

PRAYER

Prayer has a sweet refining grace,
It educates the soul and heart.
It lends a luster to the face,
And by its elevating art
It gives the mind an inner sight
That brings it near the Infinite.
From our gross selves it helps us rise
To something which we yet may be.
And so I ask not to be wise,
If thus my faith is lost to me.
Faith that with angels' voice and touch,
Says "Pray, for prayer availeth much."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

With the Churches

Evangelical Church By F. M. FISHER.

Everyone in the neighborhood in the church, and all the church in the Sunday school is a good motto to work by. Have you ever canvassed your neighborhood in the interest of your church and Sunday school? Because of your location, how much territory have you a right to claim? Have you possessed the land?

"He was taken from prison and from judgment." What a farce was this trial. Yet that cross held the future of the world, and of each individual. "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. The chastisements of our peace was on him."

O Conscience: What a remarkable creature thou art. How like rubber, and yet hard as adamant.

The great advantage of prohibition in a community is that there are so few who learn to use liquor. The man without an appetite will not take the trouble to ship it in.

The saloon would kill the church if it could, while the church could kill the saloon if it would.

As none can preach the gospel to every creature, let us try what we can do with one.

"You might as well try to regulate a powder mill in hell as to regulate the saloon by high license."—Billy Sunday.

Don't forget 332 X Yes. This is the number of victory.

So prohibition will not prohibit? This is the declaration of war by those who determine that it shall not prohibit. Those who intend to break the law. And good people are scared by it. Vote it down.

TO THE VOTERS OF POLK CO., OREGON

We, the undersigned, take pleasure in recommending S. B. Taylor, of Dallas, Oregon, for the office of County Surveyor. Mr. Taylor has been engaged in civil engineering and surveying in this county for the past eight years. We know him to be thoroughly competent, a man of good character, and an efficient worker.

Your support of his candidacy at the November election will be appreciated, and the means of placing a good man in the important office of County Surveyor.

Dated this September 22, 1914.
Signed:

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- L. D. Brown, Attorney, Dallas.
- Doc P. Patterson, Pharmacist, Dallas.
- A. B. Starbuck, Physician, Dallas.
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- E. E. Hayter, Cashier Dallas National Bank, Dallas.
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OUR OFFER

In another column will be found an advertisement "Free, Memoirs of Napoleon," which we are offering to Subscribers to the HERALD together with Collier's Weekly. Anyone desiring to investigate the offer can see the three volumes of "Memoirs of Napoleon" at the HERALD office.

THE RURAL PASTOR

Intelligent and Consecrated Leadership the Need of the Hour.

By Peter Radford.
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The rural pastor has greater possibilities than any other factor in our national life. The rural civilization of the Twentieth Century has opened up a new world of activities for him. There lie before him unexplored continents of usefulness, unemployed forces of civilization and tremendous responsibilities such as have never before confronted the pastor.

The need of the rural communities today is intelligent and consecrated leadership. There must be a marshaling of forces that build life, strengthen character and broaden vision. The pastor should deal with living problems. In addition to the service he now renders he should help us lift the market basket, hold out a helping hand to the farmer and develop the potential energies of the community he seeks to serve.

A More Useful Ministry.
The farmer needs the personal touch of the pastor. He seldom comes in direct contact with his halloving influence, except when he is baptized, married and buried. We need to further extend Christian influence in the homes, as well as to spread the gospel in China; to instruct our children in the art of living, as well as to convert the barbarian and the Hottentot, and we should devote our energy and talent to the solution of problems of our own locality, rather than consume our energies in fighting vice and ignorance beyond our borders. It is as important that we discuss from the pulpit, the building of macadam highways from the church to our homes, as that we preach of the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. It is as much

a part of the duty of the pastor to exhort us to own a home while on earth as to inspire us to build a mansion in the skies and that we should construct Christian character in our own community, rather than that we fight foreign sins in other lands. We want a religion we can farm by as well as die by.

Christian Influence Needed.
There is an emptiness in the life of rural communities and we want preachers who can weave into the social fiber, educational pastimes, profitable pleasures and instructive amusements. Too often we find the games of our young people a search for a suggestion in immorality and a stepping-stone to sin. The pastor should supervise the growing lives of young people, approve their amusements, create expressions of joy and pleasure that makes for Christian character and bless their lives with Christian modesty.

The farm is the nursery of civilization, and the parsonage of all religious denominations. Too long has the farm furnished the cities with their great preachers, until today the rural church is the gangway to city pulpits. The current should be reversed. The power of the pulpit is most needed in the country where the fundamental forces of human life originate. The farm is the powerhouse of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature. Many communities are church-ridden. We frequently have three or four churches in a community with a circuit rider once a month preaching to small congregations and all fail to perform the religious functions of the community. In many instances, more harmonious effort might result in a more efficient service. The division of religious forces and breaking into fragments of moral effort are oftentimes little less than a calamity and defeat the purposes they seek to promote.

A pastor in a neighborhood, studying the economic, social, moral and educational problems of the community, presenting fresh visions of potential possibilities and native power with beauty and new meaning, interpreting the thought-life of the community and administering to their daily needs, will contribute more toward the advancement of a locality than a dozen preachers who occupy the pulpits at irregular intervals, preaching on subjects foreign to the life of the community.

Church prejudice is a vice that saps much of the spiritual life of a community, and wasteful sectarianism is a religious crime against society. Denominational reciprocity should take its place. Non-support of church institutions and religious lethargy can often be traced to causes inherent with the church. There should be co-operation between churches and co-ordination of moral effort along economic lines, and there must be if the rural churches of this state are going to render a service which this age demands.

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