

THE SOWER

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

WHY FORGIVE?

A great philosopher once said: "He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven."

And E. H. Chapin said, "Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it forgoes revenge, and dares to forgive an injury."

Lord Chesterfield reminds us that "Little, vicious minds abound with anger and revenge, and are incapable of feeling the pleasure of forgiving their enemies."

"Only the brave," says Sterne, know how to forgive; it is the most refined and generous pitch of virtue human nature can arrive at."

Lavater tells us that "He who has not forgiven an enemy has never yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life."

And Francis Quarles asks: "Hath any wronged thee?—Be bravely revenged.—Slight it, and the work is begun; forgive, and it is finished.—He is below himself that is not above an injury."

Dr. George Truman Carl, in an article on "Those Who Trespass" says some interesting things that every professing Christian ought to take to heart:

"As we forgive those who trespass against us." And instantaneously the

cry of the world goes out that it cannot be done. Excuses of every conceivable hue and color are raised as to why it is neither wise, prudent nor possible to forgive. Even to talk about forgiveness for some people, say the critics, is to reveal a decided unfamiliarity with the seriousness of the offenses directed against us.

I think the reverse is true. To refuse to forgive is to reveal either a lack of understanding of the consequences of an unforgiving heart, or to have failed to discover the great joy, peace and beauty that inevitably follow in the wake of a forgiving heart.

Only when we acquire the art of gentle forgiveness toward those who wilfully, carelessly or ignorantly stab our hearts with the arrow of malice, ill-will and contempt, will we feel the power of an unbounded love that dwells in such an attitude.

There is a splendid biographical sketch of Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy under Woodrow Wilson, now the American ambassador to Mexico, in a recent issue of the Review of Reviews. This particular passage caught my fancy: "Every adult of this generation will recall the tempestuous anathemas that reverberated about his head during most of the years when he was head of the Navy department. There is a room in his wide, comfortable house in Raleigh, N. C., where he has collected the originals of scores of the cartoons that ridiculed him. It is the room where he works when he works at home." And then this significant comment: "He has utterly no rancor about them." That word, "rancor" interested me to such an extent that I felt impelled to investigate its meaning in the dictionary. "Deep seated enmity of malice."

Unforgiveness is like that. It winds itself about the deepest shafts of human nature. It is cruel. It is ugly. It is poisonous. It is unchristian. Do you know of the group of plants called saxifrage? They are chiefly perennials. Even frost fails to root them out. Sometimes they are called rock-breakers. They thrust their roots deep into the crevices of rocks and literally break them to pieces. So it is with unforgiveness. Sooner or later it will break your heart to pieces—it will wreck your health, it will rob you of friends—it will undermine your business acumen—it has driven people into insanity and has made out of them murderers. I know of nothing more dangerous to human welfare and happiness and prosperity than this dastardly business of bearing a grudge against your brother-man.

Out in the Midwest a terrible scourge faces property owners. An oriental insect known as the termite has found its way into America. You are unaware of its presence until your building begins to sag or topple over. Investigation leads to a discovery of these insects eating at the very heart of your timbers. Unforgiveness is like that.

Unforgiveness feeds on the very vitals—the sweetness and goodness of human nature. It strangles ideals and crushes friendship. It crucifies the higher self and blinds the eyes to all the beauty that would otherwise bloom in our midst.

Henry Drummond has called our attention to the difference, in the parable of the prodigal, between the younger brother's aims, the sins of the flesh, and the elder brother's sins, the sins of disposition. The one sinned low down in the flesh, the other high up in the disposition. "This is where religious people need to be cleansed," says Stanley Jones. The sins from which we need to be cleansed are the elder-brother sins of jeal-

ousy, unbrotherliness, and lack of love. "Bad-tempered saints are hindering the Kingdom of God far more than drunkards." (Continued next week.)

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

James A. Turner, pastor. Church school at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Mid-week Bible Class on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

In the Boston Public Library there were alcoves filled with wooden blocks shaped like books with a strip of imitation leather labeled, "Nothing Within." As new books are purchased the shams are displaced and the genuine ones fill the space. Are there not many such members of our churches, who have an outward Christian appearance, but whom God must label, "Nothing Within."

