

THE SOWER

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A TRUE GENTLEMAN, A REAL SNOB, A WOMAN

One of the most graphic and arresting readings in all Sacred Writ is that story in Luke 7:36-50 which tells of three characters, a true gentleman, a real snob and a woman. He was fully perceptive of Simon's supercilious rudeness, but being a gentleman, no slight to himself could pierce the crystal armor of his soul.

Simon the Pharisee was a Real Snob. Native vulgarity, satisfied self-righteousness, caste exclusiveness and religious bigotry, all combined to make him such.

And behold a woman—a sinner. She came to the house of the Snob that day, seeking Jesus. By her presence the Snob stood revealed; the Perfect Gentleman shone out; sacred depths of the heart of womanhood were delicately divined to mortal and angel view. The chief "Dramatis Personae" are the three characters sketched.

The "Woman, a sinner," her doubtful reputation and unorthodox living wrapped around her like a veil, slips stealthily into the festal room, diffidently draws nigh to Him for whom her soul is seeking, sinks to her knees, raising tears upon His holy feet. Her dishevelled hair hangs in heavy masses about her benighted shoulders, and one near coil is a handy towel to wipe off those impertinent drops. Then with a sudden gush of unconfutable emotion she kisses and kisses those holy feet, again and yet again; then from an alabaster cruse borne in her robe she pours out the precious ointment, baptizing the beloved feet in a flood of pious redolence.

Now the Snob (aside): "If this one whom I have brought into my house were really 'The Prophet,' as he claims, he would have known what kind of a street character this is that is touching him, and would have given the drab the ejection she deserves. Evidently he is just ordinary."

And now, the Master—"Simon, I have to thee something to say. Two there were, indebted to a certain money-lender; the one owed him fifty denarii; the other, five hundred. They being penniless, by his grace forgave them

both. Which, now, of the twain will love him most?" "Well," said Simon, "I take it that it would be he to whom most had been forgiven." "You are right," said Jesus. (And then returning with dramatic suddenness to the kneeling woman, whom hitherto He had not seemed to notice) "See you this woman? I entered (as guest) into your house; water for my feet you gave me not; she with those tears moistened my feet and with her own hair she did wipe them dry. No greeting—kiss gave you to me; she has not ceased to kiss my feet. With oil my head you did not anoint; she with costly ointment anointed my feet. For this, then, I say to you, forgiven are her sins so many, for that she loved much."

Jesus, as a gentleman, had passed by all Simon's studied discourtesies to himself; but now, as Prophet of God, he shows up the contemptible Snob before all his guests, as by contrast he reveals God's saving grace for sinners repentant.

So the soul drama comes to its fine climax. To the sobshaken, deeply repentant, yearning, "Woe at his feet Jesus speaks tenderly. 'Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace!'"

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Church School at 10 a. m. Worship services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Mid-week Bible Class at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

A young woman of unusual ability gave up her religious habits and beliefs because she thought they were limiting her achievements. The church was allowed to slip out of her life. Religion was deliberately cast out as an influence in her life. She won a reputation as a student and election to Phi Beta Kappa. Life seemed quite fair and complete without religion. Then, suddenly, things began to catch up with her. Her father died of influenza. It was a staggering blow. Her inner resources proved inefficient. She began to think seriously about the meaning of life. She sank deeper and deeper into a depression until, in desperation, she sought the advice of a minister in whose mind and character she had confidence. He won her back to a saner way of life. She came to realize that "Life's satisfactions depend eventually upon one's religious philosophy." In the harvest school of experience she had learned to respect the authority of Jesus.—From the Senior Quarterly.

TABLES REVERSED

A bride said the only difference married life made was that she now sits up half the night waiting for him to come home whereas she used to sit up half the night waiting for him to go home.—Arizona Republic.

BACK-TO-FARM MOVEMENT SEEN BY STATE COLLEGE RURAL SOCIOLOGIST HEAD

State College.—A back-to-the-country movement of population seems definitely under way in Pennsylvania, but it is not exactly a "trek back to the land," H. B. Cottam, rural sociologist of the Pennsylvania State College, commented the other day in reviewing preliminary reports of the 1940 census. Many people leaving the big cities between 1930 and 1940 appear to have settled in small towns than actually became farmers.

The shift in population may have been partly a reflection of the close business conditions which prevailed during the decade. Current industrial activity stimulated by the defense program may bring a temporary reversal from the trend. The population of the state as a whole increased only 2.8 per cent in the past ten years in comparison with 10.5 for the 1920-30 period.

The large cities of 10,000 or more actually decreased in population slightly, and the number of farms in the state decreased two per cent. On the average, incorporated centers under 500 in population increased 10.4 per cent between 1930 and 1940, while those from 10,000 to 25,000 increased 1.4 per cent.

The moving about of the population suggests shifts in the location and nature of markets that will affect everyone. Cottam believes. The trend indicates more direct trading between producers and consumers and more door-to-door delivery of food products.

FIRE PROTECTION MAY BE CUT OFF IN CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP

An official of the Ebensburg Dairymen's Fire Company has warned residents of Cambria township that unless the township board of supervisors agrees to contribute \$500 annually to the fire company protection for the district will end April 15th.

Robert Allison, secretary of the company, asserted that firemen have been endeavoring for some time to reach an agreement with the supervisors under which the township would share cost of operating and maintaining the company. He charged that to date the supervisors had failed to agree to the requested payment.

Henry Illig, a member of the board of supervisors, reported that while no formal action has yet been taken, the members of the board in discussing the matter had agreed to pay \$400 annually. However, Allison said that the fire company would "stand pat" on its demand for \$500.

An average of almost 3,000 death claims are paid in the United States every day by life insurance companies, of which more than 180 each day are on the lives of persons whose policies were in force less than a year.

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