

PASTORS' CHILDREN TO HONOR PARENTS

Memorial Takes Form of Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Chicago.—"Silver keys to golden memories." In these five words are epitomized a national movement, with its headquarters here, which has as its objectives:

Creation of a sunshiny, life and health-giving memorial to the spirits of thousands of America's best-loved men and women, and

A lasting and complete refutation of the old theory that the majority of ministers' children are ne'er-do-wells.

The "golden memories" are those which all of us treasure of the kindly ministrations, the heart-felt sympathies and the helping hands extended to us in times of stress by pastors or our acquaintances.

The "silver keys" are the dollars that are pouring into the Methodist Ministers' Sons' and Daughters' association, for the memorial which that organization has planned and on which construction is expected early this year.

Plan Great Sanatorium.

That memorial is to be the Methodist Ministers' Memorial sanatorium at Colorado Springs, Colo. It is planned as the principal unit of the National Methodist Episcopal Sanatorium for Tuberculosis—a project embracing almost a million dollars in buildings and equipment.

"Our unit," says Rev. J. W. Irish, D. D., executive secretary of the association, "will cost about \$300,000 and will afford us—the sons and daughters of Methodist ministers—an opportunity not only to honor our fathers and mothers, but also to assist in caring for the more than a million persons in America who are afflicted with this dread disease. The service will be non-sectarian and will be provided without cost to those who are unable to pay the cost of their fights for health."

Doctor Irish added that probably no movement in the history of Methodism ever has struck such a popular chord of appeal and that the success of the venture is assured. In his offices at 740 Rush street, he already has the names and addresses of 10,000 sons and daughters of Methodist ministers.

"Our greatest concern now," he continued, "is that of obtaining as nearly as possible a complete list of the sons and daughters of Methodist ministers and their wives. The opportunity which our association affords these folks of memorializing their parents is such that we have issued a general appeal to the public everywhere to send us names and addresses of any known sons or daughters of our pastors."

"So great is the interest in our activity that the Chamber of Commerce of Colorado Springs donated 23 acres of land within the city limits for the location of our buildings. The site adjoins that of Beth-El General hospital, nationally known for its achievements in surgical and general medical treatment."

One unit of our sanatorium, a heating plant and laundry large enough to provide for future expansion, already have been erected on our site."

Ministers' Sons Rank High.

Development of the hospital memorial to children of preachers, has brought to light an almost startling array of prominent personages who were the sons or daughters of ministers.

John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a preacher's son, as were eight others who signed that document. One of every nine of the Presidents of the United States have been ministers' sons, while in one of every four administrations, America's Presidents had daughters of ministers as the nation's first lady."

One of every five persons in the Hall of Fame in New York city is the son or daughter of a preacher.

In the industrial field, in science, invention, literature and the arts, many of the outstanding names are those of ministers' sons.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of Chicago is president of the association; Rev. Merle N. English, D. D., of Oak Park, Ill., is vice president. Other officers, besides Doctor Irish, the executive secretary, include L. O. Jones, Lincoln, Neb., secretary, and Dr. C. S. Woods, Cleveland, Ohio, treasurer.

Snapshots of Cruiser

Emden Stir Germans

Wilhelmshaven, Germany.—There was excitement among members of the German navy when the cruiser Emden departed on a world tour. For sailors on board a British tank ship were observed to be photographing the German naval vessel as she steamed out of port.

Wild rumors began to circulate in this harbor, describing the network of a big English espionage system.

But these stirring stories were quickly dissipated by the Frankfurter Zeitung, which wrote: "Nowadays there are few jobs for foreign spies. The plans of the Emden are known to members of the interallied military control commission better than they are to the builders in Wilhelmshaven."

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Curiosity Has Played Big Part in Progress

From time immemorial women have been branded as being more curious than men. Now we are told by a London clergyman that men far outnumber women in the inquiries they address to him during the "Question Hour" he has instituted at his church.

One cannot say that one sex is more curious than the other, but they are interested in totally different matters. Feminine curiosity is lighthearted, and less searching than masculine. Few women are ashamed to admit their desire to know the cost of a dress, but the majority would be reluctant to admit their ignorance of some important event in history. The opposite is the case with most men. They feel it is bad taste to be curious about personal matters, but they rarely mind asking for information about public affairs.

Curiosity often becomes a vice with some people. Most of us are familiar with old maids and bachelors who spend all their time probing into the affairs of others. Such people are an object of terror and dislike to the other inhabitants, and the originators of countless petty scandals and quarrels. Lack of any real occupation drives them slowly, as they grow older, into indecent prying into their neighbors' concerns.

