

THE SOWER

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THE PRODIGAL COMES TO HIMSELF

The prodigal son "came to himself," and the prodigal society is beginning to come to itself. There was never such a widespread realization that we are the cause for our own misfortunes as now. We know now that our calamities are not God willed, but man-made. The mystery of it all is clearing. More people have their finger on the center of our ailment than ever before. The dawning consciousness of social sin is the most hopeful thing on the horizon.

Humanity has always done what we are now doing on a greater or lesser scale, but for the first time on a wide scale we now know that we are doing them. We know that we are guilty, individually and collectively, for the condition we are now in. This opening of our eyes may be the beginning of a corporate repentance. For, mind you, we were never so near to war and never so near to getting rid of war, never so near to universal poverty and never so near to getting rid of universal poverty.

We are in that hesitant moment

where many have called a halt, at least in mind. They may decide to go on and be self-damned, but if they do, they know who is doing the damning. That is at least some gain. But, on the other hand, we may decide to repent to turn round and go back to Father's house.

For, again, like the prodigal son, our prodigal society is beginning to recognize that our poverty that is unnecessary—it is poverty in the midst of plenty. "How many hired servants of my father's have enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger?" We have come from the economy of scarcity to the economy of abundance. We can produce, and more than produce, everything for a full life, everything except one thing—the corporate will to do it.

We perish with hunger amid plenty. In the Father's house and in the Father's purposes there is more than enough to spare. This fact is one of the most important realizations that has ever dawned upon the human mind. It has in it promise that we need not founder amid plenty and want. Other ages have felt poverty, but could see no way out—there was just so much to go around, now we do see a way out. The sense of sin and estrangement may drive us to the Father's house—also our economic welfare may draw us there—for we are to love our neighbor AS WE LOVE OURSELVES, and in repentance self-interest has a part, a very real one.

One of the things that saved the prodigal son was the fact that he never became naturalized in the life of that far country—he joined himself to a citizen of that country, but he never became a citizen himself. He still thought of himself as belonging to the father's house, temporarily absent. In the prodigal society there is much of the same feeling—we are in this order, we are away from God, we are feeding as swine do—living off the same jungle ethic as lower nature, but all the time there is a feeling that we don't belong here, we have a higher destiny, we are not made to live this way, that this life is against our true nature, that we really belong to the cooperation of the Father's Family instead of to the jostling competition with each other as to who can get his feet into the trough and sell the most in the shortest time.

We may be outwardly at home in this life, inwardly we are not. There is more and more disgust and revolt and one day it will drive us to our Father's house and heart and to His way of life. This revolt is becoming deep-seated, especially in the younger generation. It is humanity's hope. We are not "citizens" in this jungle life, we are wayward sojourners, and perhaps one day disgust may "toss us to His breast." Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

PATTON METHODIST CHURCH

James A. Turner, Pastor.
Church School 10 A. M., Worship Services 11:00 A. M., 7:30 P. M., Epworth League, 7:30 P. M., Mid-week Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.
Dr. Earl S. Scott tells us that "A blinding snowstorm forced an aviator to land on the high Andes. With his plane smashed and one leg rendered

useless, what hope was there for him? That he thought of himself as being like others. He struggled to his feet to make the next rock and then the next—saved by his courage, by his sense of responsibility for his family and for the mail he was carrying. "What saves a man is to take the next step. Then

another. It is always the same step, but you have to take it."
So it is not necessarily the great, heroic deed that saves a man and makes him a success in life. It is simply the doing of one's daily duty, day by day. Performing one duty and then the next, then the next. That's what makes a Christian, too. Just doing one's duty—going to church and Sunday School and Prayermeeting week in and week out right along through life without growing weary in well doing—one step at a time.

girl and a ruthless young man, determined to "get ahead" in the world, at no matter what cost. An excellent cast has been lined up in support of the two stars. It includes Thomas Mitchell, Eddie Albert, John Qualen, Aline MacMahon, George Tobias, Leo Corcoran and Odette Myrtil.

**First Screen Kiss Highlights
New Jane Withers Film Hit**

The mischievous tomboy of last year has become the glamorous young lady

of today. Jane Withers has really grown up so that she has a "credit" and is billed for the first time on the screen in her 27th starring film "A Very Young Lady" which is one of the double feature attractions at the Grand Theatre in Patton Friday and Saturday of this week.
Included in the cast are John Sutton, Richard Clayton, Nancy Kelly, Janet Beecher, and June Carlson.

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COLVER NEWS

Mrs. Joe Smith and sons William and Henry and daughter Dorothy Ann visited Niagara Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farabough of Detroit, Mich. are spending some time at the Gilbert Ball and Grier Ball homes in Colver.

Mr. George Rainey and son Paul of Detroit visited at the home of Mrs. H. Rainey of Colver recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ovrsky of Colver visited at home of relatives in Ohio over the holiday week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grazer, Peggy Grazer and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards, Russell, Edwards, Alquin Edwards, John Todd and Miss Dora Craft and Miss Henry DeHaven spent the holidays camping near Clearfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vay Jr. are visiting relatives in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gregg and Joe Jr. visited relatives in West Virginia.

Mr. Alex Kerr, Jack Ball, Collins Macavie and Warren Pyer, all of this place, visited in Atlantic City recently.

Richard Grazer and Sam Sloan visited in Rochester, N. Y., last week.

Mr. Joe Gherold, stationed at Fort Monroe, is visiting his parents here.

Mr. Martin Valeria, a former resident of Colver, is visiting the home of his parents.

Mr. John Spuntack of Baltimore visited in Colver recently.

Richard Kerr and Bill Charles of Washington, D. C. were recent visitors at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grier Ball, James Ball and Richard and Sally Ball visited in Williamsport recently.

Mr. John Nuhof and Miss Emma Valeri of Colver are vacationing in Atlantic City.

Joseph Matreus, employed in Conn., is visiting his parents in Colver.

George Cowan of Mass. is visiting in Colver.

Lupino and Garfield Star in Dynamic Film at Grand

On Sunday and Monday the Grand Theatre in Patton will present "Out of the Fog," a dynamic new Warner Bros. film that co-stars Ida Lupino and John Garfield, the pair who made so great an impression earlier in the season as the star-crossed lovers of "The Sea Wolf."

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