

**AS GOD WOULD HAVE US**

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"O Father, hear my morning prayer,  
Thy aid impart to me,  
That I may make my life today  
Acceptable to Thee.

"May this desire my spirit rule,  
And as the moments fly  
Something of good be born in me,  
Something of evil die.

"Some grace that seeks my heart to win,  
With shining vict'ry meet:  
Some sin that strives for mastery,  
Find overthrow complete.

"That so throughout the coming day  
The hours shall carry me  
A little farther from the world,  
A little nearer Thee."

One who will begin each day with this beautiful prayer of Mrs. Percy and carry its spirit through the hours as they pass will soon find most of his difficulties smoothed away, the passions, animosities and inharmonies of his nature growing each day less, his happiness increasing and heaven seeming a little nearer with the coming of each evening. Time is the stuff that human life is made of, and as it passes will bring to us sunshine and blessing of darkness, remorse, sorrow and failure in accordance with the use we make of it.

Most of us do not begin the day with high and holy aspirations with a heartfelt prayer to God, asking Him to help us to make our lives more unselfish, pure and harmonious, more after His likeness. If we start the day with prayer at all, a little self-examination will reveal to us that our prayers are generally prompted by selfish impulses. We desire His help to achieve some worldly ambition or purpose or ask that He may forgive the sins we are committing, instead of seeking His aid in our efforts to overcome our baser selves and to think, do and be in our daily walk as He would have us, so that we shall have fewer sins to be forgiven at the day's end.

The Scriptures tell us that whatsoever we do we are to do all to the glory of God. Done with the thought that every duty or task is God-given and should be done as He would have us do it will hallow the simplest, humblest work and make it not only more efficient and effective, but will help to build up the kingdom of heaven in the worker and prepare him for higher and larger duties and responsibilities. In order to grow in grace and in moral and spiritual strength and beauty one does not need to hate or look down upon the physical and worldly duties that life brings to all of us. If we do with our might what our hands find to do with the constant purpose to do our work, whatever it be, not grudgingly and unwillingly, but as He would have us do it, efficiently, thoroughly, honestly, we shall not only receive larger physical reward for our efforts, but in addition an inward growth, strength and satisfaction that the idler and shirk can never know.

The effort to get something for nothing, or to do as little as possible for pecuniary reward we get for our efforts is the sole aim of too many of us. The man who has no other motive than this as the mainspring of his life is perhaps to be pitied rather than blamed, since he has no other or higher light, but his is far from the ideal life or character. His must be classed with those lives that tend to clog human progress. Instead of this, God would have every person do something—all that he can—to add to the sum of the world's goodness, honesty, riches and happiness, as well as to his own. He has made the world, and the laws over it so that we cannot acquire even riches without making the whole world richer. No one lives for himself alone. He may not know it, but he is

"But a part of the stupendous whole  
Whose body nature is and God the soul."

That God would have everyone do the best that is in him should be clear to one who thinks when he sees that the man who is constantly doing his best and striving to fit himself to do better is the one to whom come the large rewards of effort. It is this character of man who generally gets the promotions to positions bringing larger emoluments and responsibilities. He is the man who has the respect and confidence of those who know him. Besides, he has that which is worth more to him than this confidence and the pecuniary reward for his efficient efforts, his own self-respect, a real pleasure in his work and an inner satisfaction that no idler or shirk, can ever feel. The highest rewards await him who is giving to the discharge of his duties the best that is in him. God has ordained that it shall be so and is thus revealing to men His purposes as to them.

More than all else, God would have all men honest and just, pure and unselfish, seeking God and His kingdom above every earthly ambition and reward. "Righteousness exalteth a nation" not only, but everyone who seeks it. He would have every soul striving to rise in aspiration, inner life and conduct above the sin and sordidness of the carnal life where His sunshine of love may enter the heart and His kingdom of heaven take up its abode. As an incentive for everyone to walk in His light He has ordained that the rewards of spiritual effort and righteousness shall be richer and more precious than anything else in the universe.

"Walk in His light! So shalt thou know  
That fellowship of love  
His spirit only can bestow  
Who reigns in light above."

**THAW ENJOYS NEW YORK**

**FAMOUS CHARACTER BASKS IN WHITE LIGHTS OF CITY**

NEW YORK, May 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Harry K. Thaw left the White Lights today to return to Virginia, where, he said, "I'm quite a fellow and the newspapers leave me alone."

Although he had complained during his stay here of being bothered by newspaper men, he was in expansive mood today and con-

fronted by a group of reporters invited them all to lunch.

He spoke of his doing while in New York, but seemed interested chiefly in the thought of getting back to Winchester, Va., where he is a constable, deputy sheriff and "magnate" of the baseball team.

"I'm here on business," he said, "but—I had a darn good time. And that goes despite some of the foolish stories that have been printed. But it's wonderful down there. I'm quite a fellow down there, you know, and the newspa-

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Although the names of the firms were not stated, the two most prominently mentioned in that connection were the United American lines, controlled by the Harriman interests; the Moore & McCormack, operators of several lines for the shipping board, both of New York.

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**NATIONS JURY EXCUSED**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Unable to agree, the jury in the trial of Heber Nations, former state labor commissioner of Missouri, charged with conspiracy to violate the Volstead act, was excused at 6:30 tonight by Judge Farris. The case will be resumed at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

33 PERSONS SUBPOENAED  
YUMA, Ariz., May 28.—Thirty-three witnesses have been subpoenaed by defense counsel for George W. Lynn, editor and publisher of the Yuma evening Herald who will go on trial here next Monday on a charge of criminal libel preferred by E. F. Sanguinetti, prominent Yuma merchant.

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