

THE PRAYER CORNER

"LOVEST THOU ME?"

I was reading last Sunday some very helpful thoughts on these words. May I share them with my readers. Three times the words fell on the disciples' ears. "Lovest thou me?" Three times Simon answered, shrinking each time from giving a direct and simple yea. As Christ's searching eye looked on Peter's face, into his very soul, Peter remembered, how unworthy, how unfaithful, he had been. Could he say lightly, now as he had said before, that he loved Jesus so well that he would die for Him? Strong as his affection really was for Jesus, the memory of the shameful failure on that night in the high priest's palace made it impossible for him to point to his past evidence of his love.

"Jesus knew about the denials—had heard them as He stood there amid His enemies. It was hard in the face of this for Peter to answer boldly and confidently that he loved Jesus—His action had not proved it. There was another element in the embarrassment. Peter's fellow disciples knew how he had failed. With their ears hearing the Master's question, it was very hard for Peter to answer calmly and boldly, "Yes, I love Thee and would die for Thee." "What then did he answer? He knew in his own heart that he did love Jesus deeply, shameful as his treatment of Him had been. He dared not make any further avowal of his love, remembering his unfaithfulness the night of his Lord's betrayal. There was no use trying to explain away what he had done, pleading weakness or surprise. What could he say? His position was most painful. But he found a refuge—Jesus understood it all. So he looked up into that eye which was searching the depths of his soul and said, "Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

"There is not one of us who does not need many times in his life to find this same refuge. We are all much like Peter. We have given ourselves to Christ. We are striving to follow Him. We mean to be true to him. We are sincere when we stand up before men, and avow our friendship for Him. We mean to keep our promises, but life is hard and we are very weak. At the best we get only little fragments of the beauty of Christ in our character. We intend to be gentle and loving, but we mar our days oftentimes with unhappy tempers, querulous bickerings, unseemly complaints and selfish strivings." We intend to be strong in faith, allowing nothing to make us doubt or fear, but our trust fails us many times, and we grow fearful in life's storms and dangers. We bow our heads to take the Master's benediction, "Peace be unto you," and we mean to live without worry, in quietness and confidence, but again and again the peace is broken, anxiety creeps into our hearts and disturbs the calm. Life's cares fret us. We grow discontented. We mean to be consistent Christians. We intend to be heroic in the

face of enmities and opposition. We say we will never deny Christ. We set out in the morning, brave and confident, but how often does the evening find us defeated, lying in the dust, wounded, broken, covered with shame!" "Then Jesus comes to us with His searching question, Lovest thou me? What shall we answer Him? In our own heart we know that we do love Him. There is no disloyalty there. We are honest in our purpose to be true to Him. Yet we can only hang our head in shame as we think how we failed. How can we look up into His blessed face and declare that we love Him with the memory of all our faults and falls fresh in our mind? We might say we are sorry and will not repeat these sins, but we have been saying that over and over for years. And then almost immediately repeating the things we so deplored, and promised never to repeat."

"What shall we do. There stands the Master, patient, unwearied in His loving, looking calmly into our face and asking, "Lovest thou me?" Dare we say, "Yea, Lord." If He were but a man like ourselves we could not, for our many failures would seem to disprove our word, and He could not find love in our heart under all the inconsistency. But being Christ, He knows all the truth about us, the worst that is in us, and the best. He knows that we are sincere, though so unworthy. He sees the love amid the weakness, the broken vows and poor failures. Therefore we can look up out of our humiliation and say, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

A PRAYER

Dear Friend of Friends, my Christ and my Elder Brother, out of Thine own blessed obedience, pour grace into my life that I may learn of Thee how to love and how to obey. Let the pain of Thy love for the sons of men set me an inspiring example, that I may live only to meet other's needs, and to cheer their lives. Above all, teach me the secret of all obedience, namely that love which is born of Thine own Divine nature, that I may serve not as a necessity but as a privilege. Give me more love for Thee, more love for men, more love of truth and goodness and all pure things. And lift me up to Thy presence, so that I may serve Thee at last without weariness, for Thine own dear sake. My King and my Friend, teach me that I may be really a Christian. Let me never be so foolish as to rely upon Thee. Give me Thy wisdom, and the will to devote myself to Thee. Give me Thy wisdom and the will to devote myself to Thee and Thy dear world. Let me give all I have to the struggle, and look to Thee for the power which can never fail to bring what Thy children fervently ask for, or to do what Thy children honestly seek to have done in Thy cause. So shall I find glory of my religion and manifest its glory to others, but Thine alone shall be the praise, Amen and Amen. (To be continued).

