

THE QUIET CORNER

"That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and Honesty."—I Tim. 2:2.

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THOSE WHO ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES FOR AMERICA

Those who are giving their lives for America are your sons and mine. We love them. They were once infants in our arms. We rocked them in the cradle, we fed them at our tables, we prayed for them around our family altars, we took them to church, we clothed them and educated them. We labored and toiled for years to enable them to reach manhood. They are borne of our bone and flesh. They are near and dear to our hearts. Their dear mothers suffered to bring them into the world, and they nursed and cared for them during infancy, and watched over them through childhood, and helped them on to manhood. They are all somebody's sons. Many of them no father and mother today, as their parents have passed out of this life into the great beyond. The love and prayers of father and mother have ceased, as their bodies lie in some silent grave. O, that we may breathe for these dear fatherless soldiers a spirit of prayer and love them fully and freely!

This is a sad day to multitudes of us. It is sad to see our dear sons leave for the training camps, leave for different states, leave for the islands of the sea and for far distant shores. It is sad to parents, sad to wives and husbands, and sad to sweethearts, as thousands are marching away. Many a dear girl's heart is broken and bleeding, so to speak, as she kisses and bids her lover goodbye. Her love follows him, and if she is a Christian, her prayers follow him. She hopes to see him again some sweet day and be united in marriage and have a happy home. But many, many will never realize this. Their hopes and longings will be buried with their lovers in the sea, or in distant lands, or on our own beloved shores as they get killed in action, or by accident, or sickness and die. O, that God may comfort every troubled heart and soul!

Our dear sons have given up their homes, their schools, their jobs and their plans to go forth to defend America. They have said goodbye to fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and children, friends and sweethearts, classmates and sweethearts. They left bravely, hoping to return again, or left weeping, some of whom never expect to get back. Many have already shed their life's blood, or have gone down to a watery grave. The sacrifice they are making is all they can do—giving their lives. Your sacrifice and mine in giving them up is great indeed. This is what liberty is costing us. This is what it costs to keep the American flag, which we believe to be the most beautiful and glorious on earth, floating over the land of the free and the home of the brave. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and religious liberty cost the blood of our forefathers to bring it to pass, and it is costing the blood of our sons today to maintain it. The cost is fabulous. No American citizen wants to live under dictatorship, nor be made a slave to ungodly rulers.

However, our freedom is going to cost more than the lives of our sons and billions of dollars in money and property; it is going to cost deep repentance on the part of our country, and turning away from evil, sin and wickedness. It is going to cost wordly pleasure and giving up that which is cursing us in many ways. It is going to mean a mighty turning back to God, to the church and Sunday school, and to the old family altar and to the prayer meeting. We have been on a rampage long enough. Millions of our people have forsaken and forgotten God, hence our suffering and sorrow. We had better be turning back to God as a nation. Our churches ought to be filled with people who are repenting their way to God, and those who are calling upon God to protect and save us from the powers of the enemy and from the loss of everything that is near and dear to our hearts. While our dear sons are giving their time and talent and lives for our country, we as parents, wives, children, sweethearts, associates and friends ought to be earnestly and sincerely engaged in prayer in their behalf, and in behalf of our freedom. This war is going to be won mainly through prayer. It is up to us to pray, pray, PRAY! O how America needs to repent and pray, give up her sins and seek God's face! Surely this is an absolute fact beyond the shadow of a doubt. Think of those who are giving lives for America, and the least we can do is to pray for them. They are depending upon our prayers. Let's not fail them. Tens of thousands of the dear

soldier boys today are not Christians. How sad this fact! We ought to write them good letters, telling them the sweet old story of Jesus and His love. We should urge them to repent, accept Jesus as their personal Savior and be ready for all that stands ahead. We ought to send them good tracts, good literature and good books. It would be a wonderful plan to subscribe for a good paper for them. If they don't have time to read much through the week, they can read on Sunday. Many of them could be reached with the Gospel, or brought to Christ with the right means. Some of them in sin have tender hearts. They are responsive. They feel the need of Christ. They know their lives are going to be tremendously endangered. Why not write them good letters and tell them we are praying for their precious souls to be saved and for their return home again? If many of them get back it will be in answer to prayer. It pays to pray.