Yes, it is not uncommon to see in any church roll book the name of a member with the letters, "N. G."—meaning, "NO GOOD." The kind of members so designated are those people who join a church simply for the honor and standing it gives them in the community and simply for the selfish advantages they can get out of such membership. The idea of supporting the church with their money, presence, prayers and labors is never given any serious thought at all. They want something for nothing. They join the church with the thought of getting something out of it without putting anything in. Such people are indicated as "No Good" because they are of no value to the church or the church's program. And every church is unfortunate enough to have some of these. There is "nothing within" them, either of honor, sense of duty, fair-play, self-respect, love of mankind, or of spiritual culture. They are simply leeches,—taking without giving anything in return.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR PREMATURE BABY

Premature babies are not side-show freaks.

There are many thousands of them born every year. Special care and special equipment is necessary to guarantee their living. A baby is considered premature if his weight, regardless of his age at the time of birth, is less than five and one-half pounds.

Some premature babies are born weighing as little as two pounds. The premature baby is, in reality, immature and the aim of medical and nursing care is to make him mature as soon as possible.

There is so little protective fat on a premature baby and his heat regulating system is so undeveloped that artificial heat must be given to maintain a normal body temperature.

Hence, baby incubators. The first incubator for babies was devised in 1857, but many improvements were made during the following years.

Countless hospitals today have air conditioned cubicles, with accurately controlled room temperature and humidity.

Premature babies are fed on breast milk, whenever possible and every care is taken in the prevention of infection, for such babies are more susceptible than normal babies.

There is no reason why, with proper care, the premature baby cannot live to become strong and healthy as other children.

Certainly their intelligence is not less than that of normal babies.

Some very famous men have been premature babies.

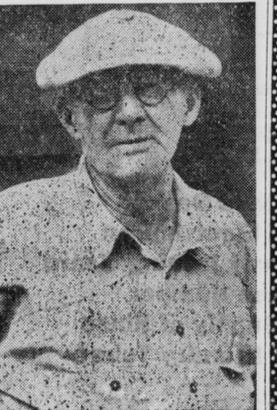
Sir Isaac Newton, Charles Robert Darwin, Voltaire, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Napoleon, Bonaparte, and Victor Hugo were all premature babies.

So frail, so tiny, so hopelessly puny were some of these "immortals" at birth, that their lives were despaired of, yet they lived, thrived, grew strong physically and mentally and were among the greatest of men.

Premature babies need proper care.

FOR SALE—\$85 Airway Sweeper, this year's model, used one month, for \$30; 1934 Plymouth Two door car in A-1 condition, all new rubber, price \$235.—Mrs. Adolph Hofer, 415 Palmer Avenue, Patton.

He Talks Turkey



Talking turkey, Myles Standish of Boston, Mass., direct descendant of the famous soldier of the first Massachusetts colony, declared himself against President Roosevelt's proposal to move Thanksgiving date from November 30 to November 23. The former date, he declares, "will be Thanksgiving day to the Standish clan."

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QUALITY SAUER KRAUT., Large can	6c	70c	
GIBB'S BEANS, With Pork, 16 oz. can	4c	40c	
GREEN SPINACH, large can	10c	1-15	
EARLY JUNE PEAS, No. 2 can	7c	80c	
WAX BEANS, No. 2 can	7c	80c	
TENDER RED BEES, No. 2 can	6c	65c	
GREEN ASPARAGUS, Hurlock, No. 2 can	12c	1-35	
DICED CARROTS, No. 2 can	6c	65c	
COOKED DRIED PEAS, No. 2 can	4c	45c	

FLOUR PILLSBURY'S BEST, 24-lb. Sack 69c

Happy Baker, 24 lb sack 53c Prim Pastry, 24 lb. sack 45c

BREAD . . . Golden Krust Sliced Loaf 5c Jumbo Supreme 2 Sliced Loaves 15c

Banner Day Blend Coffee . 2 LBS. 25c | Fine Quality Country Style Fresh Oleo 2 Lbs. 19c

LEAN, TENDER QUALITY STEER BEEF

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Sirloin or Club STEAKS From Tender Quality Juicy Steer Beef, lb. 25c

Fresh Killed Stewing CHICKENS, lb. 23c Ready to Serve HAMS, Small, Whole or Shank Half, lb. 27c
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