

### Eternal Life, a Present Possession

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TEXT—These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.—1 John 5:13.

God has given one book in the Bible particularly to tell us how we may have eternal life; that book is the Gospel by John, see John 20:30-31. God has given another book for those who believe, particularly that they may know that they have eternal life; that book is the First Epistle of John, see our text, 1 John 5:13. If you are not a Christian, the book for you to study is the Gospel by John; if you are a Christian and not sure of your salvation, you should study the First Epistle of John.

After John Wesley had been preaching some time, but without results, someone said to him: "Are you sure, F. Wesley, of your salvation?" Wesley replied he was sure that provision had been made for his salvation. "But, are you sure, Mr. Wesley, that you are saved?" It went like an arrow, and he had no rest until he was sure of his salvation.

But is it not presumptuous for one to say, "I know I am saved?" Certainly not, if one really does know he is saved. It honors God and Christ, "for by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Paul was able to say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Why should this not be your testimony, if you are a Christian? It can be if your assurance centers in Christ.

Your church membership does not save you. No church on earth can save a man. It's sad, but true, there are undoubtedly multitudes of unconverted church members who are lost. It is not the church, but Christ, who saves. "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

If you are depending upon your morality, it won't save you. Nothing is quite so dishonoring to God and Christ as a sinner's boastful righteousness, which God says is in his sight as filthy rags. To pay your debts, to be a good, true husband or wife, parent or neighbor, does not constitute you a Christian. A Christian is one who, having accepted by faith the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, is born from above. Thus he becomes a partaker of the divine nature and will manifest in his life the life of God. See Titus 3:5.

Again, let me say that you are not saved because you feel you are saved. You can feel saved, and be lost. I board a train. Someone says, "Are you sure you are on the right train?" "Oh, yes, I'm on the right train." "Well, how do you know you are?" "Oh, because I feel I am." "Nonsense," the person would say. "You can't depend upon your feelings in this matter; what you need is not feeling, but fact." So the right order in the matter of salvation is fact, faith, feeling. If I can believe what man says, assuredly I can believe what God says. See 1 John 5:9-13.

We do accept the testimony of men; why then should we not accept the testimony of God who says "He that hath the Son hath life?" The matter for us to decide is whether we have the Son or not, for upon this depends whether we are saved or not. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," John 3:36. It is for us to receive by faith God's gift of his Son. If we really and truly do this, God will do his part—give unto us eternal life.

To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is not simply to believe that he is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. "The demons," we read, "believe and tremble." Saving faith is a personal appropriation of Christ as one's own Savior.

When I was a boy I was greatly helped by the testimony I used to hear in the Railroad Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoons, from old Mr. Babbage, for years the sexton of the Brick Presbyterian church, Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Babbage had the palsy and with faltering, stammering tongue he gave his testimony.

So far as I can remember it never varied and today I thank God for the oft-repeated testimony of his child. Leaning heavily on the chair in front of him, in faltering accents he would say: "John three thirty-six, He—that, believeth—on the Son—hath, q-u-a-t-h, present tense, thank God, everlasting life."

That testimony burned its way into the heart of the boy who today thanks God for eternal life, a present possession.

"If we accept the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; he that hath the Son hath life."

### Kin Hubbard Essays

#### Miss Fawn Lippincut on the "Menace of Good Housekeeping"

By KIN HUBBARD

A little smatterin' o' th' Home Makers' Club met in ordinary session, yesterday, in th' Queen Anne room o' th' New Palace hut-tel. After some seventeen or eighteen receipts fer rhubarb had been tabled th' question as t' what sort o' a girl made th' best housewife wuz thrashed out. Th' shop girl, th' college girl, th' girl with th' business education, an' th' tired action lovin' girl with th' yellin' neck an' big eyes were all free-

but th' average feller hain't lookin' fer a business partner when he goes after a wife. A girl that peels t-maters in a cannery er sews buttons on four dollar coats is jist as liable t' make a happy home as th' gushin' dame that meets her husband with open arms an' a dressin' jacket. Show me a first class housekeeper an' I'll show you a gilt edged billiard player, er a husband that belongs t' all th' lodges. Show me a wife with her head filled with receipts fer fur-



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ly discussed till th' last cheese straw wuz gone an' th' tea wuz cold.

