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A Thought for Each Day

SABBATH. NOVEMBER 15. Now therefore give me this mountain. Josh. 14:12.

Forbid for me an easy place, O God, in some sequestered nook Apart to lie, To doze and dream and weaker grow Until I die!

Give me, O Lord, a task so hard That all my powers shall taxed be To do my best; That I may stronger grow in toil, For harder service fitted be, Until I rest!

This my reward—development From what I am to what thou art. For this I plead! Wrought out by being wrought upon By deeds reflexive, done in love, For those in need! -Charles Earle.

Monday, November 16. I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord, and thy law is my delight! Psalm 119:174.

You must not be distressed at the absence of those devotional feelings which you would like to experience. God may grant them or withhold them. Do not think the Bible is less profitable when it is less pleasurable! Read, and listen for the voice of God!—R. M. Benson.



LO TING BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVING AN OUTING IN THE CITY PARK

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight; There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise!" To dying captives, bound in chains of night; There is a place where thou canst reach the store Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord; There is a place—upon some distant shore-Where thou canst send the worker or the Word. There is a place where Heaven's resistless power Responsive moves to thine insistent plea; There is a place—a silent, trysting hour— Where God Himself descends and fights for thee. Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask, "Where?" O, Soul, it is the secret place of prayer, Heb. 4:14-16. -Adelaide A. Pollard.

the edge of which was lettered in white: "Go ye—teach all nations." The large star represented Christ—"the bright and morning star"—"the light of the world."

Each member was given a small red star, on which was printed the name of a missionary. As the gifts were brought forward, the donor pinned the small star on the large star, and read a verse of Scripture which had been assigned. Mrs. Gill in her remarks, compared the missionaries to stars, carrying the light to the people who sit in darkness; and said that we by our gifts were helping these stars to shine in China, Manchuria, Syria, Cyprus, Turkey. When all the stars were placed, the effect of the small red stars on the large silver star, was very effective. A gold star was placed in the center, in memory of the missionaries who had gone on.

We were very glad to have as our guests, Mrs. John Henderson and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Newburgh, N. Y., who also worshipped with us on Sabbath.—Ruth MacKnight.

First Boston News

The first meeting of our C. Y. P. U. was held at the home of Helen Mc-Keown. The new officers elected were: President, Evelyn MacCombie; Vice President, Ruth McKeown; Treasurer, Jane Doty. The Social Committee, Helen McKeown and Dorothy MacKnight, drew up the social program for the coming year, naming the places in order where the socials are to be held, so that each family might know beforehand when its turn would come to entertain. The first will be a weiner roast in October at the home of Evelyn and Roberta MacCombie.

Mr. C. Frederic Millican, one of our elders, is starting a Bible Class for our young people to be held on Wednesdav evenings. At these meetings we aim also to practice singing and familiarize ourselves more completely with the music of the Psalter.

The reports of the White Lake Camp were brought to us on September 13th, the first Sabbath following our pastor's vacation. They were given by Margaret Ross, Mrs. J. K. McKeown, and Helen McKeown. The accounts were all interesting and indicated that the summer's outing at White Lake was both profitable and enjoyable. There was a total of nine persons there from our congregation.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society will hold its first meeting this year at the home of the President, Dorothy Mac-Knight. At this meeting new officers will be elected, and plans for the year's work will be discussed.

Miss Evelyn MacCombie, who graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School last June, is now teaching in her home town of Stoughton, Massachusetts.

Our fall communion is set for October 18th.

Wilkinsburg

Again the congregation accepted Dr. R. J. G. McKnight and Mrs. McKnight's invitation to hold their annual basket picnic at their home near Slippery Rock, where they enjoyed a day of fellowship, swimming, and games.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCune, the oldest member in the congregation, celebrated her ninety-second birthday September 19. In spite of her advanced age she still has a keen interest in the work of the congregation and the church at large.

As a matter of record and a gesture toward friendliness, a card is given each visitor welcoming him to the congregation and inviting him back. He is asked to sign the card, give his address, state his church affiliations and return the card at the end of the services.

A large number of the congregation attended the meetings of the Preaching Mission, held recently in Pittsburgh, where they listened to earnest messages of outstanding ministers of National and International note. Through the entire series, Christ was presented as the Saviour of the individual, the home, the church and the world. The most outstanding of all the addresses was that of Dr. E. Stanley Jones on Sabbath afternoon at the Syrian Mosque where he presented most clearly and forcefully the need of exalting Christ in both the political and economic world. He emphasized the need of a "Church of Christ in America" to which all denominations that acknowledge Christ as the Son of God might belong.

