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By unusual coincidence yesterday in the county clerk's office ventures in matrimony formed some of the principal business of the day. Two marriage licenses were issued and two divorce complaints filed. The first license was for a man who was marrying for the third time and a woman who was taking her second plunge. The other pair had each been married once before.

On each divorce complaint the wife alleged that her husband had said he would pick a more desirable mate the next time, or words to that effect.

"Y 5" Team Wallops North Salem Quintet

In a basketball game played last night on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor the "Y 5" team walloped the North Salem team to the tune of 29 to 8. The ability of Herbert Socolofsky to stay in a normal upright position while playing guard proved

to be of no little value to his team, and the tenacity of Mantup when the ball came his direction aided in placing many of the points on his side of the score.

Ringle, Tucker and Parsons starred in the game for the North Salem team, showing superior ability in long passes. The lineup for the teams were as follows:

Y 5	North Salem
Burroughs RF	RF Tucker
Mantup RG	RG Ringle
Tatro LF	C Parsons
Socolofsky LG	LG Nichols
Bohman Sub	Sub White
Porter C	LF Tucker
Socolofsky Sub	

This is the third victory for the Y 5 team, the other two being gains made over the Deaf school by scores of 12 to 8 and 10 to 1 respectively. The game was refereed by Glen Gregg.

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Doughnuts are still being served to the doughboys along the Rhine, but the home-coming doughboys are not being forgotten. This photograph taken in a new hut just opened in

New York city, shows the first three Salvation Army girls who served these "homey" reminders to our men at the front when the guns were still booming. They are Miss Alice Mc-

Allister, Lieutenant Violet McAllister and Adjutant Helen Purvance, just back from France. Colonel McIntyre of the Salvation Army is standing behind them.

SERMONETTES FOR TODAY

THE INFLUENCE OF A LIFE

(By W. T. Rigdon, a layman)

"No man liveth unto himself or dieth unto himself."

Every human being born in this world extends an influence upon those around.

The little child, however brief its life may be, has played upon the heart-strings of some one and softened the music of their vibrations. The helpless struggles of infancy will often stay the murderous hand and change the course of action throughout an eventful life. It is not always so much what we do as it is what we are that not only shapes our ends, but turns the tide of our lives about. The thought of the moment is: When does one's influence begin and when does it close? The first part of this question is easier to answer than the second. For truly hunting the beginning we might easily commence at birth. But that starting point would not satisfy the psychologist; for it may well be claimed, with much show of wisdom, that the starting point should be placed at conception. All must agree that the most exacting could not insist upon an earlier period.

The difference between the mad and the madman has been brought about principally by the influence and care of children. The difference of thought and incentive between the father and the bachelor has been brought about largely by the constant care of the little ones; desire for their welfare; hope for their development; expectation of their future and the prospects of pleasure with them in declining years. Influence is a sensitive scale-beam. It cannot long remain in perfect balance. It must trend one way or the other. When one end goes up the other must go down. Every day of one's life the scale-beam of influence is vibrating across the pivot and the individual is either going up or down with the scale-beam. Nothing in this world stands absolutely still. All things, in the material world, as we all know, are continually changing; getting larger or smaller; weaker or stronger; longer or shorter; heavier or lighter; wider or narrower.

So it is in the mental world. The mind never stands still. Continually

change is the order. The moment the mind ceases to strengthen it begins to weaken. The moment one ceases to add to his store of knowledge, that moment his store-house is invaded by that relentless burglar, "the thief of time."

So in the moral world; one must get better or worse every day of one's life. The contending influences are pulling hard upon our faculties and drawing us up or down. So gently, stealthily, quietly and unobtrusively does influence pull at one's brain-strings that he sways to and fro unconscious of the movement or, even, the power which draws him one way or the other. But I am digressing. I wish to dwell upon the producer of influence more than upon the receiver or absorber of influence.

Every word audibly spoken has an influence, consciously or unconsciously, upon the listener. Every action, great or small, important or unimportant, makes some impression upon the observer. Every sentence written moves the scale-beam of impression in the mind of the reader. From the cradle to the grave, one's life is a moving panorama spread out before the world, twenty-four hours in the day, with an ample auditorium well supplied with easy cushioned seats. And, even long (no one knows how long) after death, this panorama will still retain its colors through the writings of the departed or through the medium of reflection through those who have been influenced by the absent one. Throughout a long and eventful life one's scale-beam may have played an average balance, apparently, both as an exacter and receiver of influence. But when one passes "from life to death," when words and actions no longer influence hopes, ambitions and prospects, then the scales will be free from the weight of selfish desire and the man will be judged by the unprejudiced mind and the influence of the unseen will work unfettered and free.

To my mind, Shakespeare was not altogether correct when he said: "The evil men do lives after them; but the good is often interred with their bones." No doubt the evil is often remembered somewhat at the expense of the good. But after 50 years of thought and observation, I have concluded that there is a predominant tendency, in mankind, to overlook as much as possible the delinquencies of the dead, and extol their virtues.

Few are the histories written which magnify the faults or minimize the virtues of the helpless dead. Wicked, indeed, must have been the man of whom no good could have been said.

Then it must follow that after one has passed to the beyond his influence will be better for good than while living, as the bad will be largely forgotten in estimating character. But I am again digressing, as my thought is, when does the influence of man cease for good or evil? Before history had assumed the form of faithful record, the virtues of the departed were told in song and story of a legendary nature, for many generations.

