

THE SOWER

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WHAT MEN MOST NEED

Dr. Luther E. Lovejoy tells the following story: Three brothers, in a Southern state, owned a good business, made a fair living, but had no wealth. The representative of a vast concern offered them a controlling interest in his enterprise, if they would finance it. They considered the matter and decided that they could easily and honestly make a million dollars. The next morning, to the man's amazement, they refused the offer.

"But, why?" cried the man. "We are men with families," said one of the brothers. "We are officers in our church. With our present volume of business we can provide for our families, do our part in the religious, charitable, and educational enterprises of our community, and, when our day's work is over, return to our homes. If we take on this new responsibility, we shall have no time or strength for home and church. We have decided that there are values in life that money cannot buy."

THIS, says Dr. Lovejoy, is loyalty that none can mistake. The things that men most need are not the things that are found in the realm of materialistic enterprise. Buying, selling and getting gain; pleasure seeking and self-gratification; abundance of material possessions; houses and lands—these are not the things that men most need. These things do not satisfy the human heart and soul. They bring no lasting happiness.

But such loyalty as these Southern Christian gentlemen displayed speedily grows into profound affection. How the Psalmist loved his Zion! How he yearned for the atmosphere and fellowship of the temple! How the saintly characters of history, all the way from Pentecost to our grandparents, loved the church and its sacred influences! How even Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it!

And with love comes reverence. He who really knows his church will stand strong in her defense. My church expects my prayers. Every day I can remember her, her members, officers, Ministers, converts, philanthropies, at the throne of divine grace.

The choicest offering I can render my church is myself, however humble. It is not ceremony, or praise, or money, that the Lord craves, but human lives. He wants US—the church wants US. And when we give ourselves unreservedly to the church, we are giving our best.

My church wants me to share in the work. There is much to do. The activities of a great congregation require many hands. The workers in a small congregation are few. All must help. If no one offers me a task, I must find one. "Waiting for something to turn up" never wins in business. It is equally futile in religion. "Looking for work" is honorable, and if persistently pursued, usually succeeds. I must land my job in the church, and make it productive.

My church needs my initiative. She is handicapped by lack of members who love the Lord "with all their minds." My Lord asks for my brains as well as my heart. I have some talent, no doubt, with which I may serve my church. I may not know what it is, but I will try to find it. It may be music, or beauty, or speech, or friendliness, or persuasion, or just plain work. When I find it I will set

it apart for God's use. When Fanny Crosby, the little prairie maiden, discovered that she could write gospel hymns as well as popular jingles, she said: "From now on I devote my talent for poetry to Jesus. He shall have the entire output." May not that account for the marvelous and world-wide influence of her sacred songs?

Observe what the church undertakes to do: It erects and maintains adequate buildings, as commodious, beautiful, and inspiring as it can afford. Indeed, its longing to give its best to the community often leads it to undertake much more than it can afford.

It provides a church school—a system of continuous education, for all classes, in religion, morals, philanthropy, social welfare, and does this almost entirely with a volunteer faculty of unpaid workers.

It tried to enhance its service to the public by providing chaste and beautiful music. It seeks to cultivate and serve the social needs of the community. It attempts to provide clean entertainment and wholesome recreation for the young.

It provides a ministry of educated and highly-trained men, who give their entire-time to the instruction, service, and help of people of every class and condition. It enlists an army of devoted men and women, who give their hours and days to neighborhood helpfulness, charity, teaching and labor, utterly without material compensation and very often without appreciation.

"But the cost is enormous." Yes, in the aggregate. But not by comparison. In a recent normal year the income of the American people was carefully estimated at \$65,000,000,000; the same year we spent more than \$12,000,000,000 for luxuries, including two and a quarter billion for tobacco, a billion for candy, more than a billion for our schools, and only \$650,000,000 for all religions, of every sort and creed—one cent in every dollar. What most men need is—what the Church can give them.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH ORGANIZES BOY SCOUT TROOP HERE RECENTLY

The St. George Parish of Patton set the cornerstone for the organization of their Parish Troop on the evening of February 11th. At this initial meeting, marked by the greatest enthusiasm and interest, for the welfare of the youth of the Parish, requested by the Pastor, the prospective officials and committee members assembled in the Parish Rectory. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Torrall, Hastings, as organizer, the necessary duties and offices, etc., were carefully explained and considered. In this spirit of "the good of our boys in the parish" the formal election for various offices took place by the men in attendance. With this feeling of good-fellowship and cooperation to go "all out" for our boys in word and effort the following were elected:

