

# THE SOWER

A Weekly Department of Religious and Secular Thought Contributed by REV. JAMES A. TURNER, Pastor, M. E. Church, Patton, Pa.

## LIFE IS NOT WORTH ANYTHING, UNLESS—

Bernarr Macfadden recently said: "When the spirit of youth dies, life loses its incentive. We are minus enthusiasm, determination. We sit down and relax and often acquire the idea that the world owes us a living. We lose the 'fight,' the drive, that must be a part of our character if we are to get anywhere in life, or to get anything out of life.

The cemetery may be years away, but we already belong to the dead—one class. Many people of this sort just walk around to save funeral expenses. In a little town not far from New York there is a very progressive undertaker. He has a sign on his window—"Why Walk Around Half Dead When I Can Bury You for \$35?"

Now when we pass the cemetery everything is over, but when we die on our feet, there is nothing left that is worth while. There is no enjoyment in life.

Life is not worth anything unless we have something to stir our emotions—unless we are looking forward to the accomplishment of something worthwhile."

How pointedly does this eminent writer, publisher and apostle of clean, worthwhile living speak the truth about the age-old affliction of mankind! How keenly does he cut to the center of the trouble of many who go puttering about through a humdrum, monotonous existence from which everything that is really worthwhile has departed! "Millions Now Living Will Never Never Die!" blares a sectarian propagandist over the air.

How much more to the point would it be to declare: "Millions Now Living Are Already Dead!"—dead from the neck up, because they never learn anything new; dead physically because of their excesses, their dissipation of vital powers, the poisoning of their bod-

ies with alcohol and narcotics, dead in the trespasses and sins of their body destroying habits; dead spiritually, because they have cut themselves off from the Church, and Church's God, and the Church's high idealism and ennobling enterprises; dead to high personal influence, because they have chosen to live on the plane of animal existence and low sensual carnality; dead as far as the contributing of anything worthwhile to human welfare is concerned because they are not interested in any project or program or movement pertaining to human betterment; dead, because they have not, in their self-centered selfishness, ever thought of anyone else and their interests long enough or sincerely enough or compassionately enough to want to lift their burdens, or comfort their sorrowing hearts, or pour oil on their wounded feelings, or to encourage the down-hearted and strengthen the weak knees. DEAD, because their lives, in the community where they live, are negative, unusable, ineffective, inane, vacuous lives as far as anything progressive or humanitarian is concerned—perambulating cadavers, walking cemeteries, cheating the undertakers every day that they clutter up the world with their selfish, dead pan existences.

These are they whose lives are not worth living because they are not looking forward to the accomplishment of anything worth while. Life has gone stale and flat on them because they have quit striving. They have laid down and won't fight anymore. They have become quitters in their church, in their politics, in their community forward movements and betterment projects; they no longer dream dreams of glorious things to come, nor fight in fights to realize them; they no longer thrill to high accomplishments; they are no longer possessed of the urge to "press on", as the great Paul continually strove to do. They are down-and-outers, has-beens, and once-was-ers; they are flops, fizzlers, and flat tires: And yet they won't let the undertaker take them out of busy people's way and decently bury their indecent morbidity out of sight.

Jesus spoke of these people in the Fifteenth Chapter of John, the 16th verse: "If anyone does not remain in me he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers up; then the branches are gathered and thrown into the fire to be burned."

There are a lot of people in this world who are headed for the "fire," because they have quit bringing forth good works for the Kingdom of God, and have therefore cut themselves off from the life-giving source of all power and spiritual vitality,—the Everlasting Church of the Living God—and have entered into a withering death.

To them Jesus said: "I know your doings. You have the name of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, rally what is still left in you, though it is on the very point of death; for I find nothing you have done is complete in the eyes of my God." Rev. 3:1-2.

### PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church school at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Epworth League at 6:30. Mid-Week Bible Class on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

"You say was I a Christian? Not me! I was wild and going to the devil," said the Canadian lad. "But one night I was wounded and lay in a deserted shell hole, shot through the thigh, and unable to move for fifteen hours. I was feeling for a cigarette in my pocket to ease the pain a bit, but all I could find was a little pocket testament which someone had given me, but which I never read. I managed to get it out, and, thinking it might be my last hour, and that I might never be found, I started to read to try to forget my wound. I read the twenty-seventh chapter of Matthew, and, sir, that little book changed my life. I have read a chapter every day since then. I was picked up by the infantry and carried to the hospital. One night when I could not sleep for the pain, the nurse asked me if she could do anything for me, and I asked her to read the Bible to me. She said she had never read it in her life, and I said it was about time she began, if that was so. After she read it, she said it helped her, too. Yes, I say my prayers on my knees in the tent now. Another boy has joined me this week; and the language in the tent is getting better. I'm off to the front tomorrow to take my turn again. But I'm no longer alone up there in the trenches. It's different now."

Why wait until emergencies come before starting to read the bible? Why not come to the mid-week bible class and start now? It will fortify you against the hard and bitter and discouraging things in life, and send you on your way rejoicing.

