Mighty Man Who Cannot Save

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Billy Sunday preached as follows Tuesday afternoon in the tabernacle:

In the Prophecy of Jeremiah, xiv: 9, "Why shouldst thou be as a mighty man that cannot save? Yet Thou, O Jehovah, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name."

There are those in the world so familiar with their Bibles that if you would announce a verse of scripture and not tell its location, they would tell you the chapter and the verse; and if there are any here this morning so familiar I am sure if I had not anounced the location, you would have instantly said, "That sounds like Jeremiah," because there is a line of truth announced by a writer, simply because the conditions under which he was called upon by God to register his protest against the sins of the people were different than the conditions under which any other writer registered his protest. Therefore, emphasis was put upon the particular things which would meet the conditions and would call the people back from their sins.

We find that truth especially noticeable in the major and minor prophets, and more particularly in the New Testament.

Matthew seems to have written more especially to the Jew. He seemed to endeavor to convince them that Christ was the Messiah, and he quoted more frequently from the Old Testament. And God only knows how many of his ancient people have been turned to accept Jesus Christ through Matthew.

His Tireless Energy.

Mark seems to have been impressed with the tireless energy of Jesus. Mark uses words, such as "go." Spurgeon said he did not understand how anybody could read the Gospel of Mark and not go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are fifty places in the Gospel of Matthew where it states specifically that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached; twenty-seven in Luke's Gospel, eighteen in John's Gospel, and there are seventy-three in Mark's Gospel of sixteen chapters.

Mark uses the word "straightaway" twenty-one times and uses the word "immediately" seventeen times—Jesus "immediately" did this and "straightaway" he went there.

The little word "go," occurs forty-five times in the Gospels, and twenty-two times in Mark's Gospel of sixteen chapters. It seems to have been the aim of Matthew and Mark to impress upon us the tireless energy of Jesus.

Luke was a Gentile physician. Through whose preaching he was converted to Christianity we do not know, but presumably through Peter's. Luke was the first writer in the New Testament. Luke was one of these men who are able to express themselves in just a few words. There are people that are so long-winded that they take a whole page to say what other people can say in a few sentences.

Luke was a Gentile physician Christ's power over disease and nature seemed to be the burden of Luke's Gospel. He wanted to show that He must have been the Son of God or He never could have opened the eyes of the blind and He never could have said to the storms, "Be still," and He never could have fed the multitudes with the loaves and fishes.

I don't believe that man or woman lives who is in doubt as to the divinity of Jesus Christ after reading the Gospel of John with an open mind. He used the words, "God become incarnate in the flesh"—"In the person of the Holy Ghost"—"Crucified, dead and buried." John seems to take us back to convince us that Jesus was the Christ.

If I should make a circle and write in the middle of it salvation and make different lines to come out from the center, upon one I would write "born again," upon another, "converted," upon another, "justified by faith."

Paul does not say a word about being "born again." Paul speaks of "being justified by faith." Luke does not say a word about "being justified by faith"; he says "unless you become converted and become as little children." John says, "Except a man be born again." Now, as a matter of fact, if he is born again, he is justified by faith and converted.

Faith the Essential.

Paul gets a man into heaven by being justified by faith. A man can't get to heaven unless he has faith in Jesus Christ. It is simply a different way of expressing the same truth. You can call that "justifying by faith," you can call it "conversion," or "being born again," but a man gets to heaven through Jesus Christ—never mind what name he uses.

Jeremiah made it plain that God was in their midst, and he made it plain that He was there as the mighty man, that he could not save, and he made it plain that the people had turned away from God. He showed that God works through human agents. God gives us something to eat, but if human agents did not get out and plow the ground and plant the seed, by next November, we would not have anything to eat and millions would die.

God works through human agents to spread His Gospel to the world. God asks men to tell people about His salvation. God has been pleased to put this earthen vessel in the world, and in the seventh verse, Jeremiah gives the reason. He says, "O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do Thou it for Thy name's sake; for our backslidings are many and we have sinned against Thee."

