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A Thought for Each Day

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 27. *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Galatians 5:22, 23.*

To have all these is possible to me, and it is my fault, not the fault of the Holy Spirit, if these graces are not in full bloom in my character. What a power Christianity would be if all who profess and call themselves Christians were thus adorned!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. *Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you. I Peter 5:7.*

There are briars besetting every path
That call for patient care,
There is a cross in every lot,
And an earnest need for prayer;
But a lowly heart that leans on thee
Is happy anywhere!

—Anna L. Waring.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29. *Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14.*

Life should be one long talk between God and us. No day should close without our talking over its history with our patient, loving Lord, entering into His confessional, relieving our hearts of their sorrow, and all their bitterness, in the act of telling Him all.—F. B. Meyer.

POWER OF PATIENCE

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility. She governs the flesh, strengthens the spirits, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridles the tongue, refrains the hands, tramples on temptation, endures persecution, and consummates martyrdom.

Patience produces unity in the church, loyalty in the state, and harmony in families and societies; she comforts the poor, moderates the rich, makes us humble in prosperity, cheerful in adversity, unmoved by calumny and reproach; she teaches us to forgive those who have injured us, and to be first in asking forgiveness of those whom we have injured; she delights in the faithful, and invites the unbelieving; she adorns the woman, and improves the man; is loved in a child, praised in a young man, and admired in an old one; she is beautiful in either sex and in every age.

Behold her appearance and attire: Her countenance is calm and serene as the face of heaven, unspotted by the shadow of a cloud, and no wrinkle of grief or anger is seen on her forehead; her eyes are, as it were, the eyes of a dove for meekness, and on her eyelids sit cheerfulness and joy; her mouth is lovely in silence; her complexion is that of innocence and security; while, like the pilgrim, the daughter of Sion, she shakes her head at the adversary, and laughs him to scorn; she is clothed in the robes of the martyrs, and in her hand she holds a sceptre in the form of a cross; she rules not in the whirlwind and stormy tempest of passion, but her throne is the humble and contrite heart, and her kingdom is—the kingdom of heaven.

—The Free Methodist.

weeks in the home of her son, Robert H. Marshall, Altoona, Pa.

Mr. Harry Dunlap spent a week visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Millie McFarland visited two weeks with relatives in Ashtabula, Ohio, and Indian and Punxsutawney, Pa.

Miss Mabel Dickey enjoyed a delightful two weeks at Chautauqua, New York.

Miss Elizabeth Sinclair spent several days with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathom and son Billy Frank spent a few days at the Cleveland Exposition.

Mrs. W. W. Dickey has been greatly cheered by an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. S. E. Patterson of Lawrence, Kansas, who is being entertained in the home of Mrs. C. S. Storie, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Dickey. Mrs. Patterson also visited with another sister, Mrs. Jennie B. Lytle of Penn Run, Pa., an uncle, Rev. T. C. Sproull, and other relatives in the vicinity of Pittsburgh.

Mr. John McMaster, who has been in the hospital seriously ill of pneumonia, is at home again, his condition improving daily. We shall be glad to see him fully recovered and able to resume attendance at the services.

Mrs. C. S. Storie is convalescent after several weeks under the doctor's care, suffering from a badly run down condition.

Pittsburgh Presbytery

Pittsburgh Presbytery is called by its Interim Commission to meet in special session, September 30, 1936, at 7:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) in the Youngstown Church, Youngstown, Ohio, for the purpose of ordaining and installing Licentiate Samuel Bruce Willson as pastor of said congregation. Elder membership will be that duly certified to spring meeting of Presbytery, unless otherwise certified. Sermon will be by the Rev. J. C. Slater, D. D.—R. W. REDPATH, Clerk.

