

WHAT THE RECRUIT WINS

The International Sunday School Lesson For August 4 Is "Growing Stronger."—Luke 2:42-52; 2 Peter 1:5-8.

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In his "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man," Robert W. Service has a poem called "The Revelation," of which these stanzas are typical:

"We've bidden good-by to life in a cage, we've finished with pushing a pen; They're pumping up full of bellicose rage, they're showing us how to be men. We're only beginning to find ourselves; we're wonders of brawn and dew; But when we go back to our sissy jobs—oh, what are we going to do?"

"For shoulders curved with the counter stoop will be carried erect and square; And faces white from the office light will be bronzed by the open air; And we'll walk with the stride of a new-born pride, with a new-found joy in our eyes. Scornful men who have died with death under the naked skies . . .

"Don't you guess that the things we're seeing now will haunt us through all the years; Heaven and hell rolled into one, glory and blood and tears; Life's pattern picked with scarlet thread, where once we wove with a gray To remind us all how we played our part in the shock of an epic day?"

"Oh, we're booked for the Great Adventure now, we're pledged to the Real Romance; We'll find ourselves in widdy old France; We'll know the zest of the fighter's life, the best that we have will give; We'll hunger and thirst; we'll die, but first—we'll live; by the gods, we'll live!"

That is one of the big facts of the war. It has been an emancipation of manhood. Wage slaves have become free men and heroes. Dwarfed souls, once chained for life to a dreary grind, have been set at liberty to travel half way over the earth, and to enter into new kingdoms of knowledge. In putting on the uniform, myriads of men have taken on the whole world. That they should win to new physical vigor and power was a foregone conclusion: what is more important is that they have grown greater in their spirits. They look out upon a larger life, with clearer, braver eyes. Knowing life, they know also themselves. Like the Hero of our Lesson, they have "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." One great introduction to the credit side on the balance sheet of our war is the improvement of our young men, who are coming home to make things new for

"Progress is the law of life: man is not Man, as yet."

Millions will this week study this Lesson on growth, based upon the story of the boy Jesus. It bears upon its face the message that the Christian life is a progress, and not a once-for-all experience. In New England "experience meetings" I have heard men tell of their religion as if it were a memory of a lifetime ago, like their voyage around the Horn. It was an incident of the past, and not a reality of the present. Now stale religion is less palatable than canned food or barrel water. Shipwrecked sailors are grateful for the cask of stale water that saves their lives; even so may one in emergency turn to stored-up religious experience. But the waters of life are "living waters," flowing all the time, "fresh every morning and new every eve."

Real religion is ever a present experience. Superstition harks back always to that which is past. The "natural religion" of primitive people is a thing of legend and tradition. In shining contrast is the Jesus way, which provides for an eternally contemporaneous contract with God. It is not enough that once in the long ago Jesus introduced men to the Father. He is doing the same thing day by day at this present time; so that countless hearts are fellow with a vital consciousness of God, who is more of a reality to them than the friend by their side or the family at their table. Jesus is "a living, bright reality" to an increasing company of persons every day, who through Him know the Father. They "grow in grace" by growing "in the knowledge of the Lord." The secret of their characters is their contact and communion with Christ.

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ness than much of our conventional Christian poetry: "Jesus, Whose lot with us was cast, Who saw it out, from first to last: Patient and fearless, tender, true, Whose humorous eye took in each phase Of full rich life this world displays, Yet evermore kept fast in view The far-off goal it leads us to: Who, as your hour neared, did not fail— The world's fate trembled in the scale— With your half-hearted band to dine, And chat across the bread and wine: Then went out firm to face the end, Alone, without a single friend: Who felt, as your last words confessed, Wrung from a proud unflinching breast By hours of dull ignoble pain, Your whole life's fight was fought in vain: Would I could win and keep and feel That heart of love, that spirit of steel.

"I would not to Thy bosom fly To slink off till the storms go by. If you are like the man you were, You'd turn with scorn from such a prayer. Unless from some poor workhouse come, Too toll-worn to do aught but moan, Flog me and spur me, set me straight At some vile job I fear and hate: Some sickening round of long endeavor, No light, no rest, no outlet ever: All at a pace that must not slack, Tho' heart would burst and sinews crack: Fog in one's eyes, the brain a-swim, A weight like lead in every limb, And a raw pit that hurts like hell Where once the light breath rose and fell: Do you but keep me, hope or none, Cheery and staunch till all is done, And, at the last gasp, quick to lend One effort more to serve a friend.

Then welcome each rebuff That turns earth's smoothness rough, Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand, Be our joys the parts pain! Strive, and hold cheap the strain; Learn, nor account the pang; dare, never grudge the throe! —Robert Browning.