Letter from Dr. Macartney

CYPRUS

Early yesterday morning we sailed into the harbor of Famagusta. The town presented a fair spectacle as one looked upon it from the deck of the steamer. The massive walls of the fortifications built by the Venetians in the Fifteenth Century are still standing, the very walls which for almost a year held off the Turks in one of the most prolonged and fierce sieges of history. An ancient Gothic cathedral of noble proportions rises over the yellow buildings of the town. When the Moslems took the place they added a minaret. In the East one is accustomed to the minaret built onto a Christian Church of basilica, or Byzantine, design, but this was the first time I had seen the minaret on a Gothic church. Very typical of the Turk and his conquests. He has created nothing, and built nothing notable, but has taken over what others imagined, conceived and created. The minaret on Famagusta's Gothic cathedral is a symbol and summary of the Turk's history.

On one of the walls of the fortifications is Othello's tower. According to the tradition, it was in this town that the melancholy Moor, goaded to fury by the vile inuendoes of Iago, strangled Desdemona, and there too was heard the pathetic lament which the great Shakespearean actors have made famous.

From Famagusta we drove out some seven miles to visit the ruins of Salamis. This was the first place visited by Paul and Barnabas when they came to Cyprus on the First Missionary Journey. The ruins of the Forum have been excavated and show it to have been one of the most extensive of the ancient world. Cyprus played a great part in the early history of the Church. Barnabas himself was a Cypriot and Cypriots who had become Christians were among the first to preach the Gospel to the Jews at Antioch. Mnason is another Cypriot mentioned in the Book of Acts. Recently a sarcophagus has been unearthed in the center of the island, bearing the name of Mnason. At Paphos, which, unfortunately, I did not get to visit, Paul converted the proconsul, or Roman governor, Sergius Paulus. Some think he took the name Paul in honor of this first notable Gentile convert, for up to that time he is known as Saul. Cyprus thus has the distinction of being the first country to have had a Christian ruler.

The island reveals the thoroughness and cleanliness of British administration, for it was formerly annexed by Great Britain when Turkey entered the Great War on the side of Germany. But if the opinion of our very intelligent driver is representative of the majority of the people, there is deep resentment against the British rule. The population is predominantly Greek. I asked our driver if they would like to be united with Greece. "Certainly," he responded. "But then," I said, "you would have a revolution every six months, wouldn't you?" "No matter," he answered, "If a man has a mother, he loves her, no matter how poor she may be." To the great majority of the Cypriots Greece is their fatherland.

The countryside reminds one of Greece. Frequently we passed threshing floors where the unmuzzled oxen were treading out the grain as in Syria. But, instead of standing on the sledge, the ease loving Cypriot, has invented a sort of sedan chair in which he reclines as he follows the tails of the oxen over the threshing floor.

Large areas of the island had a bleak

and barren aspect, not unlike stretches of Montana or New Mexico. But here and there we skirted hills that were covered with olive orchards, or ran through valleys that were well watered and pleasantly green with orange and lemon groves and vineyards. In many parts of the island I saw the goats standing on their hind legs and nibbling the black pods which hang down from the carob trees. I tried one of these pods and found it not bad.

On a hillside nearby the road, we visited the ruins of an ancient pre-Christian temple. It was circular in form, and bore all the signs of great antiquity, being constructed not of cut stone, but of rock. Perhaps it was a Phoenician place of sacrifice, and who knows but that the stone platform upon which I was gazing had once dripped with the blood of human sacrifice offered to the monstrous Baal.

After a long wait at Limassol, where we visited the ruins of an old church where Richard Couer de Leon trifling on his way to the Crusades, married his queen, Berengaria, we picked up our ship again and were off for Attalia, on the southern coast of Asia Minor.

Faithfully yours.

CLARENCE EDWARD MACARTNEY.

-From the First Presbyterian Church
Bulletin, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Note: The above letter originally contained a very fine tribute to our missionaries—the Caskeys et al—which the sender had marked in parenthesis. Our type-setter took this for the editor's signal to omit and while this letter waited for space, the copy has been irretrievably lost. No one to blame, but awfully sorry—Editors.