The increase of worldliness produces a corresponding decrease of interest in the things of God. God wants you to have a good time. God made this world for our enjoyment. God made the mountains and rivers and lakes, the social machinery, trees to produce—God did all this. Then in heaven's name, don't be low down enough to walk up and take all God has done for you and then when God asks you to pray to Him refuse to do it. I think that is damnable to be so contemptible and low down that you are not decent enough to do it. It is a good thing for some folks that I was not made God, even for 15 minutes. I tell you, I just marvel at the patience and the love of God.

Just review your own life. Think how little you have prayed and how little you have done for God and all that God has done for you. If you have a spark of manhood or womanhood in you, you will say, "He is right. I am mean and contemptible."

The trouble is not with God. I read in Isaiah 59. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear."

What would you think if I put my book up between your face and my face and then I complained that I couldn't see.

Repent First.

Don't pray for blessings when there is a sin between you and God. There are lots of people who pray God to bless them when they won't get the sin out of their lives. You might just as well ask God to appease your thirst when you won't drink any water. Don't ask God to bless you as long as you know you have sin in your life. Get rid of that, then God will be delighted to bless you. As long as you have sin in your life, the only thing God will hear is this prayer, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." The trouble is with you, and you are inclined to blame God all the time. It is the same old gag that Adam tried to work when he blamed Eve. He did not need to eat the apple, if he did not want to. If he was chump enough to do it, then he need not to have blamed her.

In Malachi 3:10, I read these words, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A man said to me one time, "That was a Jewish promise." Primarily, all of the promises were—Jewish promises. God said to the Jew, "If you will do that I will do this for you," and the Jew refused to do it. God turned to the Gentile, and offered us a salvation. We accepted. So the same blessing that God promised to the Jew. He will give us, if you will do what He wanted you to do. And the same curse that fell on the Jew will fall on us if we don't do it.

So, primarily, it was a Jewish promise, but the Jews said, "We don't want it," and the Gentiles said, "We will take it"—and God said, "All right, I will bless you." And so God is speaking through Gentile lips today to a Jewish world crying to the Jews to accept Christ whom they repudiated.

God's Power Continues.

What God has done God can do again. God can come back. God is not limited in the manifestations of his power to any one individual or nation or period in the world's history, but any one that does what God tells him, He will bless.

So, it is a great inspiration to me to know what God has done. There are several books that I always love to read. First of all, the Bible. Then, the biography and autobiography of Charles C. Finney, whom I regard as one of the greatest preachers that ever lived. I love to read the autobiography of Peter Cartwright, the old Methodist preacher in Illinois in the days of the Lincoln. I love to read the biography and autobiography of John G. Patton, the missionary to the New Hebrides, and read of what God did through that man among the cannibals.

You know, the New Hebrides are on a coral foundation. There are no springs through the island. The water is salt, and the way they get their drinking water is to put out huge leaves of plants to catch the dew. The dew there through the nights is as heavy as our common rain, and they fill their vessels from the water caught by the leaves.

Patton was working among the cannibals, and he told them that Jehovah could make it rain up through the ground. They did not believe it, and night after night Patton dreamed of a certain piece of ground, an indenture near some trees, and he went to search for the spot that would correspond to what he dreamed about. He located the place, and he was going to show them that God could make rain come through the ground that they could drink.

He started to dig for the well, and, they would not help him. He dug down about thirty-three feet and shoved a spade down into the ground and the water bubbled up. He stood there until the water bubbled nearly to his knees. He was afraid to stoop down and drink lest the water should be salty and brakish, and lest they might say, "Your God is no good." Patton finally filled his hands and lifted the water to his lips and drank it, and it was clear and cold and fresh. It is the only well of fresh water that has ever been found on the island, and because God made water good enough to drink, over twelve hundred cannibals accept Jesus Christ, and the New Hebrides are what they are today because God made good water rain up through the ground. Marvelous, when you stop to think of it, that one well of water turnd thousands to Jesus. So you can see how God works.

Finney was preaching in New York state. The religious conditions of western and central New York today are due to the blessings of God under Charles G. Finney. He was preaching in Utica. He went into a room in one of the big mills. One of the girls, turning, saw Finney there, and her conscience rebuked her for some sin she had committed. Presently she was weeping, as she thought of the life she was living contrasted with what she might live. And then others wept. After a while, the owner of the mill, himself not a Christian, came in, and when he saw Finney standing there and saw the girls weeping, he said: "Shut down the mill." And he asked Finney to preach to the people. He said:

"It is more important that these people should be saved from sin than that this mill should run."

