

THE PRAYER CORNER

JOYFULNESS

The New Testament is the most joyful book in the world. It opens with joy over the Birth of Jesus; and it ends with a superb picture of a multitude which no man could number, singing Halleluiah Choruses.

No matter where you open it, amid fortunate or discouraging circumstances, you always find the note of joy. Even when a company of friends gather for a farewell supper, before their Leader is crucified, He says to them: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be full—John 15:11. Even when their best friend has gone the mourners take their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God (Acts 2:46).

If they are flogged for their faith, the Disciples depart from the council rejoicing that they are counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name (Acts 5:41). When an apostle is put in jail overnight he passes the time singing (Acts 16:25). And if you listen to him in his Roman prison, you will hear him dictating, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). There is enough tragedy in the New Testament to make it the saddest book in the world, and instead, it is the joyfulest.

The Religion which expresses itself in this book, and which issues from it, is the most joyful religion on earth.

Three great Missionary Faiths are in existence today, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Christianity. The first has no hymns and never sings; the second is only now endeavoring to compete with Christianity by copying its hymns. So Buddhism endeavors to graft into her pessimistic thought of life a little of that radiant Halleluiah in which sixty generations of Christians spontaneously have broken into song.

Behind this joyous Book and this joyous Religion stands a joyful personality. The mournful pictures of Him in Medieval art proved to be wrong by the records of His life and the consequences of His influence. The most joyous religion and book in existence were not inspired by a melancholy man. Swinburne, missing the mark as usual, sings of Him:

"Thou has conquered, O pale Galilean
The world has grown grey with
Thy breath."

Was Jesus a pale Galilean? Has the world grown grey with His breath?

Let us look at Him and see:

On the two occasions when Jesus took special pains to justify His conduct to His enemies, He was explaining to them why He and His disciples were so joyful. In Mark 2:18, 19. He is justifying the refusal of His little company, to fast. A Pharisee fasted twice every week, on Mondays and Thursdays whether he felt like it or not. Jesus says that man's forced abstinence is useless, and that He and His disciples are as happy as a bridal party, and do not wish to fast. This is a skillful way of putting the matter, because ac-

ording to the Jewish Law, a bridal party was always exempt from fasting. Jesus claims that He and His friends are on a continuous honeymoon, and that the Pharisaic laws have no right to interrupt their freedom.

On another occasion the Pharisees complain because He welcomes sinners to His friendship. He tells them (Luke 15) that the work which he is doing in finding lost men and bringing them back to their true life is the joyfulest work in the world. He says that He is glad over it as a shepherd who calls in his neighbors for a feast when a lost sheep is rescued, as full of satisfaction as a housewife who has lost a coin and found it; as happy as a father whose prodigal son has come home. He says that this sort of experience which he is enjoying makes Angels sing, and that such joy He will not exchange for the exclusiveness of the Pharisees.

A PRAYER OF JOYFULNESS

Our Father, help us to find the Secret of the Master's Joy, that we may no longer dwell in the outer courts where our Happiness comes and goes as the flowers bloom and fade. May we enter into the Secret Places of the Most High where He lives, until our joy like His cannot be taken away from us.

Teach us the joy of discovering the Tokens of Thy Presence always

In the song of birds,
The fragrance of flowers,
The marvelous beauty of sunrise
And sunset,

but more in the ringing laughter and primitive cry of little children, in the deep hunger in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, and in our own souls, so that we are never alone.

Teach us the joy of friendship, that leaves no hurt or sting. Help us to enter into the deep joy of sympathy with our brothers and sisters, and the sympathy that gives insight, and knits heart to heart, until we are able to receive help when it is offered.

Save us, O our Father, from the darkness of selfishness, and unite us with wise and tender love to those who need us, and those whom we need. All of this and more which we cannot express we ask in the Master's name. Amen.

—C. D. C.

Oakland News Items

The many friends of I. S. Sanders will be glad to learn that he is able to be out again.

Mrs. Mary Burgess was in Brevard on business last week.