### COON DOG FIELD TRIAL EVENT TO BE HELD AT PORTAGE ON SUNDAY

The Cambria County Game Protective Association will hold its ninth coon dog field trial at Gleason fields, south of Portage, on Route 164 on Sunday, July 2nd. This will be a local field trial, paying back to dog owners 100 per cent of all entries. Elimination prizes, first tree, \$2.00; first line \$1.00; second line, \$1.00.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the Estate of Onuter Sciranko, late of Elder Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of administration in the estate of the said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

RAYMOND D. BUCK, Administrator, Patton, Pa. Reuel Somerville, Attorney, Patton, Pa.

### Bids Wanted.

The Secretary of Patton Borough School District will receive, until July 6, 1939, at 7:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time at the office in the high school building, bids for the installation of a mechanical Furnace Blast Heating and Ventilating System, and also will receive bids on a steam heating plant to be installed in the First Ward School Building in strict accordance with plans and specifications as prepared by the school board. Plans for the hot air system are available, but plans for the Steam Heating System are not available and must be prepared and submitted by the bidders. All plans subject to approval by the School Board and Department of Public Instruction. A certified check in the amount of 2 per cent to accompany each bid. At the same time the board will also receive bids to repair the present heaters in the above mentioned building.

The board reserves the right to accept any bid, or to reject any or all bids.

### Executor's Notice.

In the Estate of Isaac Strayer, late of Patton Borough, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of the said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to:

Harry J. Nehrig, Executor, Patton, Pa. Reuel Somerville, Attorney, Patton, Pa.

### In the Orphans' Court of Cambria County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank W. Cunningham, Late of East Carroll Township, Deceased.

To the Heirs, Legatees, Creditors and all other persons interested in said Estate:

Notice is hereby given that Adaline Cunningham, Administratrix of the above estate, has filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, her petition praying for an order for the sale of the real estate of the decedent, situate partly in the Township of Elder and partly in the Township of East Carroll, being the homestead of the decedent, and now in the occupancy of his widow, adjoining lands of Paul Yahner, Jerome Prevost, Mike Roman, Metro Bobby and others, and lying along the State Highway between Hastings and Patton, containing 120 acres, more or less; also a lot of land in Elder Township, formerly assessed in the name of Mary Carlson; reserving coal and mining rights, at private sale to Adaline Cunningham for the sum of Forty-six Hundred (\$4,600.00) Dollars, for the payment of the decedent's debts. If no exceptions are filed thereto, or objections made to granting the same, the Court will be asked to take action upon the petition on Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1939, upon the call of the current Motion List.

WILLIAM F. DILL, Attorney for Petitioner. Barnesboro, Pa.

### ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

In the Orphans' Court of Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

In the Matter of the Estate of Sophia Dietrick, late of the Borough of Patton, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court the undersigned will expose to public sale on the premises, namely Patton Borough, Cambria County, Pennsylvania on Saturday, July 8, 1939, at ten o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground situate in the Second Ward of the Borough of Patton, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, known and numbered as the North portion of Lot No. 12, Block 71, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

On the North by an alley, one hundred and fifty feet; on the East by an alley thirty-two and .65 feet; on the South by southern portion of Lot No. 12, in Block 71, one hundred and fifty feet on the west by Brewer avenue, thirty-two and .65 feet.

It being the same piece, parcel or lot of ground, title to which became vested in the decedent by deed from Lewis G. Dietrick recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in and for Cambria County, deed dated the twenty-sixth day of January, 1932, and recorded the twenty-eighth day of January, 1932, in Deed Book Vol. 447, page 79.

The undersigned reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to continue the sale from time to time.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten (10 pct.) percent when the property is knocked down, and the balance upon confirmation of sale and delivery of deed.

ALBERT L. O'CONNOR, Administrator of the Estate of Sophia Dietrick, deceased.

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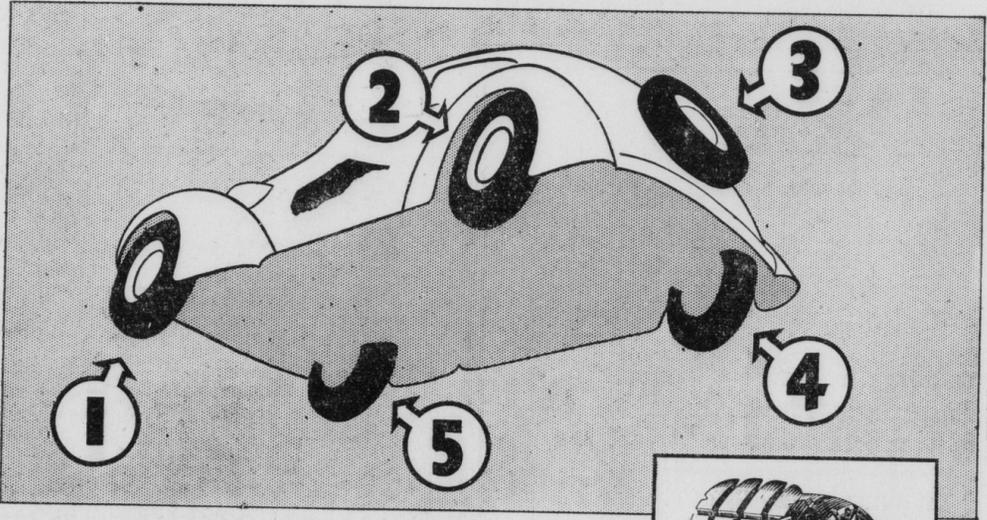
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