Finney preached and hundreds of them swept into the kingdom of God, and for fifty years, the mills of Utica never passed from that family into the hands of non-Christian men.

God Sees and Hears.

I am not preaching to a God that has eyes and cannot see and ears that cannot hear. I am preaching to the God that made the earth, the sky, the sea, the air and the water. I am preaching to the God that can hear and answer and do great and wonderful things.

Finney was scheduled to preach in a schoolhouse out in the western part of the state at 11:30 he had not come. Somebody said, "Where is Finney?" and one of the others said, "He arose early, and without breakfast, I saw him going toward the hill."

They appointed a committee to go to search, and they found him lying face downward, on the ground, with his face buried in his hands, and the heard him cry, O God, send me not up to preach until I have the assurance that the people are disgusted with their sins and are more concerned with their souls than with money-making. Don't let me go up if it is simply to gratify their desire to see and hear a man they have heard about."

It was nearly 1 o'clock before he went, and so marvelous was the power of God that gray-haired old blasphemers fell on their knees, others rolled in the aisles, and they cried out, "Oh, spare us!" as Finney held those old sinners over the pit of hell and let them smell the sulphur fumes vomited from the inferno of damnation below.

God is not confined to any one period. What evidences are there that God is here? First, because of his word—"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

And then, the union of God's people. You know, there was a time when you could not get the people of God to unite in an effort like this. I want to say to you that the less religion a crowd has, the more finely drawn are the denominational lines.

I don't believe in church unity. I believe in the separate denominations. Perhaps you can serve God better as a Methodist; perhaps you can do it better as an Episcopalian. These denominations reflect the different temperaments of different people. But we have Christian unity now. You ask as a Methodist or a Baptist or an Episcopalian, "What must I do to be saved?" and he will tell you:

"We believe there is a heaven for the saved and a hell for the damned. We believe that salvation comes by repentence and by faith."

Christians Are United.

Devil never did anything for the human race, and yet it is so hard to get people to forsake the devil.

No matter how bitter medicine is, I will take it to get rid of disease. Disease never did anybody good; neither did the devil.

If Adam and Eve had not sinned, we would not have had a disease, we would not have been a tombstone or a graveyard on earth; but when they sinned, God said, "Your life may be threescore years and ten."

So, man put limitations on his physical and mental power, just because he was a poor fool. And the wicked shall not live out half their days.

If there was no other life than this life here, it would pay every one of you to be a Christian. If there was only the incentive of the blessings that come here on earth, it would pay to be decent.

It is said, at the dedicatory service at Bunker Hill monument, the platform upon which the speakers sat was in danger of being overturned by the great press of people that were anxious to get near enough to look into the face of the orator of the day, Daniel Webster. The chairman of the day, in a simified, effminate mannerism said:

"Gentlemen, you will have to stand back."

The men said, "Stand back, nonsense! We can't stand back when they are crowding so from the rear."

Daniel Webster jumped to his feet and cried out, "Men, I command you to stand back! Nothing is impossible at Bunker hill. Stand back!"

Every man seemed to become ten in power and they carried the surging masses of humanity back with them.

With God here and the Holy Spirit here, and Jesus Christ here, and the union of God's people, nothing ought to be impossible. We can go forth with the name of Jesus, with the sword of the Spirit, and drive the forces of hell into the pit of damnation.

Moody one time said, "God does not need golden vessels or silver vessels, but He does want clean vessels."

There never was a time in the history of the world when people were more ready and willing to make sacrifices, people of all classes. How many heroes God has tucked away in stores and banks and schools, just waiting for some opportunity to call them out on the firing line of truth and righteousness!

Clean Lives Needed.

Moody said, "God does not want silver vessels, but He wants clean vessels."

God does not insist that you be rich, bbut He does insist that you be clean, and God is willing to use you whether you know much or little. Just yield yourself to the Lord and see what He will do.

Then, the next thing to do is to get right with God. Mr. Meyers said, "If you drop some acid on a brass fender and stoop down and instantly wipe it away, you will leave no mark on it; but if you drop the acid on the fender and leave it there all night, and in the morning try to wipe it away, the acid will have crept into the brass while you slept and the mark will remain."