An Explanation

An article in the *Covenanter Witness* of August 26th contains a sentence which calls for an explanation on my part. I refer to the article, "The Laborers Are Few: Pray Ye Therefore," by Dr. McCarroll, in which he states, "Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Mitchel have retired from South China." In fairness to myself, and the confidence my many friends place in my integrity I wish to state it is hardly fair to lay the act of retirement upon me. At a meeting of the Board at the last Synod I offered to return to China alone this fall, Mrs. Mitchel to follow

a year or two later. It is now nearly three years since we have returned from China, and in all that time I have repeatedly refused to accept of any services which would sever my connection with the Mission work in South China, always looking forward to the time when we could return to the work. In any missionary talks we have given, or in private conversations, in answering questions put to us about our plans, this has always been our position. It must therefore be obvious that the retirement was not of our own volition. However, the Foreign Mission Board said they did not see any way possible to return us to China in the immediate future.

—JESSE C. MITCHEL.

A Letter of Dr. Clarence Macartney

The following letter is taken from the Church Bulletin of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, of which Dr. Macartney is pastor. It is one of two letters printed in the issue of August 30.

Antioch, August 5, 1936.

Dear Friends:

I am sitting on the great hewn stones of the ancient quay of Seleucia, the once busy, but now silent and abandoned, port of Antioch. At my feet the waves of the Mediterranean are breaking in white spray. But it is not the sound of the breaking waves that I am hearing, but the deeper music of the waves breaking on the shores of time, the deep reverberation of the past; for it was from this very stone pier that Paul, Barnabas and John Mark sailed away for Cyprus and Asia Minor, on the first missionary journey, the most momentous voyage ever undertaken by man.

When in Antioch four years ago, I did not get to Seleucia, and the visit this afternoon fulfilled the ambition and desire of many years. On our way down we stopped at Suedieh to pick up a cousin of a friend of our dragoman. His name was Habib Madany, and he is a teacher in the school at Suedieh. I chanced to ask him where he acquired his good English. He replied in the school at Mersine, Turkey. I remembered that the Covenanters had conducted a school there, and it turned out that this was the school where he had studied. He told me he himself was a Covenanter, whereupon we shook hands, bowed, rubbed the chest, touched the forehead and gave all the other signs of oriental delight and joy. He was familiar with Beaver Falls, Geneva College, knew all about the Dadds, MacFarlands, Kennedys, Edgars, Stuarts, Franches, Methenys, and other Near East Covenanter missionaries and could speak the language of Canaan like a blood born Covenanter.

On our way back from Seleucia we sang—I resonantly, Therina and Aime somewhat haltingly, and our Covenanter-Syrian in Arabic, the 46th, 100th, 127th, 23rd, and 121st Psalms to the grand old tunes that have sung their way across so many seas from Scotland and Ireland.

Faithfully yours,
Clarence Edward Macartney.

Graham-Skeels

The marriage of Dr. G. Glenn Graham to Maude Mary Skeels took place at Congress House on Friday, July 10, at 3 o'clock. The bride's uncle, Rev. Samuel Ford, officiated.

About sixty guests were present, including many of the members of the East End Congregation where the bride was formerly very active in church work.

Dr. Graham is a graduate of Grove City College and the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Graham has been employed in New York City for the past three years. The couple will be at home after the first of October in Butler, Pa., where Dr. Graham will be a resident physician at the Butler Hospital.

Mrs. J. G. McElhinney

Mrs. Loretta Slater McElhinney, wife of Rev. J. G. McElhinney of Denver, Colo., passed away on Thursday morning, September 10th.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2. *Hearken thou thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place, and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive! I Kings 8:30.*

The great prayers of the Bible are not men's prayers. Solomon never prayed that great dedication prayer out of his own head, until he had taken that head to have it sanctified, refined, ennobled, and enriched by special communion with the Father of all true sanctuaries.

—Joseph Parker.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3. *Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward! Matthew 10:42.*

"In the name of a disciple," that is, as a disciple of Christ and for His sake. That kind of giving, even to the least of God's "little ones," never fails to bring with it its own reward, which means the Lord's reward. And oh, how many are waiting for the "cup of cold water"!

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