Kline-McClurken

A beautiful wedding took place on Saturday Afternoon, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock in the Logan Baptist Church, Philadelphia when Miss Emily Mildred Kline, daughter of Mrs. Emma L. Kline, became the bride of Mr. Samuel McClurken. The groom is the son of Mrs. Hannah McClurken and the late Samuel McClurken, and is a popular member of 3rd church, Philadelphia.

The bride was gowned in white satin and carried a bouquet of white roses and lillies of the valley. The maid of honor was Miss Isabel Henderson, and the flower girl Nancy McClurken, cousin of the groom. The ushers were Messers Edwin McClurken, Jesse Jensen, Daniel Adams and Harry Mullen. The groom was attended by his brother Mr. Thomas McClurken as best man. The ceremony was performed by Dr. F. M. Wilson, assisted by Rev. C. W. Cranford.

White Lake, N. Y.

Rev. R. Wylie Caskey spent a month with the home folks in and around Clarinda, Iowa (since Camp).

Lyle B. Millen is a Freshman at Geneva College.

Rcv. G. M. Robb of Glenwood, Minn., assisted Rev. Caskey at communion on October 18. Emerson Millen joined the church on profession of faith. Rev. Robb brought very inspiring messages and was especially helpful Sabbath night in urging the young people to consecrate their lives in the Master's services. Mrs. Robb accompanied her husband and renewed acquaintances.

The Woman's Missionary Society held an all day meeting at the home of Miss Jennie Fraser on Tuesday, October 20. They have begun the study of the book, "Forty Years in Our China Mission."

Rev. R. C. Ward from Newburgh supplied the pulpit on September 20, and Rev. W. C. McClurkin from Coldenham on September 27, during the absence of Rev. Caskey.

Third Philadelphia

The Fall Communion of Third Church, Philadelphia, was held on Sabbath, October 18th.

Dr. Wilson was assisted in the preparatory services by neighboring ministers, but conducted the Sabbath morning service alone.

Dr. Greer of First Church, Philadelphia, was the preacher on Sabbath evening.

There was an addition to the membership of four young people from the Sabbath School, all of whom were baptized by Dr. Wilson at the Friday evening service.

Bible Reading Folder

In two months the Bible Readers for 1937 must be in your hands That means they should be printed soon. How many shall your committee order? If we could know how many you will need, we would be able to estimate better. Once your committee disposed of 5,000 a year. Now it is less than half that many. Help us help your people "Get the Bible Reading Habit." Prices are the same as before. Under 10—3c each; in lots of 10—25c; in lots of 100—\$1.75. Send us your order immediately.—Rev. Remo I. Robb, Route 3, Clarinda, Iowa.

Weiss - Lynn

Miss Grace Elizabeth Lynn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. W. Lynn, was united in marriage to Frederick J. Weiss, of Jeffersonville, Saturday by the bride's pastor, the Rev. R. Wylie Caskey.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs.

Daniel Bosch, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. It was also the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bosch,

The bridal party proceeded to Middletown where they had dinner at the Mitchell Inn. After a short wedding trip, Mr, and Mrs. Weiss will be at home to their friends at Jeffersonville.

Mrs. Loretta Slater McElhinney

It is with deep sorrow and a loss which can never be filled that the Denver Women's Missionary Society record the call of the Master upon our beloved Mrs. Loretta Slater McElhinney, who with her husband have faithfully served the Denver congregation for over eleven years.

Although not physically rugged, she was always active in the work of the church. For the past two years her health had been failing. The tragic death of her beloved daughter, Faith, just four months previous, no doubt hastened her passing away.

To her husband, her son George, and his wife, we extend our heart-felt sympathy and commend them to the Word of His grace.

Mother and daughter have joined in this service and will receive the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

—Mrs. A. Frank Atchison, Mrs. Fred C. Hinman, Mrs. James S. McGaw, Com.

A very impressive memorial service was held by the Women's Missionary Society at its October meeting. Mrs. H. Brown Cannon, Mrs. Robert McBurney, Mrs. P. M. McEnderfer, and Miss Pearl Allen each reading papers, paying very fitting tribute to our dear sister.

Saturday, November 21. I will be with thee, I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Joshua 1:5.

Fear not, O trembling soul! Thou canst not see

The way of life, nor what thy path shall be;

But courage! God hath said to thee and me,

"I will be with thee!"

-Helen Talbot Porter.

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