

# THE SOWER

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## CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY.

Dr. Alexander L. Frazer has the following to say about "Christian Liberty."

I remember hearing the late Professor Denny say in one of his lectures that there was no subject on which Jesus spoke more frequently than on money. Some of His most striking utterances were about it. We have, for instance, the Steward who, when he was about to lose his position, made provision for his future by reducing the indebtedness of his master's customers. They would do him a kindness later on. So money might project its influence into the future world. Then the rich man who rolled out from his mountain in fine equipage ignoring the appeal of the beggar at his gate, was sent to hell because he did not know how to use his money. A prosperous farmer is called a "fool" because his one ambition was to amass wealth. That he was a good business man did not atone for the fact that his soul was deteriorating.

Paul, without taking breath, after the hope kindled in the fifteenth of First Corinthians feels that the transition is not ill taken when he passes on to say, "Now, concerning the collection." He places the ordinary collection against the background of immortality. Then in the second letter to the same people he devotes several chapters to the subject.

In the verses which I have chosen he says some things which the Christian church would do well to lay to heart. To begin with, I venture to say that many people are getting little or nothing out of the church. Paul lets us into the secret of this in his illustration from the farm. Someone has said that there is not one blade of grass in all the letters of the apostle because he was a city man. Be that as it may, here uses an illustration from the field. He says that if we wish to get anything out of the church, we must put something in if a farmer sows sparingly, he will reap accordingly; but if he sows bountifully, he will have a harvest to reward him. That is the law of nature.

Some people wonder why the church is not doing more for them and their families—the reason may be just who enjoy life in the church are those who work in it and for it. Getting a child baptized or calling on a minister to bury the dead hardly constitutes connection with a church and yet there are many whose intimacy goes no farther than that! There is a cause for the "winter" of some people's "discontent."

Having paved the way by his principle, writ in nature itself, he goes on to give specific instructions as to our liberality.

He believes that "every man" should give something. "This is plainly put in I Cor. 16:2 "Let each one lay by him in store." Surely all who earn should devote part of such earnings to the cause of religion in the community where they live, and in the "regions beyond." In determining the amount and destiny of their contributions let them ask the assistance of reason ("as he purposes in his heart"). Here reason and emotion have a part to play. Religion must not be all emotion nor all reason. It would be a good exercise for mind and heart to ask questions like these: "What would my community do without a church?" "What would the church be like if all men were like me?" Or yet again, "What do I spend on luxuries?" "Have I an adequate sense of proportion?" I once heard of a family in Nova Scotia who spent \$40 on tobacco per annum and gave \$2 to the church. It valued the

pipe twenty times as highly as it did the church. A little sober thought should convince us that we have no right to do what we like with our earnings, for they are not really our own.

Then Paul tells us how not to give, and here he uses two suggestive and striking words. Do not give "grudgingly." The original word means "pain," and the implication is that some give and are then sorry that they have parted with their money; it "pains" to part with it. In such a case it does the giver no good. . . . It is not a means of grace to him. We should give till it hurts, but the emotion in that case is quite different from that to which Paul refers.

But Paul does not leave us with mere negatives. He says that God loves a certain kind of giver. The word to describe him is cheerful. The Greek word is "hilarious"—our word "hilarious." Now we know what hilarious suggests. It suggests laughter and good cheer. He means that God loves a man who gives with a smile. What a full exchequer we would have if we had more of that spirit! Doubtless there are many who count it a joy to give. Had we sufficient of it there would be no recalling of missionaries, and the tides of our spiritual life would rise and cover those areas from which they have in some cases apparently receded. Then a missionary meeting would be a real joy—news from the "Front" and a building up of the morale of our people.

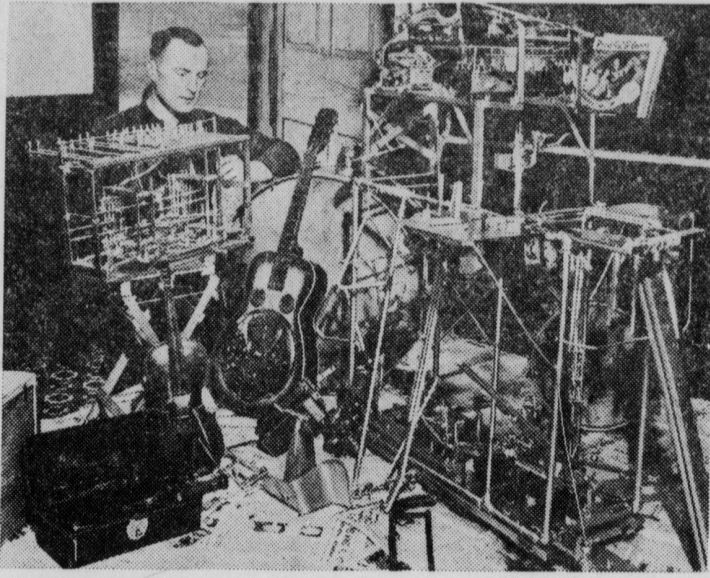
In a great missionary address given many years ago by Dr. Denny, he said what the church needed, even more than information, was a new appreciation of what it did in the Gospel. Then it would seek to share its blessings with those who had not got their just due. That idea was what fired Paul's heart. He had something to give away, and he as an honest man should give it away. "I am debtor." God's great gift kindles him as he closes this chapter "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." — so great was it that words only broke in their effort to express it.

## PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

James A. Turner, pastor. Church school at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth league at 8:30. Mid-week bible class on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The change of hours for the morning services seems to have met with the hearty approval of the people judging by the splendid attendances at the services of the last two Sundays. These earlier hours will be much more acceptable than the former hours especially during the warm days that are to

## One-Man Band Totals 14 Instruments



Elmer Trudgen, 26, of Morpeth, Ontario, Canada, is busy working on the mechanism which will enable him to add a banjo to his one-man band, bringing it to a total of 14 instruments. The pieces include a piano, violin, guitar, harmonica, two drums, two triangles, two sets of bones, cowbell, cymbal and chimes. He has worked on it for six years as a hobby.

come. It is better to worship in the earlier morning hours before the heat of the day sets in with its debilitating humidity.

Don't forget to buy a ticket from one of the young people of the church so you can sit in with us at the banquet to be held in the church on Friday evening, June the 2nd. The three new preachers recently appointed to various charges up here on the mountain will be present, as well as some of the old ones, and there will be a splendid chance to get acquainted with them. There will be speeches and other good things on the program. Come and have a good time.

If you want a series of Bible studies that are of unusual merit and quality to add to your mental equipment, come to the mid-week Bible class. You can't buy what you will get there anywhere else at any price.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the kindness and sympathy shown during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother—Mrs. Joseph Dunegan. Also for the beautiful floral offerings and the use of automobiles at the funeral.—Joseph Dunegan and Family.

## LONELY ACRES OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON

Announcement has been made that Lonely Acres Summer Resort, Bradley Junction will open its sixth season with the Decoration Day holiday May 27. A new swimming pool and electric lights will also be placed in service at the same time. Fourteen cottages will be available to the renters. The grounds and buildings have been completely renovated and will be in complete readiness for the opening, according to the manager Irvin A. Springer. Lonely Acres is located west of Bradley Junction, just off the Carrolltown-Loretto Brick Road. It is Cambria county's largest and most modern summer resort.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Dihydroxyphenylethylmethylamine is another name for epinephrine, a synthetic preparation said to have the property of producing constriction of vessels when applied locally. It is a sample of the kind of words medical students are asked to spell and define.

The London zoo has received a gold snub nosed monkey, which is believed to be the first of these animals ever brought to any country alive from China.

## MANY VISITORS TO STATE FORESTS

Harrisburg. — Pennsylvania's state forests, comprising 1,650,937 acres and an extensive system of roads and trails is attracting thousands of visitors, according to the Department of Forests and Waters.

This system of more than 3,500 miles of automobile roads and over 5,000 miles of trail (foot and horse) provides riding, hiking and scenic enjoyment for the sportsman and nature lover.

These state forest thoroughfares, constructed by the department serve the people of the commonwealth in many ways. More efficient and speedy fire protection can be afforded to woodlands where roads and trails are available. Roads and trail development have made possible the harvesting and marketing of forest products that were formerly unprofitable because of their inaccessibility.

State forest areas are open to all seasons for hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and other recreational uses. At this particular season of the year and for weeks to come these roads will be used by the recreationists who wish to view the many flowering shrubs for which Pennsylvania is noted, — the dogwood, azalea, laurel and rhododendron.

All that is requested of visitors is to protect the plants and wild life of the forest and to prevent forest fires.

An advertisement in the Union Press Courier will reach your customers.

## Car Hits Stone Wall.

Pauline Horten of Westover narrowly escaped injury when an automobile she was driving crashed into a stone wall along Route 36 about two miles north of Hastings.

The woman told Pvt. G. K. Lodge of the Ebensburg sub-station of the State Motor Police that she swerved her car in an effort to keep from colliding with an automobile operated by John Wodley of Hastings R. D. 1 that was pulling out of an intersection, the damage to the Horten machine was estimated at \$200.

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