Mrs. Maggie Nicholson spent last Thursday in Rosman.

Clarence Norton and two sisters, Mrs. I. S. Sanders and Mrs. W. F. McCall, were Brevard visitors, last week.

Otto Alexander of Brevard, visited home folks Sunday.

J. L. Sanders spent the week-end in South Carolina. Mrs. Sanders, who had been visiting her mother there, returned with him.

Mrs. E. A. Reid spent Thursday with Mrs. T. B. Reid.

Robert Sanders, Edwin Reid and Frank Brown spent last week in West Virginia, returning home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bryson have moved from the Charles Bennett cottage to Glenville.

Rev. S. B. McCall and E. D. Randolph were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Norton.

T. B. Reid called on Frank Chapel Thursday.

Miss Myrtle McCall spent Saturday night with Miss Evaund Sanders.

Frank McCall and Clarence Norton were in Rosman Thursday night on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reid and Miss Lula Reid called on Mrs. S. E. Alexander Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Burgess, Neal and Miss Roberta Burgess and Kile Galloway visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Galloway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCall visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid on Sunday afternoon.

We are promised a treat Sunday, April 19th, at Lake Toxaway Baptist church. The Carolina Ladies Quartet of Greenville, S. C., has promised to be here and sing at our church

Pisgah Forest News

Miss Stella Cody was seriously injured last Friday afternoon in Brevard when she stepped off a moving automobile and was thrown to the pavement. The impact is said to have crushed her head severely, but reports Monday are to the effect that she is improving at her home here. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cody and is a Sophomore at Brevard High school.

Mrs. C. C. Morris and daughter of Biltmore, spent the week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. Emma Colburn.

Joe Orr was a Brevard visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mackey and family have moved back to their former home.

Mrs. Jewel Justus and children of Asheville spent several days last week with Mrs. W. A. Lyday.

R. D. Jenkins of Brevard, spent Sunday with D. H. Orr.

"Married Life" a comedy drama, was given by the Turkey Creek P. T. A. at the Davidson River school Friday evening. The play was well rendered and a good attendance noted.

Herman Penland of Asheville, is visiting Oliver Buckner.

Miss Mildred Barnett entertained with a miscellaneous shower Friday afternoon in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. Rueben Morgan. Many useful and pretty things were received by the bride. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance of Mills River spent Sunday with Jim Carter and family.

Jule Orr and C. L. Corn were Hendersonville visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Allen have moved into this section from North Brevard.

Several people from this section attended the revival at Little River last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Marcum and daughter, Lucile, spent Sunday with Mrs. Marcum's father, C. Campfield.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Prady and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Avery.

Harry Sitton of Etowah, spent Sunday with Howard and D. S. Orr.

Bill Hawley of Gastonia, spent Sunday with friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grooms and children of Brevard were recent guests of Mrs. Stanley Allison.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brewer on April 7th, twin boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mackey and son and Mrs. Frances Allen and daughter spent Sunday on Boylston.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Orr and Mrs. Jule Orr spent Wednesday with Mrs. John Lyday at Penrose.

Several people from this section attended the ball games in Asheville last week.

Potato planting seems to be the order of the day.

Sunday morning, going from here to Oak Grove church in the afternoon. Let all music lovers be present and enjoy real singing.

The singing convention meets at Oakland church Sunday afternoon.

RAISES TON OF PORK FROM ONLY EIGHT PIGS

Producing a ton of pork with as many as ten pigs in a litter is not an unusual accomplishment in North Carolina, but to grow this much meat with eight pigs during a feeding period of 120 days is unusual.

"This is what Alfred Straughn, 4-H club boy of Chatham county, did last year to establish a new record for his county," says L. R. Harrill, state club agent. "The eight pigs weighed 140 pounds total when young Straughn began his feeding demonstration. At the conclusion of the 120-day period, the eight animals weighed 2,080 pounds, gaining two pounds per pig per day through the entire period."

"He has concluded that the State College system is all o.k.," says Mr. Harrill.

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