We are apt to condemn curiosity as an unpleasant quality, and few of us will acknowledge that we are led and tempted by it. We forget that it is an instinct which is one of the most valuable and beneficial assets of humanity in the battle of life. It is the driving force behind the work of all scientists, doctors, and explorers. Without it the world would still be in a state of barbarism.—Vancouver Province.

Practice of Kissing Not Universal Custom

The idea of the kiss being an instinctive gesture is negated by its being unknown over half the world, where the prevailing salute is that by smelling or sniffing (often called by travelers "rubbing noses"). The kiss appears constantly in Semitic and Aryan antiquity.

In Greece in the classic period it became customary to kiss the hand, breast or knee of a superior. In Rome the kisses of inferiors became a burdensome civility. The early Christians made it the sign of fellowship. It early passed into more ceremonial form in the kiss of peace given to the newly baptized and in the celebration of the eucharist.

While the kiss has been adopted as a religious rite, its original social use has continued. Among men, however, it has become less effusive. Court ceremonial keeps up the kiss on the cheek between sovereigns and the kissing of the hand by subjects, and the pope, like a Roman emperor, receives the kiss on his foot.—Encyclopedia Britannica.

Waxing Candles

Henry Drummond, author of "The Greatest Thing in the World," in his lighter moments (and he had many) was full of gaiety, frequently displaying a unique and versatile form of wit. He was one of a group assembled one night at the home of Drummond's minister, Dr. Marcus Dods.

During the supper, which had to be taken by candle light, one of the candles began to droop. One of the young men set it upright, then it drooped to the other side. Finally it became a subject of remark.

Someone called it a most wicked candle; another said it should be sent to Greece, and sundry other jokes were leveled at the unfortunate light giver. Finally Drummond said, very earnestly, he thought the conversation was beginning to wax scandalous.

"Wires" Sent by Pigeons

Before the invention of the electric telegraph, carrier pigeons provided the fastest known means of transmitting messages, and were even used by English stockbrokers to get early reports on the market.

The carrier pigeon is useful because of his accuracy in returning to his home, and the speed of his flight. He must be carefully trained over a long period. Pigeons have been known to carry a message as far as 500 miles in one day. During the Franco-Prussian war they were used by both armies to carry messages, but the invention of telegraph and wireless soon led to their abandonment.

In the Glacial Age

It is impossible to say how long a period the glacial waters of Lake Agassiz covered the greater parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Minnesota. The lake, from its earliest measurements, appears to have been 110,000 square miles, with a length of 700 miles, width of 250 miles and a depth of 700 feet. Besides the reclaimed land now known as the Red River valley there remains still of Lake Agassiz the shrunken remnants constituting Lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rainy lake, Lake of the Woods and Red lake.

Watchful Waiting

Louella is a careless tot and usually loses her penny before she gets a chance to spend it. The other day her next-door neighbor met her on the street and Louella, as usual, explained that she was on her way to the store to spend her daily penny.

Just then her little brother came along and piped up:

"Wun along Louella, I'se wight be and you an' finders is spenders."



Your lips are red but not as red As roses I have grown; Your eyes are blue but not as blue As seas that I have known; The full-blown rose will quickly fade And blue seas change their hue, But always you shall be my love And ever I'll be true.

Day Devoted to Tender Thoughts

An old idea is that observed February 14 because of an ancient belief that birds began to mate on that date, hence the practice of sending missives of an amatory or satirical nature.

Today's satirists assert that if this is true, the birds that started the habit must have been cuckoos.

Other doubts prevail as to the origin of the name, Saint Valentine. It is a corruption of the word "galantin," meaning a lover, a gallant, or a dangler, reference books state when consulted about the venerable old saint, whose name sprang into being about 475 B. C.

Miss Modernity, 1926 sport model, alleges that dangle is the correct word. She, it seems, keeps them dangling on a "line," to quote modern slang. Whether or not she lands them is problematical, sheiks and asphalt arabs declare.

Be that as it may, this same reference book sets forth that the name Saint Valentine was selected for the sweethearts' saint, merely because of the euphonious qualities of his name. This is another source of humorous remarks.

Trace the name from the word "galantin" to "Saint Valentine" and you have almost all of the various expressions in use today to denote varying degrees and terms applicable to that symptom of heart infection called by mortals "love."

Latin gives us "valens," meaning valiant. Modern folk jestingly remark that a man to be married must be valiant. Write the old geometrical term, "Q.E.D.," meaning "Quod Erat Demonstrandum"—which was to be proved.

Welsh tongues give us the word "gwan" as one of the by-products of "valens," to which the remark, flippant flapper prefixes "aw," and the present day term, "aw-gwan," seems to have been said several hundred years before this era of store-bought faces and rolled socks.

"Gwan," in Welsh, meant guard, ward or vain. Consequently, one's valentine could be considered any or all three of these.

