and vice-president are R. R. Ramsey, H. L. Nettles and S. C. Bennett.

WHAT VIOLENCE CANNOT DESTROY

I feel very humble in the presence of the spirit of London. I see proved, before my eyes, the truth that violence cannot destroy spirit. It can batter and hurt the dwelling and all that surrounds it, yet when force has done its worst it has but given a setting out of which fineness of character shines the more brilliantly.—War Cry.

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EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified in Macon County, N. C., as executrix of Samuel Prioleau Ravenel, deceased, late of Charleston, S. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1941, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 15th day of January, 1941.
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Executrix.

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