- Chairman of Scout Committee—Mr. Frank Schwab.
- Secretary—Mr. Paul Bender.
- Treasurer—Mr. Joseph Lesnak.
- Director of Activity—Mr. James Zahursky.
- Troop Physician—Mr. George Masnica.
- Supervisor of Boys' Training—Mr. James Gaeto.
- Quartermaster—Mr. Harry Owens.
- Scoutmaster—Burgess Louis Haluska.
- Assistant Scoutmaster—Mr. John Stasko.
- Chaplain—Rev. Alexis Horvath.

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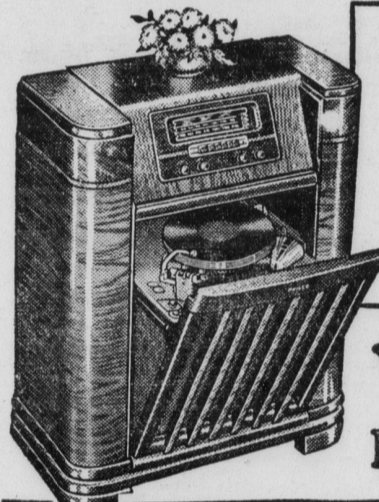


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With approval of the committee the Rev. Chaplain announced to the parish a meeting of the boys and committee for Sunday, February 15th. Here with the able assistance of Mr. Robert Miller and the Committee, the ideals, aspirations, work, etc., were explained to the boys. The eagerness and cooperative zeal manifested was powerful. As one of the men speaking to boys, said: "Remember, boys, we want to be your 'Pals'; we understand, we were boys once." A letter written to the parents, which asked for their permission to join the parish troop, briefly explained why the boy wishes to join, etc., was sent at the request of the boys who desired to become members of the parish troop. The Rev. Chaplain then personally contacted the parents of the prospective Scouts obtaining the approval of all. At present the boys are busy studying the fundamentals for the Tenderfoot Scout with instructions to the effect that they understand thoroughly and practice the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Thus under the impetus of the recent Diocesan Conference a most auspicious beginning took place in a movement which, with cheerful cooperation, brings great hopes for the future for "the boy of today is the man of tomorrow."

PATTON METHODIST CHURCH

James A. Turner, Pastor
Church school, 10 a. m. Worship services, 10:30 a. m. & 7:30 p. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Mid-week Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Notice the method by which the Gospel was spread in the early history of the Church. Every place to which individual believers were driven from Jerusalem went, they went "evangelizing." These men and women were manifestly common Christians who communicated to their fellow-

men in conversation wherever they met them the glad tidings that Messiah had come.

They proclaimed everywhere they went the good news of salvation. Their hearts were full of it; and as out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, they therefore made the truth known to all whom they met.

There is no lesson the Church today needs so much to learn as, "What the World needs today is not a new generation of apostles, but a new generation of apostolic Christians." They all undertook to reach all men.

The idea of confining preaching to a few ordained men is not apostolic, and the world can never be evangelized that way. Everyone who has found Christ should be a preacher of Christ. If that were done the world soon would be evangelized.

Join the "Go to Church" movement, and bring someone with you to your church.

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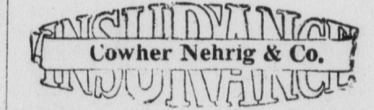
Judge Ivan J. McKenrick decreed in an order handed down last Thursday that 150 shares of the preferred stock of the Penn Cress Ice Cream Company be placed in the name of the monastery of St. Therese of Lisieux of Loretto. The stock had been posted as collateral by the late Chas. M. Schwab to obtain indorsement of the monastery on notes of \$20,000.

At the hearing counsel for the ice cream concern and the Schwab estate made no protest on the assignment of the stock into the name of the monastery corporation. While the bank has served notice on the monastery corporation of its intention to foreclose, it is believed that a compromise will be effected. The stock of the Penn Cress Ice Cream Company is appraised by the Schwab estate as having a value of \$10 per share.

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