Not all the dear soldiers are sinful. It is true that there are some "rough necks" among them, and some who are very wicked, but not all. Many of them are godly, righteous, noble and manly. They pray, read their Bible, return thanks for their food, love the truth, love the right, love God supremely and love all mankind. Some of the best and choicest young men on the American soil are among our soldiers. God bless them, keep them and make them a blessing. They have a great opportunity of winning others to Christ. They should pray for those who are sinful, dissipated and wicked. They ought to warn them against sin's destructive way. They should tell them of life's better way. They might influence many, many to seek the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. It is possible. It is a glorious and golden opportunity that our Christian soldiers have. Why not use it? You can be a soul-winner in the training camps and maybe on the battlefields, in the airplanes and on the battle fronts. Tell your fellow soldiers that Jesus loves them and wants to save their precious souls. Tell them there is a hell to shun and a heaven to gain, and if they miss heaven they have missed everything worth while.

Just the other day I had a very encouraging letter from one of our dear soldiers. Here is what he said: "Dear brother in Christ—I have been reading your sermons in the Union Republican and enjoy them. I am sending you five dollars of my tithe money. I am a Christian, but I need your prayers. May God bless you in your work. Just a friend." This soldier's address is: Private Fred C. Ferguson, 42 M. P., B. N., Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. If you want to write him I am sure he would appreciate it. I wrote him a good letter and sent him some tracts. May God bless him and make him a real blessing to his fellow soldiers. I greatly appreciate the five dollars he sent me, as this is unusual with a soldier. However, a dear young man in the marines sent me some offerings some two or three times. He was a noble youth. The last I heard of him he was at home.

Thank God for soldiers who pray and trust God, and who are willing to give part of their means to God's cause instead of spending it all upon themselves. No doubt many waste their money for tobacco and strong drink, and for evils that are hurtful to soul and body. Somehow and someday this dear soldier has had the light on tithing, which is a blessing to anyone who practices it, and is a blessing to others. If he can and does tithe his income in order to advance the God always blesses a tither graciously and abundantly. When one comes to God in need temporarily or spiritually, and can truthfully tell God that the tithes are in, he certainly can depend upon God to come to his assistance. He can stand upon Malachi 3:10, 11, and Philippians 4:19. I sincerely believe he can plead the blood of Jesus and stand upon God's promises with more faith and far greater protection from the shot and shell of the enemy, for God has promised to rebuke the devourer. Hallelujah. I don't know when I have ever appreciated an offering more than I did the one which came at a time when I needed it. No from this dear soldier. It came doubt God moved on his heart to do this. So I am praying for him and for the dear soldiers. Will you join me in prayer?

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By LYTLE HULL

NO ROOM FOR DEMOCRACY!

In his speech of December 8, Generalissimo Franco stated that the post war world must be either a Communist world or a Fascist world. The Liberal theory—and by Liberal he meant democratic, not socialistic—has dry rotted and is now making it's last stand, according to the Spanish dictator.

The principal weakness of Senor Franco's argument lies in the fact that, having never lived in what we call a "free world," he has no knowledge of what real freedom means. His conception is a world managed by an individual or by a minority party, supposedly for the benefit of the majority. Not a bad idea of the individual, or party was sent down by Heaven and classified "perfect" by St. Peter. It would relieve us of a lot of tiring activity in the way of elections—and where those are not allowed—revolutions. But unfortunately the man of today who works himself to the top of the heap, is only a human being. There is nothing divine about him. He may have more energy and he a little smarter than the average run—but he is no superman. Supermen just don't exist today—except in the funnies—nor have they ever existed; and this fact has made necessary the creation of a system, called Democracy, in which the majority of the people whose welfare is at stake, have the final say. This majority elects a "ruler" to manage their affairs. If this "ruler" satisfied them, they re-elect him. If he displeases

them, they employ someone else. Under any system of government yet devised by mortal man, abuses will occur. Gangsters from all walks of life will take advantage of the weaknesses of others and throw monkey wrenches in the otherwise well oiled so-

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tems which now maintain in Spain, Germany, Italy and Russia, and the only reason on earth why anyone who has lived in our usually happy country advocates Socialism (Facism) or Communism is because he expects to be "on top" if and when his party should get control of our government. These "advocates" wouldn't—and they don't—live under these systems.

Yes, Brother Franco—the world is marching toward a new order; toward freedom for all people, not just those of the present democracies. One hundred and fifty years ago, there was no freedom. The whole world was controlled by kings, dictators or tiny minorities. Today half the world is free—or will be when we drive the Axis out of the conquered countries—and when this war is over there will be other countries which will join the ranks of the free nations. It is autocracy which is making its last stand, Brother Franco—not the freedom which we call democracy and which will some day cover the earth.



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