The trouble is when we do a wrong thing, we are not man enough to admit it, but we let it eat and gnaw into our souls and characters. The trouble is we don't turn from the thing and get rid of it.

There is not a disease that puts people in their graves that could not be stopped if people took it in time. The trouble is they are too late. They go to Denver and Colorado Springs and try to get rid of consumption, and they are shipped back by express. They go out in a Pullman and come back in an express car.

There are two verses of Scripture I think we ought to learn, the last two verses of the 13th Psalm:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts;

"And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Keep Right With Him.

Then, the next thing to do is to keep right with God. We struggle, you know, to keep in good strong physical and mental condition. We do that alright. Let's do the same to keep in good spiritual condition. If somebody does something to me that is undermining my health, I am going to see that it is stopped. If somebody does something to you to undermine your character, haven't you got enough manhood to get rid of it? Keep right with God. Did you ever stop to think that you never breathe out without first breathing in, and it is breathing in and breathing out with regularity that preserves us physically. Don't you know that about 20 per cent of your lungs don't get much air because you don't breathe deeply? That is the reason people have consumption and catarrh. They breathe through their mouth and not their nose. They don't throw back their shoulders and breathe, and that space becomes affected and sore. Twenty per cent of your lungs never get any air, just because you simply bite it off like that. Just that little suggestion may keep you out of the 18 years.

That we breathe in and breathe out is true physically. Let us apply it spiritually. How many people pray? How many have read their Bibles? How many of you prayed before you came here this morning? You have had your breakfast. You have dressed. You go out and work hard to get money enough to feed you three meals a day. You have to have clothes. You have been educated, gone to school. That is the way we train our bodies.

But what about our souls? Never pray, never read the Bible. Lots of people go to church Sunday morning, but they never go Sunday afternoon or night. They think they can takes a spiritual bresth bbig enough on Sunday morning to last them until next Sunday morning. That is the reason they go to the devil. No wonder they drift away from the Lord. You can't eat enough today to last until next week. Don't forget to thank the Lord.

There are men in this world to whom God seems ever to say, "No." One of them was Hudson Taylor, the great Chinese missionary. Whenever he wanted money, God sent it until he had enough.

A friend of mine met an American who lived in China and said, "Can you tell me the secret of Taylor's power?"

The American representative replied, "That is easy. Hudson Taylor arises every morning and he sits for one hour with God. Sometimes he spends that hour reading the Bible. Sometimes he spends it in prayer and mediation. Sometimes he spends it sitting there saying over and over His dear name, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Hudson Taylor comes from that hour of communion with power."

Did you ever try it? Try it and see. An old superannuated Methodist preacher came to me and said, "If you will allow me to, I should like to make some suggestions which will be a great source of blessing to you."

I said: "What is it, Dr. Wilkinson?"

He said: "You let God talk to you 15 minutes a day through His word, you talk to God 15 minutes a day in prayer; you talk for God 12 minutes a day. You do those three or any one of the three and see what it will do."

I have tried to carry it out from that day to this, always at least one of them.

You let God talk to you 15 minutes a day through the Bible. Or you talk to God 15 minutes a day through prayer. Or you talk for God 15 minutes a day, and you will see what a power and blessing will come into your life. Then the benediction of God will come upon you.

A Spiritual Physician.

So I am trying to help you, my friends, spiritually, just as the doctor would come to help you physically, as a teacher would to help your boy or girl intellectually. Therefore, don't look upon the doctor with gratitude and then look upon the preacher with enmity. He is your friend. He helps you morally the same as the doctor does physically or the educator intellectually.

I want the strongest body I can have, the best intellect I can get, and I want to be strong for Jesus Christ. I think I can preach better if I can eat three meals a day than I could if I had indigestion. Yet I am the poorest sleeper that you ever looked at. You never met a man that eats less or sleeps less than I do. Yet I have been sleeping better here than I have been in any place for three years. I guess it is because you folks are so good. You are a crackin' good crowd down here. I regret to look ahead to the day when I will have to bid you good-bye and take the train.

And then, there is another thing—get right with each other. I read of three confessions in the Bible. First, confess Christ as your Savior. Second, confess your sins. Third, confess your fault one to another.