—C. D. C.

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This shop located at 40 North Lexington Avenue in Asheville, specialize in plumbing, heating and ventilating to a large and ever increasing patronage.

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In this edition we also wish to compliment this firm upon the prominent position obtained in the business life of the country, and upon the modern and satisfactory work in which it is being executed.

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In this edition we are glad to compliment them upon their very comprehensive lines, their excellent service in all departments and refers them to all our readers.

VERNER SPEAKS AT METHODIST CHURCH

Those who are studying the book on missions every Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church had a rare treat when they began the chapter on "The Redemption of the Congo." Superintendent S. P. Verner, who has spent years in the Congo, taught the class, going into some of the deeper phases of the work of missionaries in bringing Christianity to the dark continent. Touching on the great international results from seemingly small beginnings, Prof. Verner aroused such interest that the class prolonged the session to ask questions and hear discussions relative to the social, industrial, educational and religious future of a country so full of possibilities as is Africa.

OAKLAND NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nicholson and children of Rosman, called on the former's parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nicholson, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reid, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee F. Norton, Mrs. Mary Burgess and daughter, Miss Bertie, motored to Greenville Sunday to attend a birthday dinner. The dinner was in honor of Mr. R. J. Galloway, his son and grandson. Mr. Galloway was eighty years old and plans to start clearing a new ground in the near future. Twenty guests enjoyed a fine dinner and a very pleasant day was reported by all those present.

Mrs. Luna Sanders had as weekend guest her mother and brother, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wilson, from South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reid and daughters, Misses Flora and Bess, called on friends here Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Fisher visited Mrs. E. A. Reid Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sanders had as dinner guests Friday evening, their son Ray, and Lenzy and Y. C. Sanders of Lake Toxaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reid and children are spending some time with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reid of Liberty, S. C.

Mrs. S. E. Alexander spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reid.

Otto Alexander called on I. S. Sanders last Saturday.

Mrs. Dewey Bryson who has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Reid, has moved to Cashiers. Mr. Bryson has employment there at a sawmill.

Miss Lula Reid has been quite ill at her home last week with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid made a business trip to Brevard one day last week.

Mr. Spearman of Easley, called in our village Tuesday afternoon.

Homier and Clarence Chappell were guests of Bob Sanders Friday afternoon.

T. B. Reid had the misfortune to lose a fine jersey cow last week.

PLEASANT GROVE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grey visited the latter's sister, Mrs. D. R. Justus, who is in Patton Memorial hospital in Hendersonville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Whitmire of Cherryfield, were guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. L. C. Hamilton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson visited their son, Robert, of Enon, Sunday.

Hall Grey, Alvin Grey and Dewey Hamilton made a business trip to Enka Thursday.

Mrs. O. S. Grey spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Morris of Hendersonville, who has been very ill.

"Uncle" Mont Osteen of Crab Creek, was in our section last Thursday, on business.

Rev. Oscar Orr of Fort Mill, S. C., spent the week-end with relatives here.

Lee Hamilton spent the week-end with his brother, William, of Eto-wah.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Drake of Pleasant Hill, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. J. H. Drake, Friday.

Clyde Garren of Penrose, was a visitor in this section, Sunday.

On account of the inclement weather the prayer meeting scheduled for last Saturday evening at Pleasant Grove was called off. On next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, everyone is urged to be present at the prayer meeting. The subject for the service is "Help." All of us can carry out the meaning of the subject by being present, so let's all try to help.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In the General County Court S. V. Rackley vs. Arie Rackley.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Transylvania County, to secure a divorce by the plaintiff from the defendant on statutory grounds; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the General County Court of said County to be held on the first Monday in April 1930, at the Court House of said County, in Brevard, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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