Th' sensation o' th' afternoon came when Miss Fawn Lippincut in a ringin' address flayed her sex in round bell like tones that penetrated clean int' th' pool room. Miss Lippincut had not spoken an hour until her retreatin' chin an' red nose were entirely forgotten an' th' club members wuz completely carried away on th' wave o' her eloquence. Among other things Miss Lippincut said:

"Ther's all th' difference in th' world between a good dirt chasin' housekeeper an' a home maker. I don't care whether a girl has had a happy, care free lawn tennis college career er not, writin' a tall vertical hand won't make a happy home. A girl kin be up on Greek Mythology an' understand sanitation an' utterly fail in boilin' an egg. A girl with a thorough business education is jist as likely t' miss a cob web er bungle up a eight-egg filbert tart as a pampered daughter o' th' rich. She may be able t' cope with th' corner grocer's double entry system o' chargin',

niture polish t' th' exclusion o' ever' thing that's beautiful an' wifely an' I'll show you a husband that's tryin' t' git a travelin' position that'll keep him away from home as much as possible. No matter what a wife has been she must understand those lit'le touches that make married life tolerable even if th' curtains do hang crooked an' th' windows need washin'." An' intellectual girl should remain single er not be heard. Th' average husband has a hard enough time tryin' t' argue in th' corner drug store without havin' some one at home t' show him up ever' time he offers an opinion. No matter how inferior a husband may be he should be allowed th' freedom o' his own home if he shows th' least disposition t' provide.

"That love an' companionship so necessary t' an endurin' marriage 'll allus be absent in a home where th' rollin' pin gathers no moss—in a home where th' evenin' meal is served on dollies. No husband likes t' feel like he wuz eatin' off o' th' Thousand Islands." (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service.)

#### Education, Plowing and Problems of the Day

By KIN HUBBARD

Hon. Wick Peel, o' Bloom Center, Ohio, addressed th' members o' Bald Knob Grange, Number 28, at Melodeon Hall last night, takin' fer his subject, "Education, Plowin' an' Problems of th' Day." After orderin' th' gallery windows raised he said:

"I will say without fear o' successful controversy that there is no longer any doubt that th' plilin' up o' tremendous fortunes an' then bequeasthin' 'em t' colleges an' libraries is doin' much t' breed a dangerous sentiment

th' way we git our solicitors an' politicians. With knowledge comes discontent. T' be poor an' educated is even worse than bein' rich an' dyspeptic. A fine education is like a fine tourin' car. You should not have either unless you are able t' take care o' th' upkeep. 'I wish I had his money with my brains' is a common expression, an' every man with a fortune would give it all to be young agin, an' in a nickle-the-ater.

"But th' great question is, who is goin' t' do th' work after we're all edu-



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agin' plowin' an' other manual labor. Ther kin never be anything in common between enlightenment an' drudgery, an' th' less we know th' more bountiful will be th' yield from our fertile valleys. Surely th' young man who is educated an' reads th' advertisin' pages o' our current literature hain't goin' t' plow new land an' blow stumps very long when he kin take a few lessons by mail an' then hunt a fine position in a great city where ther's life an' excitement.

"Ever'buddy seems t' be figgerin' on th' day when they kin lay down th' shovel an' th' hoe an' pick up ther suit case an' go. Ever'buddy that's got a job considers it only temporary—that a fine position awaits 'em."

"You can't expect a feller that's diggin' a cellar er drainin' a farm, an' who sinks int' a chair ever' evenin' at th' close o' a hard kidney rackin' day, an' reads o' th' allurin' opportunities t' make great fortunes by learnin' this er that, t' keep from bein' restive. Somehow a feller never likes t' hop right out o' college an' go t' work. He seems t' want t' look around fer a few years. An' it's gittin' so fellers without any education are gittin' th' same inclination from jist lookin' on. Ther seems t' be a growin' tendency mongst young men t' step aside till somethin' that jist suits 'em comes along. That's

ated an' holdin' positions? After our Poles and Hunyaks git educated an' discard their hobnailed shoes an' garlic an' loaf around our great public libraries whose goin' t' take th' kinks out o' th' street car tracks an' do th' thousand other things that th' commonest American has long since passed up?

"As long as we educate people t' better things they'll try t' git 'em. Th' young man o' t'day hasn't got time t' wait fer th' natural course o' events. No bottom o' th' ladder fer him. He wants t' git on from th' roof. Th' farmer that talks glowin'ly t' his son o' th' beauties o' Niagara Falls an' educates him t' believe it's th' greatest sight in th' world needn't be surprised if he gits up some bright mornin' an' finds that his son has flown instead o' plowin' fer oats. All knowledge o' Niagara Falls should be withheld from a son until he is well on in years.