I don't know what your fault is. Mine is my temper. I have no appetite for drink, I am not tempted along other lines, but temper is mine. I have a temper like a sheet iron stove. A bunch of shavings and a match would make it red hot in two minutes. But I am making progress along that line. Lots of things come up to provoke, and I hold in and do well.

Christ is your Savior. Confess your sins and faults one to another. I suppose the third is a condescension that few people are willing to stoop to, and yet it is essential. We want to get along and grow and develop, and then get right with each other.

I traveled for two years as an assistant with Dr. Wilbur Chapman up and down the land. He of all men taught me to preach, when I quit playing baseball. We went to a town out west, and he preached there for a week, and nobody was converted. They would sit and listen spell-bound. He called the preachers and he said:

"I have worked as hard as I ever worked in my life. There is evidently something wrong, and I am going to quit. I am going to the next town."

They said: "We are just as much concerned about the condition as you could possibly be, and it has been a great source of worry to us. We have been trying to investigate to see if we can't find out where it is, and we think we are locating it. Won't you stay until Friday night?"

This was Wednesday, and he said: "Yes, if you know where the trouble is, and can remove it."

The One At Fault.

So the Methodist preacher and the Presbyterian and the Baptist and Congregational preacher started out. They went down to a man who was the chief usher in the meeting. He was a judge of the circuit court. They said.

"We have heard certain things about you, and we don't believe them. We have come to know whether they are true, and if they are, we will stand by you, but we want to know the truth."

He said: "Well, I don't know all you have heard, but I am positive that all you have heard is true, and there is a good deal you have not heard that is true."

He got up and turned the key in the door, and they talked it over, and they prayed. This judge started out and went down to men who were his political enemies and others and told them and asked their forgiveness.

He came to the meeting that afternoon, and when my friend stopped speaking, he came forward and said: "May I speak a few words?"

And when he got permission, he said: "You all know me. I have been an elder in this Presbyterian church 13 years, but I have not been living a consistent life. I have gone to men and women and asked them to forgive me, but there are a lot of you here, and I take this opportunity to confess to you and to the people and ask you to join in prayer that God will forgive me. I ask you to get right with God, so that God's blessings can come to the multitudes."

Hundreds of people swept by and took him by the hand. That afternoon, the men and women thronged down the aisle for Christ. Down came the judge, with his arms around a financier, his political enemy. Oh, the power of God on that community. Hundreds upon hundreds swept into the kingdom, and the community has never been what it was before from that day to this, and twenty odd years have gone by.

Begin at Home.

Get right with each other, and the blessing of God will come upon you. Get right in your homes. That may be one reason why your children are going to the devil. It is perhaps because you will say something mean and contemptible about me. You are not finding fault with me, but you are the mouthpiece of the devil. If I am not God's mouthpiece come up and row me. Therefore you are not finding fault with me but with God. You are trying to divert attention from your own ossillaninous lives by trying to make people believe it is my mannerisms and my vocabulary instead of your miserable, rotten life that is not what it ought to be.

Don't worry, Bud. I'll take my chances with God any minute. If God wants me to go to heaven this afternoon, I am ready to go, so don't you worry about me. I have to settle with the Lord when I am through, and when I get to heaven, God won't ask me how I liked you or you how you liked me. He will say: "Did you get on the job down there and do your utmost to bring people to Jesus Christ?"

So, get right in your homes. If I did not have a home where I could have family prayer, and if I was not married, I'd bow my head no matter where I'd go. It don't make any difference where I am, whether I am in the Waldorw or down on a railroad train in a dining car, if the Lord was good enough to give it to me, it seems to me I am an ingrate if I don't thank God before I eat it. The hog never thanks God.

Did any of you ever know Major Whittle? I wish you might have known him. If you were able to call him your friend, I want to compliment you. When Major Whittle and D. L. Moody and Major Cole died—of all the men I ever knew, they knew God more intimately than any other three men—and I felt poor for their loss. But I know they are interceding.

The last time I saw Major Whittle was up in Troy, and the Major came down to the hotel, and he put his hand on my head and prayed. I'd go a long distance to hear some men pray. I'd go some distance to hear Major Whittle pray. Some men have wonderful power in prayer and teaching. Major Whittle could preach, and, Oh, how he could pray. He said to me.