A wife is a ward. Try and keep her sometimes is the difficulty. She is also a guard, if Monsieur Hen

FAIRY'S VALENTINE



I saw a little elf Who was sitting by himself In a hollow that was warm and sunny. He had made a little pen Of a feather of a wren And he dipped it into golden honey.

And he wrote with all his might: "Oh, my darling little sprite, You are sweeter than the clover That the bee is buzzing over. And I love you, I adore you, And I'm always longing for you, And you're always growing dearer. And I wish that you were nearer, I can think of nothing clever, But I'm yours, and yours forever If you want it so or not!" And he ended with a blot.

Then I copied out his letter (Since I couldn't write a better), And I'm signing it and send it to you, For it's true. —Arthur Gulterman. in Dellneator.

A VALENTINE



In dusty tomes, in quiet place, I found a quaint, old valentine, A thing of gilt and paper lace, And lovers' vows in faltering rhyme. And on the margin faintly trace The sender's name in faded line.

How easily we smile and sigh At love and fashions long outgrown, And yet perchance her heart beat high, His hopes were valiant as your own— The girl who laid it carefully by, The boy whose fate must be unknown.

Peck or any of his 567,889,007,938 colleagues are to be heard.

This settles the origin of the date and the origin of the name, since it has been traced backward through the dusty pages of some dozens of reference books.

Saint Valentine's observance is an easier thing to ascertain. Chaucer wrote in his "Complaint to My Mortal Foe":

"Saint Valentine! To you I renevele My woful lyf, as I can, compleynynge; Upon your day doth ech foul chose his mate."

Which means, when translated, that he wished to renew his woful life as he could, complainingly, however; and added for the edification of others that "on this day does each fowl choose its mate."

Shakespeare, in "Hamlet," refers also to Saint Valentine's day. His must have been in these good old days that we hear about so often, judging from the tone of his words, which would indicate that pretty maids hung about desirable bachelors' windows upon this day.

The exact words used by the Bard of Avon are:

"Tomorrow is Saint Valentine's day, All in the morning betime, And I a maid at your window— To be your Valentine."

"Hod dawg," quoth the office sheik, who happened to see this, "them's the days I woulda like to lived. Wouldna hadda crank Ol' Liz up and go get her. She'd have been on hand just after dawn."

The custom of observing the day, however, has fallen into disuse in England, while in France, where it once prevailed on the first Sunday in Lent, the sending of valentines almost has disappeared from folk-traits.

But in America Kid Kupid is making a heavy fight. Today is the day when the pink and white creations, bought with carefully hoarded pennies by little Jimmy, will find their way to Betty.

And the day when the older folks also will dream of other days, when they, too, eagerly watched the village mail man, waiting for the tender missives that spelled in capital letters—

"L-O-V-E."



Will Give 100 Medals.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The Department of Forests announced today that 100 medals will be awarded to Pennsylvania Boy Scouts for meritorious service in forests protection during 1926. The plan has the approval of the National Boy Scout Headquarters and is a big factor in stimulating interest in forest protection among the Boy Scouts of the State. This plan has been in operation during the last two years and will again be a feature of the Boy Scout work in 1927.

Ten regional committees to consider applications and recommend awards have been appointed. The State has been divided into ten districts, in each of which ten meritorious service medals will be awarded. No scout who has accepted pay for forest protection service will be recommended for the award. Each committee considering the awards consists of a Scout Executive and a representative of the Department of Forests and Waters.

A meritorious medal may be awarded to an individual scout, to a patrol, to a troop, or to a scout official. Application for awards for 1926 must be in the hands of the committees before Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 1927. All Scouts who individually or with their local troop have rendered meritorious service should present their application to the local committees at an early date.

Meritorious service may be shown in the prevention of forest fires, in detecting and reporting forest fire, and in educating the public to the dangers of forest fire. Among the activities which make Scouts eligible for these awards are: Removing conditions which constitute a forest fire hazard and reporting the existence of forest fires, and enlisting persons over 16 years of age in extinguishing them. Other activities that make scouts eligible are: Securing the cooperation and support of clubs, organizations, and schools in the prevention and suppression of forest fires, and the posting of roads, streams, and woods with literature calling for greater care with matches, camp fires, cigars and cigarettes. Forestry officials are of the opinion that the official campaign conducted by the Scout organization during the last few years has been a big factor in improving the forest fire situation in Pennsylvania.

American Soldiers Buried in France.

Washington.—The number of American soldiers now buried in cemeteries in France totals 30,540, X. A. Price, Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, told the House Appropriations Committee during consideration of the Independent Office Supply bill, testimony published now reveals.

In other European cemeteries, Price said, 130 Americans killed in the World War are buried. He said the bodies of 46,214 soldiers had been returned to this country.

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