While society is busy trying to make a nonentity of everybody, seeking conformity at all costs, God is at work building personalities. Our prevalent conceptions of religion have committed few greater blunders than this, that they have exalted the passive virtues, and have stressed an ascetic self-effacement, so that the "model" Christian, held up for youth's emulation, is a forceless, characterless, inoffensive creature that really is an offense to both God and man. God wants personalities. He would have His friends to be mighty in their individuality. He gets no honor from showy saints, singing "Oh, to be nothing" and leaving no more permanent impression upon their world than a reflection does upon a mirror. Christ was all personality. He was a Somebody—for the sake of everybody. For it is a kindergarten lesson that we must be mighty in our individuality from the child, and the religion which subtracts force from character, both do violence to God's great law of life and growth.

In reaction against the soft and defeatist type of religion, which seeks only refuge, and sings hymns of flight from the world, a British barrister has written a prayer to Jesus that has more virility and genuineness than much of our conventional Christian poetry:

"And when—for so I sometimes dream—I've swum the dark, the silent stream, So cold, it takes the breath away, That parts the dead world from the day, And see upon the further strand The lazy, listless angels stand, And with frank and fearless eyes The comrades whom I most did prize: Then, clean, unburdened, careless, cool, I'll saunter up from that grim pool, And join my friends: then you'll come by, The Captain of our Company: Call me out, look me up and down, And pass me through without a frown, With half a smile, but never a word— And so I shall have met me Lord."

Again we turn to one of the books from the trenches for the word to clinch the lesson. Pointing to the examples of the strong Son of God, Chaplain Gray writes: "It is plain that He lived on the levels where it is always risky. It was for Him an adventure in which He always had great forces against Him. He needed all His quiet strength, and His consummate bravery. He needed a spirit that could not be conquered by fear. It was His lot to take great risks and to take them daily.

"The strain of it was tremendous. There were times when He had to go away, and be with God through long, lonely nights in order to recover His strength. But from such times He always emerged serene and strong again. He was perpetually on active service, and never knew the respite of a safe life in a retired home. The crosses on which He died were on His shoulders all through His days. He had a great affectionate heart, and yet had to see friend after friend depart, and to discover that His calling was making Him intensely lonely. He had all our human longings for joy and ease, but He had to forego them in order to be true to His destiny. His life was in many respects like the soldier's, the explorer's, the pioneer's, or that of a traveler in Arctic regions. It was a perpetual endurance. . . .

"That is how it came to pass that men who had seemed to others quite ordinary persons learnt from Him the secret of an heroic endurance, and a splendid persistence which filled the world with wonder. The whole world could not conquer Him, and so even His friends were lifted above the world's power."

Want No Man in Mines Who Conducts a Saloon

Seranton, Pa.—Mine workers in the three anthracite districts have started a movement to divorce the mines from the saloon by decreasing that no man can work in the collieries and at the same time conduct a liquor establishment. The movement was started in District No. 9, but is finding favor in Districts Nos. 1 and 7. Those objecting to the practice of having saloonkeepers work in the mines say a miner who spends almost the entire night behind a bar is in no shape to report for work and handle explosives, etc. They also maintain a clause in the union rule states plainly that men engaged in the liquor trade cannot be members of the union. This clause has never been strictly enforced.

Madison, Wis.—The Wisconsin Railroad Commission denied that it had jurisdiction to compel express companies of the state to carry the copies of the Milwaukee Leader, Socialist paper, which had been barred from the mails by the United States Government.

It holds that the publication should bring the matter into the courts by a mandamus action. It declares the matter is judicial and not administrative.

Use McNeil's Cold Tablets.—Adv.

Every Child in Berlin to Receive a Pass-Book

New York.—Every child in Berlin is to receive a passbook shown a deposit of one mark, according to a plan announced by the Berlin City Council and the Berlin Saving Bank, a municipal institution. This method was adopted as a means of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the bank on June 15. The annual birth rate of Berlin is 40,000.

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In view of the present general shortage in nearly all lines of manufactured goods, it was really a serious question for some time, whether or not we should this year, hold our usual August Furniture Sale; not for the reason that we do not have a good stock of goods in our store at the present time, as we fortunately have one of the best and largest stocks we ever had, but with the prospects in the very near future of being subjected to a decreased production and further advances in prices in all our lines, it looked as though it would be the best judgment as well as probably conforming to Government methods for us not to push for the regular August Furniture business as in former years.

On the other hand we felt as though our customers' interests also deserved our best consideration along these same lines, thereby helping them to aid the Government by a proper conservation of their own resources in a saving on their purchases. We did not want to disappoint them. Taking everything into serious consideration we finally decided that it was only proper and right that our August Sale should be held as in former years.

In a few words we say, Come Here This Month for Your Home Furnishings and expect to see a first class stock of goods, priced at the most liberal reductions from our regular selling prices which cannot help but mean big savings over goods bought later in the fall season. Especially is this true when you realize that all goods coming in from now on must necessarily take higher prices than present regular prices. One more word, Buy as Early in the Month as Possible.

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