A Call to Evangelism.

"William, Moody and I are getting old, and we are not going to be able to stand the strain of Evangelistic work much longer, and we are praying God to raise up a band of young men that will keep this Evangelistic work going."

I did not try to keep the tears of gratitude from falling, for I felt highly honored.

Major Whittle was preaching down in Scranton, Pa., and he received word from Mrs. Whittle that his son, Charley had been injured and for him to hurry home. He started for home immediately, and a friend of mine was traveling west, and in going through the sleeper, he saw the Major sitting there, with his open Bible on his lap.

He said, "Hello, Major, which way are you going?"

He said, "I am going to Chicago, Charley has been injured, but I don't believe God will take him away. He is our only boy, and he is going to college out here at Wheaton, and we are preparing him to keep the name of Whittle upon the Evangelistic firmaline, when I grow old and can't do the work."

After a while, the train reached Niles, Mich., and my friend got off to buy the Chicago paper. He bought the Chicago Inter-Ocean, and on the front page, he saw the words "Charley Whittle dead."

He hurried into the sleeper to tell the Major, but the major had bought the Chicago Tribune, and had read it and found out. The major had slid to his knees, and was sobbing as if his heart would break. The passengers had learned who it was, and my friend entered, elbowed his way among the people, and said:

"Major, it must be some comfort to you to know that in your hour of grief and sorrow, there are those who sympathize with you. We wish we could help you more."

The major looked up and recognized my friend, and jumped to his feet, brushed the tears out of his eyes, and said,

"These tears are not an evidence of a controversy with the Lord. God gave and God hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. I never knew before how easy it was to preach and how hard to pray. I have a sermon on the text, 'All things work together for good for them that love God.' The hardest task of my life is yet to come, when I reach Chicago and look into the face of my only boy and through my tears say, 'All things work together for good for them that love God.'"

How One Boy Was Saved.

Then he said, "I will tell you how I won Charley. He did not die without hope in Christ."

The major used the occasion to preach a little sermon.

He was preaching up in Winona, Minn., when he received a message from Mrs. Whittle to hurry home, that Charley was going to leave. There comes a time in the life of nearly every boy and girl when they get the wanderlust bug, and they think that home is the worst place on earth. Well, Charley had that, and he was going away, he did not like the religious restraint.

The major hurried to Chicago and went out to Buena park, and Charley was upstairs packing his grip. The major walked in and kissed Mrs. Whittle, and said, "Has Charley gone?"

She said, "No."

The major said, "Mother, you know there was one thing he always thought we were wrong about. I'd hate to have him go away without clearing that up."

Charley did not know his father was there, and when he walked down, he stepped back, and the major walked up and thrust his arms around him and kissed him.

I hope my boys will never get so big that they will be ashamed to kiss old dad. I don't like to see the women have a monopoly on it. I am glad that wherever my boys meet old dad, they are not ashamed to kiss him.

He said, "son, mother told me you were going away, and I hurried home to bid you good-bye. I want to tell you, this is a hard, old world, and no matter where you go, our prayers will follow you. And another thing—you will always find a welcome, whenever you make up your mind you want to come back. We will never lock the door, day or night. Come back at midnight, if you will, and put your hand on the latch, and it will open. And, son, no matter how much company we have, we will always have a chair and a plate waiting for you, and you will be missed, for your seat will be empty. There will always be one empty seat at our table and one plate waiting for you. No matter how much company we have, nobody will sleep in your bed. You can come in at midnight and the door will be open. You can go upstairs and the bed will be waiting. You will always find a welcome in our home, our heart and our arms. You are our boy no matter when you come back. Now, before you go, can't we have a little word of prayer?"

And, after much persuasion, with mother on one side and the major on the other, the mother prayed. You know how a mother can pray, don't you, when her only boy is breaking home ties?

A Famous Home Picture.

Did you go to Chicago during the World's fair? Did you go into the art institute? If you did, there was one picture that always had a crowd around it, day or night, sunshine or rain. There was always a crowd of men and women standing around it crying. They would turn their backs upon paintings by Dore and Van Dyke, they'd turn their backs upon the world's masters. But there was one picture about four feet long and two and a half feet wide, the title was "Breaking Home Ties." A young fellow stood there, and his mother had her arms around his neck. The boy sat there looking sad. The father sat over there, the tears trickling down his cheeks. His mother was bidding him good-bye. That picture always had a crowd in front of it—always.

