

W. C. T. U. COLUMN

BY MAY BENEDICT

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE

When the Lord wants to grow a pumpkin vine, three months time is all that is needed. When he wants to grow a mighty oak he takes three centuries of time, so some wise man tells us.

"Rome wasn't built in a day," and a fine, steadfast, Christian character is not developed on short notice but day by day, here a little, and there a little the imperfections are laid by and we are able to grasp more firmly the things that are most worth while.

Every wind that blows and every storm that beats, and sways and bends the branches of the oak, causes the roots to take a firmer and stronger grip on the soil and rocks in the heart of the earth, and in time of drouth the mighty top root goes deeper and deeper to obtain the moisture for life and growth.

So in human life—the person who bears the winds of adversity, suffers hardships, endures temptations, knows what sorrow and heartache and misunderstanding means from experience cannot live a surface life. He finds that every wind of adversity that blows will but make him cling the more firmly to the "Rock of Ages." "Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep" is a line of a very beautiful poem that one is glad to recall in this connection.

Good Timber.

"The tree that never had to fight For sun and sky and air and light, That stood out in the open plain And always got its share of rain, Never became a forest king, But lived and died a scrubby thing.

"The man who never had to toil To heaven from the common soil, Who never had to win his share Of sun and sky and light and air, Never became a manly man, But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease; The stronger wind, the tougher trees The farther sky, the greater length; The more the storm, the more the strength;

By sun and old, by rain and snows, In tree or man, good timber grows.

Where thickest stands the forest growth We find the patriarchs of both; And they hold converse with the stars Whose broken branches show the soar Of many winds and of much strife— This is the common law of life."

—By Douglas Malloch

News From the Field.

ASHLAND—Mrs. Ann Hill Russell, one of our pioneer crusaders in Jackson county who was the first president of first Ashland W. C. T. U. in 1890, is still with us and while now in her 89th year is able to be about her home duties and is also able to carve still the marble slabs as she has done so artistically for many years.

Some time ago the W. C. T. U. here held a dollar social and each one told in rhyme how they earned their dollar for farm home and Mother Russell, after stating that she'd paid her dollar yearly into Ashland union for 42 years submitted the following poem composed by herself:

I think as long as I can waddle I will want to carve on marble, And what I earn with my strength I give the Lord His tenth.

I don't want to be laid on the shelf, But would rather work for myself, And when I give to the children's home I use the Lord's very own.

For this, He promises to bless Nor I have none the less As a sercant doing His will 'Tis a sacred duty we can each fulfill.—White Ribbon Review.

WHAT THE BREAK-DOWN OF THE LAW WOULD MEAN

By Deets Pickett

STOP—LOOK—LISTEN

You people who are tampering with home-brew:

You people who talk of "my bootlegger":

You little women who go about the living room shaking a cocktail mixer:

You editors who are trying to make the law lie by bringing back wine and beer and the beer saloon:

You politicians who want the old saloon back because you think you need it in your business:

What are you doing?

When your daughter goes down the street after dark her safety depends upon the law and the respect of the people for the law.

Your property, your house, your business, your bonds, your bank, depend wholly upon the law for protection.

Your wife goes around the house in contentment and confidence during the day because of the law.

Your children play around the house and the school and pass through the streets safely because the law watches.

Everything that is in and of America—everything that is worth while in the life of every individual in the United States—rests squarely upon the basis of law and order.

You can't destroy the prohibition law, you can't ridicule and oppose

the enforcement of that law, without striking directly at the safety of your wife and daughter, the security of your children, and the stability of your property interests.

Prohibition is a part of the basic law of the United States. It is a stone in the foundation. There is only one way in which it can be gotten out of that foundation without wrecking the structure and that is by the due process of repeal.

The fathers who gave us this glorious country—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Madison, Ben Franklin, John Hancock—determined how the prohibition law should be put into the Constitution. They said "If certain things are done in certain ways, they must be accepted by the entire people."

They made it hard to make change and the yexpected their children to accept the changes that were made according to the agreed plan of making them.

That plan is the bond of our union, the only thing that holds our people and our states together. Destroy it, convince the nation that the people no longer believe in the rule of the majority, let the people begin to think that it avails nothing to exert the effort necessary to cause the submission of a Constitutional amendment by two-thirds of Congress and its ratification by three-fourths of the legislature, let them think that there is a minority who will hold that verdict in contempt, and the rule of the ballot breaks down in this country, with unlimited possibilities of chaos in prospect.

There are enemies of the American Constitution, of American law, of American society, at work among us today. The Bolshevik, the anarchist, the man who wants to destroy all existing social compacts is here. If he prevails, you men who made money for the first time during the great war while sons of prohibition mothers were making the world safe for democracy, will hear the mob rapping at your door, will see your women cowering in the darkest corners of the basement, will see your newly acquired wealth ripped from your houses to feed the greed of anarchy. Only one thing stands between you and that—the Constitution and the law.

Take your choice, but remember what the breakdown of the law will mean to you personally.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By Edson R. Waite Shawnee, Oklahoma

W. R. Orchard, editor of The Council Bluffs (Iowa) Non-Parail, Says:

THAT the greatest wonder in the world today is America.

We have six per cent of the earth's population—115,000,000 while outside our territorial dominion there lives on the earth 1,500,000,000 people. The U. S. A. contains five per cent of the earth's land area.

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Our people consume 39 per cent of the shoes produced in the world, 50 per cent of the print paper, 53 per cent of the iron, 57 per cent of the steel. We have one third of the railroad mileage in the world and two thirds of the telegraph and telephone lines. We have 22,000,000 motor vehicles operating in this country as against 5,000,000 operating on the earth outside America. We require 75 per cent of the world's rubber supply to take care of our demands. We have accumulated nearly one-half of the visible supply of gold in the world.

The only aristocracy we have in America is that of merit.

Our manifold blessings are due directly to divine providence and to the fundamental law of our country which makes all men free to develop their talents to the limits of their respective capacities.

Our national income last year was \$89,000,000,000. It was \$62,000,000,000 in 1921.

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THE BEGINNING

The commencement season is here—the time when proud parents rejoice at the achievements of their children, the time when boys and girls feel a tinge of sadness, yet a sense of relief, that the hard work of their high school course is over.

Commencement for the average students means entry into the world of practical affairs and to the small majority the beginning of a new experience in college that may make or mar their lives. The event with its stimulating contact of youth and those who are older occupies a place worthy the distinction which it receives.

All of the elements that are a part of education have never been classified. They are too difficult and too numerous to analyze. The process does not end on commencement day as the term implies. It is only the beginning of a larger and fuller life.

We have grown to know better, though, what education means and the great purpose it serves. The mastery of one's mind and a sound and wholesome view of life are the great ends sought. Education has been defined as "the determined and long-continued effort of a serious minded person to train his powers of observation, thinking and reflection through gain in knowledge." Success in the endeavor makes character.

We are apt to judge education by its by-products, which, or course, are essential. Efficiency is one's work

in life is a manifestation. Certainly efficiency is made more probable with a good education as a groundwork. This hope is high—and a commendable hope it is—at the end of the academic course. Those who

have had the experience, however, think less of that outcome than the purpose which it serves in character building and providing a sane perspective, which is increased as the years pass.

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