

## THE SOWER

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

### WHAT A POOR WIDOW DID!

A gentleman called on a well-to-do merchant for a contribution to some charitable object. "Yes I must give my mite," said the man. "Do you mean the widow's mite?" asked the friend. "Certainly," answered the merchant. "I shall be satisfied with half as much as she gave," said the solicitor. "Now, how much may you be worth?" "Oh," said the merchant, "about seventy thousand dollars." "Then," said the friend, "give me your check for thirty-five thousand dollars; that will be half as much as the widow gave, for she gave, you remember, 'all that she had, even all her living.' The man was quite embarrassed by his proposition; but he was not the first person who has tried to shelter himself behind the widow's mite. It is a dangerous refuge.

"And Jesus sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury." He then called the definite attention of the disciples to the poor widow and her act,—making her an object lesson to all of us.

People gave to the church from a number of motives. Some gave from NECESSITY. They feel that they must give, they are known to have means. They could not retain the respect of the community if they did give occasionally to religion and charity. They feel compelled to give. The necessity is upon them. It is not this way that the poor widow gave.

Some give from a sense of HONESTY. They feel that they ought to give, that, if they do not give, debt and dishonor will ensue. Commendable in some respects as this motive may be, it is not what controlled the poor widow in her gift.

Some give from habit acquired in youth. It is well to have such a habit, well to teach children and youth such a habit. This poor widow doubtless had this good habit from her youth. But her gift was controlled by a higher motive still.

Some give from pride and vanity, sometimes even with the thought of self-righteousness before God. The Pharisee blew a trumpet before they gave.

Thus there are many gifts, some of vanity, some of pride, some of superstition, some of mere custom and necessity, but the poor widow's gift was a VOLUNTARY GIFT OF LOVE AND JOY. It was that fact that consecrated it. It was that which stamped a value on it which nothing else could impart. It is a blessed fact that there are still such givers who give as a rich privilege and delight, out of love of God and his cause.

Christ takes account of motives. He still sits over against the treasury and notices how men cast in their gifts, and by their gifts tests their love to Himself. Deeds and gifts test men's love; men test one another by deeds and gifts. God tests us and would have us test Him by our gifts.

Christ did not dispense the other gifts thrown into the treasury box. He simply indicated their true relative value. He gave the widow's gift the highest commendation because, proportionately to her means it was the great-

test and was prompted by the greatest love. She gave more than all the rest, because she had given with a larger heart, with more real love; and because she had given more in proportion to her possessions.

God still has a treasury open. And he still sits over against the treasury to see how much people give, in order to know how much they love Him,—and their fellowmen, and the Church for which he gave his life.

Some call themselves Christians, but neither come to church to meet Him, nor drop even a coin into the Treasury. Yet they expect to be called Christians and be known as church members, and to be blessed by the Great Giver of good gifts. They won't give, but they expect to be given to. They will enjoy the benefits of the church in their community, but they won't support the church. They want something for nothing, and think themselves smart if they can get it,—always a crooked and contemptible thing to do.

Cultured and respectable, not to say Christian people, won't do such a thing. They expect to pay their own way in life—not to be carried by some one else. They give because they love Him Who gave His life for them,—because He redeemed them and the community and the environment in which they live, and because they love their fellowmen for whom Christ died and feel a sense of responsibility.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox puts the truth of it in the following lines:

In the long run all love is paid by love,  
Though undervalued by the hosts of earth;

The great eternal government above  
Keeps strict account and will redeem its worth.

Give thy love freely; do not count the cost;  
So beautiful a thing is never lost  
In the long run.

### PATTON MEHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

James A. Turner, pastor. Church school at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Midweek Bible Class on Wednesday at 7:30.