And Major Whittle said, "Charley, you pray."

Charley hesitated, and then he said, "O God, the trouble is not with mother, it is not with father, it is not with my home; the trouble is my own sinful, willful heart. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake."

The major said that then and there, with the mother on one side and him on the other, Charley was born into the Kingdom of God. He said,

"He did not die without hope. It breaks my heart, but these tears are not evidences of a controversy."

Why, if I get word that one of my children was dead, I'd forget I was a preacher, I'd forget you were here, and I'd cry as if my heart would break.

And the major said, "The Lord hath taken away. Blessed is the name of the Lord. But he did not die without hope."

Get right with God and get right with your homes.

Most Beautiful Lady in Japan Returns Home

Lady Ryochi Kujo, often called Japan's most beautiful woman, has returned to her native land from London after a long visit. Her husband is the younger brother of the emperor of Japan.

DRINK MILK, GROW HEALTHY

"Drink plenty of milk and grow healthy," is the slogan most in vogue at the cafeterias in Tulsa public schools. At Lowell ward school more than 150 bottles of milk disappear daily down the throats of growing school children. At this school there is an intermission in the regular class room subjects both in the morning and in the evening when the children may drink milk.

Rainy days are the ones which bring the most patronage to the cafeterias in the city schools. In many of these schools inclement weather increases the pupils served from 75 to 80 per cent. The home economics department of the city schools have this year introduced the 15 cent plate lunch. The combination varies from day to day to afford a change but always includes at least three different items on the menu.

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WILL CLEAR DOCKET

Tulsa County Bar Association Seeks Method to Dispose of Old. Cases—Elect Officers.

Plans which it is believed will materialize into clearing of the present congested condition of the district court docket were discussed at the annual meeting of the Bar association held Monday night at the county court house.

Officers for the ensuing year were also elected. They were: A. A. Davidson, president; Robert R. Burns, vice president; Gerald F. O'Brien, secretary and Stanley Edminster, treasurer.

Immediately after the election of officers, the meeting was turned over to a discussion of ways and means to bring about a plan to clear up the district court docket which is two years behind. Most of the leading members of the bar spoke on the matter and after two hours of discussion the suggestion of District Judge Valleau Biddison, which was later proposed as a motion by District Judge Albert C. Hunt, that a committee work with the four judges and work out some sort of a plan. The proposal was unanimously indorsed by the 100 attorneys present.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY ORATES

Tells Kiwanians All About the Hi-Y Conference at Muskogee.

Scott Sappenfield, high school student and a leader in the Hi-Y movement, entertained Kiwanians at their weekly meeting at Hotel Tulsa Monday noon with a report on the Hi-Y conference at Muskogee last week. At the same time he pointed out the objects of this organization, explaining that its main purpose is to improve the character of adolescent high school students and induce them to become better and more useful citizens. Muskogee entertained the delegates without restriction, he advised.

J. H. Brown, principal of the Irving school junior high school, asked the Kiwanis club to participate actively in National Education Week, December 4 to 10, and especially urged Kiwanians who have not been in or near a schoolroom in which their own children are taught, to visit the schools this week. The junior high school, he explained, is composed of pupils in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Sam Reaberg, chairman of the club's detention home committee, reported the collection of $151 to buy clothing for the youngsters in this institution. More than $100, in addition to the amount reported yesterday, was spent by the club for blankets for the home.

WAGE CUTS TO COME FIRST

Santa Fe Official Tells Civitans Why Freight Rates Must be High.

Freight rates will not be reduced until costs of labor and materials come down, E. C. Kitching, division freight agent for the Santa Fe, told members of the Civitan club Monday noon at Ed Woods' cafe. Kitching said that a further wage cut, probably of 10 per cent, will be proposed by all railroad companies of the country to their employes shortly, and that should this wage cut be effected, it will undoubtedly be passed on to the public in the way of reduction of freight rates.

Kitching contended that freight rates are not too high at present, and that railroads are not getting a fair return on their investment, receiving a return of only two and five-tenths per cent between September 1920 and June 1921, on an investment totaling eighteen billion, nine hundred million dollars. Within the past few months this per cent has been raised to over four per cent by decreasing improvement work.