"But, my friends," said th' speaker, as th' applause began to dwindle, "in spite o' any legislation er educational processes th' ole reliable law o' th' survival o' th' fittest cannot be repealed. It will be with us long after ther's a library on ever' hill an' a college near ever' legislature, an' th' nonproducer will continue t' be a pensioner on thrift an' contentment." (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service.)

### Get the Habit of Drinking Hot Water Before Breakfast

Says we can't look or feel right with the system full of poisons.

Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their system with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles if you could believe these hot water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of reau hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and the thirty feet of intestines of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which, if not eliminated every day, become food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels, the quick result is poisons and toxins which are then absorbed into the blood causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, colds, stomach trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply can not get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from any druggist or storekeeper. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.—Adv.

#### More Important Than Baby.

A well-known Mobilian who lives in the suburbs had an addition to his barnyard in the shape of a fine calf of the Jersey breed. A week later there was an arrival in the house, his wife presenting him with a 10-pound daughter. The day after the little girl came the father was stopped downtown by a lady who had known him and his wife all their lives.

Assuming a very impressive air, she said: "Have you got at your house something for which you have been waiting a long time?"

"I most certainly have," he replied. "What is it?" the lady asked almost breathlessly.

"A full-blooded Jersey heifer calf," he exclaimed.—Mobile Register.

#### A Perplexing Question.

A Cornell professor and his wife were entertaining at dinner a few weeks ago. In the midst of the gayety at table a child's voice was heard coming from the floor above.

"Mother!" he cried. "What is it, Archie," she asked. "There's only clean towels in the bathroom. Shall I start one?"—Harper's Bazar.

#### Shocking.

"They tell me Dubbs is in the hospital. What happened to him?" "Oh, he saw a piece of wire lying in the street and tried to pick it up." "Yes, and then?" "He discovered that the wire was busy."—Improvement obtains reward.

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#### UNCLE JOSH'S FIRST THOUGHT

What Might Have Been Expected From Man of Intensely Practical Turn of Mind.

They were speaking about looking on the practical side of things, and this incident was recalled: One afternoon late in the fall Uncle Josh was driving slowly toward the town when an acquaintance excitedly rushed out to the road and hailed him.

"Say, Josh," he exclaimed in a palpitating voice, "have ye heard the news?" "No, don't kalkerlate I have," responded Uncle Josh, sociably stopping his team. "What kind o' news is it?" "Jim Smith committed suicide," answered the other. "Hung himself from a beam in the barn."

"Is that so?" thoughtfully rejoined Uncle Josh. "Wonder if he got all of his corn husked?"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

#### When the Worm Turned.

"Your honor," declared Officer McPherson, "I heard an awful yellin' back in the wagonyard, and when I got there this man was beating his wife." Judge Broyles turned sharply on the prisoner, a tall, gaunt farmer, with clay-colored complexion.

"Is this true? Were you beating your wife, sir?" the judge demanded.

"Yes, your honor." "How did you come to do it?" "Lord knows, jedge. For twenty years she allus wuz th' one what did th' beatin', but I jes' happened ter catch her when she wasn't feelin' right."—Case and Comment.

The fire of genius is lucky when it can keep the pot boiling.

#### IMMENSE FIELDS OF LAVA

North America Has Two of the Greatest That Are Known to Exist in the World.

The valley of the ancient Snake river in Idaho was flooded with great outpourings of black lava, which spread out sheet on sheet, buried the old land surface, and partly filled the valley with molten rock, which solidified and remained to this day undisturbed except for the gorges that the streams have cut in it. In some places old mountains project through the petrified lava floor as islands project above the surface of the sea, and old ridges stick out into it as capes and promontories. The area covered by the Snake river lava is about 20,000 square miles. So far as is now known, there is but one lava field in North America of greater extent, the Columbia river lava field, which covers about 200,000 square miles. In Snake River canyon below Shoshone falls nearly 700 feet of horizontal sheets of lava are exposed, but whether this is the maximum thickness or not cannot be told.

#### Remembered Christmas Lesson.

While stoking the furnace father demolished the electric lamp, leaving the basement in darkness. Turning to his small son, who stood watching, he asked:

"Where was Moses when the light went out?" "And his small son, who was a Sunday school pupil, promptly replied: "In the manger."

#### Big Difference.

"I thought the old man left all of his money to charity." "Oh, no—to charitable institutions."—Life.

## A Food Fact to Remember

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