Then again those who had been quickened and inspired by such records, transmitted or rather re-transmitted this influence to others, so that even down to the present day we often feel a shudder or a thrill when certain historical names are mentioned in connection with some historic deed. And who can say that the influence of an Abraham, a Soliman, a Demosthenes, a Cicero is not working in the present day minds, or will not, in the great future, help to shape the final destiny of the world.

Millions of great minds and myriads of lesser minds, of times past, are, no doubt, exerting their different degrees of influence upon present day civilization. How well then it behooves every member of the human race to so live as to leave "footprints on the rocks of time." Footprints, the toes of which will point toward truth and virtue.

A MORNING MEDITATION

(By Dr. G. F. Holt, pastor of First Baptist church.)

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy patha."—Prov. 3:6.

The call to holy meditation and to prayer is not only the call of the scriptures and the call of God but the call of our own hearts, as it is the need of our lives. We crave the counsel and guidance of an experienced and wise person. We long for the fellowship of a congenial and loving companion. Who can fill this place as can the all-wise and loving God. A few minutes with Him each day gives us assurance of His companionship and counsel.

Let us put by some time of every day for holy things!—whether it be when dawn peers through the window pane, or when the moon flames like a burnished topaz, in the vault, or when the thrush pours in the ear of eve its plaintive melody; some little hour wherein we hold rapt converse with the soul. From sordidness and self a sanctuary, swept by the winnowing of unseen wings and touched by the white light ineffable!—Clinton Scollard.

I commend to you this prayer suggested as a prayer for today by Dr. John Clifford of London, now 82 years of age and for 60 years pastor of one church, when he was then made pastor emeritus for life.

"Our Heavenly Father we are Thy children and we come to Thee bringing our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Thou hast made us and Thy love of us is unceasing. Thy love is the light of our life and Thy grace is the strength of our hearts. Save us from forgetting Thee and Thy claims upon us. May we welcome our common duties and discharge them as in Thy sight; rejoice in the ties of kinship which bind us to one another, and never forget them; courageously face our difficulties and carefully redeem the time seeing the days are evil. Help us to resist every temptation and especially those that assail our thoughts and stain our imaginations. Give us power to hush the tumults of the flesh, and fortitude to bear the burdens of life cheerfully. Deliver us from anxiety about the future, and strengthen in us the conviction that all things work together for good for those that love Thee. Enable us to profit by Thy patient and loving discipline. Fill us with the mind of Jesus, and make us ready for any sacrifice for Thy kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Quicken us, O Lord, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and calmly wait Thy will, in the assurance that whatever else is best will be given us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen."

THE DAY OF EXECUTION

Habakkuk 2: 15

(By Dr. R. N. Avison, pastor of First Methodist church.)

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, the potter thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also."

Agnes have come and gone since this sentence went forth against the liquor traffic. Whether it takes an age or a thousand ages, His word shall not return unto him void. Though two thousand five hundred years have passed since the sentence was pronounced, so far as this nation is concerned the execution took place January 15, 1919. On that day the age long despoiler of every strong thing, pure, beautiful, and happy, was given its death blow. Thirty-six states of this union said that the death sentence then passed should be written into the constitution of these United States; and that hereafter intoxicating liquors should not be manufactured, sold, imported, or exported, in any state or territory of these United States. Since that day four other states have been added to the thirty-six, with a good prospect of seven others falling into line. When the record is complete we hope that every star in the glorious constellation will shed its full splendor upon the freest people under heaven.

How happy every loyal American should feel in being able to welcome our returning heroes to a nation at "east legislatively and constitutionally dry. How has it come about? Bishop McConnell says that as a boy studying geology he used to wonder who killed the great beasts of tremendous size that splashed about the swamps. Then he made the discovery that nobody killed them; the



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climate changed and they died. The growing power of the sun of righteousness has so changed the moral and intellectual climate of this great republic that the traffic could no longer live. And it has so changed the climate of the world as to seal the doom of autocracy. If the church of God shall continue to ring true and press her claim to righteousness, other evils that menace our peace and prosperity shall pass also for lack of a congenial climate.

But the end is not yet. The liquor interests have announced a fund of \$1,000,000,000 with which they propose to fight the dry forces in every state of the union and before the supreme court. They know well how to use money for corrupt purposes even to the turning over of Uncle Sam to the tender mercies of the unspeakable Hun. On January 7, three hundred distillers in convention in Chicago adopted the following resolutions:

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the time has come when those engaged in the industry affirmatively, vigorously and immediately take any and all legal steps necessary and proper to protect our rights in the courts of this country and to present a most determined resistance to such revolutionary methods."

And, "Be it resolved further, that the chairman of this meeting be and is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a committee of seven, with the right to add to this number; and that said committee shall have the power to take any and all measures

deemed by it necessary or proper to carry out these resolutions and to provide and raise and means therefor, and said committee is further given power to retain counsel and attorneys, and to incur necessary and reasonable expenses and to cooperate with others who are similarly interested."

Let them spend their billion and multiply it if they please; every dollar spent, every contest of ballots, every case in court, will only make more secure the decision of that eventful day in American history, the 16th of January, when the judgment of a righteous God was executed against the traffic.

Oregon Blue Book May Be Used as Text-Book

John Speed Smith, chief naturalization examiner, contemplates having the Oregon Blue Book used in the schools of the state as a text-book for persons applying for admission as citizens under the new regulation whereby they are to receive instruction through the schools. He has recommended this to State Superintendent Churchill and to city superintendents. He has written Secretary of State Olcott to ascertain if the required number of 3000 to 5000 extra copies can be supplied. Secretary Olcott has replied that publication of another Blue Book and the number of copies will depend upon whether the legislature allows the appropriation.

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