Alva J. Niles spoke on the field of civic endeavor now open to young men and the fact that gray hairs are not now, as once upon a time, the requisite for places of responsibility in city building. J. A. Miller, head of Washingian junior high school, told of the need of junior high schools, in connection with observance of National Educational week. Louis Lefko drew the attendance prize. A number of the new members who have been enrolled in the membership drive were present.

Wire Flashes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Crazed with jealousy because his 19-year-old sweetheart, Edith Barker, had become engaged to another man, George Butler, 23, a butcher at Walter Reed hospital, today hacked her to death with a pocket knife and then took his own life by cutting his throat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Representative Shaw, republican, is entitled to retain his seat in congress from the Twentieth Illinois district, a house elections committee reported today after investigating the contest filed by former Representative Henry T. Rainey, Shaw's democratic opponent at the polls in November, 1920.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A bill providing for the repeal of the provision of the merchant marine act which requires the abrogation of existing commercial treaties, was introduced in the house late today by Representative Burton, republican of Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A federal warrant charging Charles W. Morse, New York banker with embezzlement and conspiracy in connection with his shipping activities during the war, was issued by the supreme court of the District of Columbia late today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Liberalized laws and more flexible rules and regulations are emphasized as Alaska's paramount need in the annual report submitted today to the secretary of the interior by the governor of the territory.

WESTERVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 6.—With bullet holes in their foreheads, the lifeless bodies of Edward Horlocker, 35, and Mrs. Wesley Wise, 35, were found here today, on the kitchen floor of Horlocker's home.

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 6.—Marshal Peck rode a mule here yesterday but found mule riding too tedious and soon dismounted. Later he reviewed his staff and members of the American legion party as they came burro-back up Hermit trail.

PONCA CITY, Dec. 6.—Twenty persons were arrested in a raid on a rooming house at Ponca City and are being held in the county jail on charges of gambling. Several packs of marked cards, a quantity of loaded dice, two guns and several ounces of drugs were seized in the raid, officers state.

PONCA CITY, Dec. 6.—George Hernandez, Mexican, charged with the murder of another Mexican here November 2, was arraigned in court yesterday and demanded a preliminary hearing, which has been set for tomorrow.

PONCA CITY, Dec. 6.—Jerome Phillips, 18, of Blackwell today filed suit in district court for a divorce from Olive Phillips, who he married last August 4.

SHINER, Texas, Dec. 6.—The Shiner fire department was called to Moulton, 16 miles north of here early today to assist in fighting a fire which already was reported to have destroyed three buildings and was menacing the town at 7 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Harding is understood to have accepted the conclusions and recommendations of Leonard Wood, governor general of the Philippine Islands and former chief of staff, who returned to Washington recently and submitted a report.

WASHINGTON, The senate today passed its first bill of the session, a measure directing the secretary of war to turn over to the American relief administration all surplus supplies for use in the famine districts of Russia.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 6.—Full diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and the United States were resumed today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The New York Central railroad company has repaid in full a government loan of $17,500,000 made under the war powers on January 22, 1919, the war finance corporation announced today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Resignations of advisers to the Chinese delegation to the arbitrament conference is highly displeasing to members of the American delegation, it was indicated late today.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The German government today applied to a group of British banks for a credit of 25,000,000 pounds sterling for Germany.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The United States railway labor board today began consideration of disputes in regard to the rules and working conditions of the maintenance of way employes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 6.—Because he failed in his studies at the University of Nebraska, Charles Seeber committed suicide here today by drinking lye. Seeber's home was in Texas. He carried a card indicating membership in a Masonic lodge at Fort Worth.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The Loka! Anzeiger still regarded as the organ of the Hohenzollerns, today formally denied the rumor that the ex-kaiser is to remarry.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—Judge John C. Pollock, in United States district court handed down an opinion late yesterday dismissing the suit of $1,000,000 brought by the Public Ledger company of Philadelphia, against the Kansas City Post.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 6.—Three armed bandits entered the D. F. Rhodes jewelry store here today and after tieing G. F. Rhodes, brother of the proprietor, looted the store of jewelry valued at $1,415.

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