"Many will say," said Henry Ward Beecher, "I can find God without the help of the Bible, or Church, or Minister." Very well, do so if you can. The steamship company would feel no jealousy of a man who should prefer to swim to Europe. Let him do it if he is able, and we will talk about it on the other shore; but probably trying to swim would be the thing that would bring him quickest to the boat. So God would have no jealousy of a man's going to heaven without the aid of the Bible, or Church, or minister; but let him try to do so, and it will be the surest way to bring him back to them for assistance."

To illustrate this truth,—just look at the lives of the people who don't go to church regularly nor support it with their money, their service and their prayers. Are their lives any inspiration to others to go to Heaven! Would you want to place your beloved children in the homes of such people to be raised by them, if you were to be taken out of the world? Would you like to live in a community without a church? If not,—would there be a church in your community if its support depended upon you? When were you at church last?

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### Laughing Cavalier



Harold Bradley, Laguna Beach, Calif., garage owner, was picked out on the street by Roy M. Ropp, director of the Pageant of the Masters program to portray Franz Hals' famous picture, "Laughing Cavalier." This is how he appeared on the program, a vivid reproduction of the famous painting.

### SEEKS NOMINATION



Llewellyn J. Reese, of Ebensburg, is an announced candidate for the nomination at the Republican primaries for Recorder of Deeds of Cambria County. Mr. Reese, who has long been identified with Republican movements in Cambria county, last year was honored by his party as one of the legislative nominees in the second district. He solicits the vote and support of his friends, and promises capable, efficient service if nominated and elected.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

The following accounts have been examined and passed by me and remain on file in this office for the inspection of parties interested, and will be presented to the Court for confirmation and allowance on Tuesday, September 5, 1939:

1. Final account of Katherine E. Leap, administratrix of Joseph E. Leap.
2. Final account of A. V. Janelli, administrator of Frank, or Francesco, or Giovanni Ferino.
3. Partial account of Earl F. Dumire, executor of F. J. Livingston, M. D., or Frank J. Livingston.
4. Final account of Edith E. Noon, administratrix of Ephriam J. Noon.
5. Final account of Ralph H. Ware, executor of Frank W. Ware.
6. Final account of Russell C. Hunt, executor of Fred C. Keiper.
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8. Final account of Robert B. Toffy, executor of Lena Toffy.
9. Final account of J. Harrison Westover, trustee for McClelland Westover.
10. Final account of Edwin H. Binder, administrator d. b. n. of George Andrusky or Andruskavoz.
11. Final account of Mary E. Hartshorn, executrix of Earl C. Wakefield.
12. Final account of Margaret Griffith Smith, executrix of William Harrison Smith.
13. Final account of Emil Hasselbauer and Robert Hasselbauer, executors of George Hasselbauer.
14. Final account of Helen Catherine Gardner, administratrix of Wayne Edward Gardner.
15. Partial account of W. I. Stineman and Oliver M. Stineman, executors and trustees in estate of Jacob C. Stineman.
16. Final account of Hazel C. Yost, administratrix of Homer Harrison Yost.
17. Final account of Jay D. Kissell, executor of Jennie or Nancy J. Kissell.
18. Final account of James Farren, administrator of Gallitzin Farren.
19. Final account of Raymond D. Buck, administrator of Onufer Scrancko.
20. Final account of Walter J. Crossman, administrator of Jane Elizabeth Crossman.
21. Final account of Charles A. Young, and Theodore J. Young, executors of Mary Young.
22. Final account of Grafton F. Porch, administrator c. t. a. of Irvin S. Miller.
23. Final account of Florence M. Slagle, administratrix of Robert W. Slagle.
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39. Final account of Ralph M. Wolford, executor of Henry H. Wolford.
40. Final account of Herbert L. Zimmerman, administrator of Adam H. Strayer.
41. Final account of A. E. Kissell, administrator of Laura Kissell Burley.
42. Final account of Elizabeth Davis, administratrix of Obed Andrews. MICHAEL J. HARTNETT, Register of Wills, Ebensburg, Pa., Aug. 5, 1939