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MANKIND NOT YET CREATED—HE IS ONLY IN PROGRESS

Uncle Sam brought to my office a few days ago a book, a gift called Health and Wealth by Elbert Hubbard. I found in it something which though not Orthodox yet it impressed me.

My heart goes out to you O man, because I can not conceive of any being greater, nobler, more heroic, more tenderly loving, loyal, unselfish and enduring than are you.

All the sympathy I know is man's sympathy. Hence I address myself to man—to you—and you yourself I serve.

The fact that you are a human being brings you near to me. It is the bond that unites us. I understand you because you are a part of myself.

You may like me or not—it makes no difference—if ever you need my help, I am with you. Often we can help each other most by leaving each other alone; other times we need the hand grasp and the word of cheer.

I am only a man—a mere man—but in times of loneliness think of me as one who loves his kind. What your condition in life is will not prejudice me, either for or against you.

Do not be all the time trying to be entertained. Life is real, life is earnest, if you would be and do anything before you die you must get at it.

You all belong to my church. I could not exclude you if I would. But if I shut you out, I would then close the door upon myself and be a prisoner, indeed.

The spirit of love that flows thru me and of which I am a part, is your portion too. The race is one and we trace to a common Divine Ancestry. I offer you no reward for being loyal to me, and surely I do not threaten you with pain, penalty and dire ill fortune if you are indifferent to me.

You can not shut my heart against you, even though you deny and revile me. Only the good can reach me and thought of love you send me can be lost or mislaid.

All the kindness you feel for me should be given to those nearest you, and it shall all be passed to your credit, for you yourself are the record of your thoughts and no error can occur in the count.

You belong to my church, and always and forever my friendship shall follow you, yet never intrude.

I do not ask you to incur obligations or make promises. There are no dues. I do not demand that you shall do this or that, I issue no commands I can not lighten your burden and perhaps I should not even if I could, for men grow strong thru bearing burdens. If I can I will show you how to acquire strength to meet all your difficulties, and face the duties of the day.

It is not for me to take charge of your life, for surely I do well if I look after one person. If you err, it is not for me to punish you. We are punished by our sins, not for them.

Soon or late I know you will see that to do right brings good, and to do wrong brings misery, but you will abide by the law and all good things will be yours. I can not change these laws. I can not make you exempt from your blunders and mistakes.

And you can not change the eternal laws for me, even though you die for me. But perhaps I can point you the pathway that leads to Love, Truth and Usefulness and this I want to do, because I am your friend. And then by pointing you the way I find it myself.

You belong to me. You are a member of my church—all are members of my church, none are excluded or can be excluded. So over the plains and prairies over the mountains and seas, over the cities and towns, in cars, day-coach, caboose, cab, in solitary cells behind prison bars, or wandering out under the stars, my heart goes out to you, whoever you are, and I wish you well.

Only love do I send and a desire to bless and benefit you.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

There are plenty of us who often get full of good resolutions, but the trouble is we lack.

When you just feel that you must find fault with some one try it on yourself.

When you try to dodge real work in life you are sure to meet trouble at the next turn of the road.

It costs something to be honest. If you do not think so just try it.

If you can not say something good of your neighbor just keep still, or go after him personally.

A man agreed to sell a cow the other day to another man living in Independence, for \$25. On his way to deliver the cow and get his money, he was offered \$35 for that same cow.

Why is it if you do a person a wrong that you soon learn to dislike him so? Why not dislike yourself.

The president of a great railroad said some days ago that ninety per cent of the railroad wrecks in the land are caused by unhappiness in the homes of employees on account of jealousy. What a thought? Husbands and wives be true to your vows made to each other at the sacred altar.

Because you have something, gotten honestly or otherwise, do not desert and look down on the unfortunate fellow who is poor but honest. Give him a lift and watch him come up.

Do not be all the time trying to be entertained. Life is real, life is earnest, if you would be and do anything before you die you must get at it.

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It would be a great thing for this community if this and the Bell system could be united in one, as it is in Dallas. And we see no reason why it can not be done. Let all work to that end. If all pull together in this as other matters we will get what we want.

AN ERROR CORRECTED

It was announced in last week's issue that Dr. McInturff, by request of the Presbyterian brethren, would fill their pulpit next Sabbath morning and evening. Since then Rev. Geo. Cromley of Astoria, has arrived expecting to fill the pulpit on that day by a previous arrangement before the pastor left for his summer vacation, so Dr. McInturff resigned his engagement in favor of Rev. Geo. Cromley.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

On next Sunday morning the Lord willing, we shall return again to the study of Revelation. The eighth chapter will be the one considered. In the evening after a gospel service we shall baptize those who wish to unite with the church by baptism.

The Sunday school meeting at ten and the B. Y. P. U. at seven in the evening, are being well attended. If you are young in spirit, whether or not in years, and belong nowhere else we invite you to join our Sunday school or B. Y. P. U.

August 4th has been set aside as picnic day for the children, older folks and their friends. Come, bring a basket full of good things and have a good time.—Arthur R. Blackstone.

M. E. CHURCH

In the morning the theme will be, "On Time and at Your Post," and in the evening, "Some Portraits of Hell" Sunday school at 10 A. M. and song service at 7:30 P. M. All are invited.—W. J. Weber.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Yes you are cordially invited to hear these subjects next Lord's day: morning, "Where are my Treasures?" Evening, "Where is the Rich Man?" Come, we want to look into your face while we speak on these themes. It will help us and we will try to make it helpful to you.

Yours for good.—H. Campbell Clark, Minister.

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