

Close Fellowship Is Christian Life

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TEXT—Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice and open the door I will come in to him and be with him.—Revelations 3:20.

The companionship here suggested between the divine and the human is intimate and familiar. The figure is that of a social meal together. And the great friend represents himself as taking the initiative. He does not force his companionship upon us. The divine reverence for the human personality is one of the great truths which it has taken the world a long time to learn, but we are beginning to understand it. "We force no doors in friendship," says Dr. King, "but, like the Christ in Revelation, we stand reverently at the door without, to knock. And only if the door be opened from within may we come in to sup with our friend, and he with us." But it is only the most intimate of our friends who venture to invite themselves to supper.

Is it not a beautiful relation between the divine and the human that is thus advocated? But what we have learned of God from Jesus Christ makes it easy to accept this suggestion. We are sure that if Jesus should come to Columbus the people who loved him might expect to have him drop in any evening to supper, and they would not be at all embarrassed at hearing his familiar knock at the door. No formalities would be called for in his case. He would know how to make himself at home. "And he that hath seen me," he said, "hath seen the father." That is the kind of friendship that the great friend wishes to maintain with all of us.

"But the text is a parable, as is the supper of which we are soon to partake. What is the deeper fact to which these symbols bear witness? It is a communion, a sharing of the divine life by the human life. We are partakers, Paul says, of the divine nature. In some way he lives in us, and we in him.

Let us not conceive that this is a mere mystical impressionism. But what is clear? When the great friend comes in to sup with us how we shall be aware of his presence? It will be something more than a pleasurable thrill of spiritual excitement. The guests that he brings with him will be good thoughts, generous wishes, definite direction of life toward definite objects. Now all these movements of mind are realities. A thought is just as real as a stone or a tree or a breeze. So is a wish or a purpose.

These are all realities. We are more sure of them than of anything else. The fact that you cannot weigh them in scales or measure them with a yard stick is no proof that they are not real. It is in these realities that God comes into our lives. He desires to share our thoughts, to enable our wishes, to guide our purposes. And he can do this for us. The human mind is made to be irradiated with the divine thought, as the diamond is made for the light. The central forces of our lives are these thoughts and wishes and purposes of ours. What we habitually think about, what we habitually wish for, what we habitually choose and prefer, that are we, and the man who wants to have the truth of God in his mind and the purity and love of God in his purpose can have the inspiration that will make his life divine.

This, I suppose, is the kind of communion that the text offers us, and it is the substance of this that we ought to be thinking of as we sit here before this table. It was to bring men into this relation with the great friend that Jesus lived and taught and died. When any man has learned to realize this great friendship it is well for him. All things are his—life, death, things present, things to come.

Love and Marriage.

Whatever destroys the love faculty, which is the most divine part of our being, ought to be corrected as soon as possible. It is better to enter into life single or divorced than to be destroyed by the married state. It is better for the child life to be without parental influence than to have its morals and love destroyed by parents. Important and sacred as marriage is, the moral and love nature of man are more sacred, as they are the eternal qualities. The marriage institution like the moral commandments, is subjected to the condition and judgment of men.—Rev. W. P. Brush, Episcopalian, Jersey City, Mo.

Never Far From God.

And Christ has said, "Lo, I am with you always," and that is enough. For a Christian to "feel far away from God" is to feel what is not so. Such a feeling is indeed human, as so many other misleading emotions and untrue thoughts are human; but the blessed fact is that God never leaves us, even when we think he has done so or ought to do so. His love is greater than our sin. He never deserts even us deserters. Let us gladly enter into the full consciousness of his glorious and undefeatable presence. Let Satan never again close our eyes to the presence of our indwelling Lord.—The Sunday School Times.

TO PREVENT SOIL WASHING

Brush in the Gullies With the Tops Turned Upstream Will Save Fields From Spring Floods.

Soil erosion can be controlled if you understand the principles of soil formation and will take a little time to attend to the rapidly forming ditches. Place brush in the gully with the tops upstream and it will catch and hold the material washed down. Be certain that you place enough brush in the ditch so that the spring rains will not wash it away. It would be well, also, to throw some hay on the brush, to aid in catching the finer material. And, if you prefer, the woven-wire dam also may be used. Place a stake on each side of the gully in the ground three feet from the bank and fasten a piece of woven wire to them. Be sure that they are firmly in the ground. Put straw, old hay or fine brush above this dam and it will catch most of the material washed down by the water. As the gully fills up add another strand of woven wire and repeat the process.

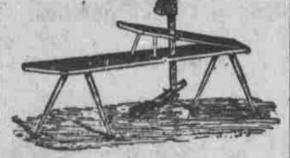
Humus, the decaying vegetable matter of the soil, tends to prevent soil erosion. Humus absorbs and retains moisture. When the ground contains an abundance of moisture the rains are absorbed and carried into the subsoil. Therefore the rain is not left on the surface to wash ditches. Keep the soil full of humus if you desire to stop the soil washing. Have the grasses and legumes occupy a prominent place in the rotation for those hillside fields.

Soil erosion can never be prevented entirely, but it can be greatly reduced, if you manage the fields as you should.

HANDY TOOL IS NEGLECTED

Old-Fashioned Shaving Horse Rarely Seen on Farms at Present Time—Is Easily Made.

The old-fashioned shaving horse is one of the handiest tools used on the farm, but is rarely seen at the present



Shaving Horse.

time. It is easily constructed and nothing else really takes its place in the work it is intended to do.

Lettuce Is Quite Hardy.

A hardy plant that meets the smiles and frowns of the weather with a good grace is lettuce. The seed may be sown very early, if the ground is not frozen, and treated like beets or onions. It is one of the cool plants, so called. With the first warm weather it will be ready to grow, and will soon be large enough for use. None of the salad plants is more welcome. Besides its uses as a salad plant it makes a good pot herb, though its value for this purpose is not well known.

Gardening With a Wheel Hoe.

The real pleasures of gardening remain unknown to the person who has never used a wheel hoe. This modern invention stimulates good gardening. By its use a person can cultivate his whole garden before breakfast, and feel proud of the accomplishment. The experienced gardener will use it often, and thus keep the soil of his garden in ideal condition.

GOOD ROADS & FARM NOTES

The disk will never take the place of the plow.

Many pastures fall because they are not made right.

Good seed is an integral part of success in potato growing.

Legumes should be included in every well-planned rotation.

Straw is much too valuable to be allowed to rot in the stack.

There is a poor farmer around when you see poor live stock on the farm.

Thoroughly air dried seed corn will stand almost any temperature, no matter how low.

Heavy clay soils that puddle and bake after a rain are benefited by the addition of lime.

One way to ease the work on the farm and make it more attractive is to systematize it.

Clean up the yard and farmstead generally. Plan to set out a few more ornaments next spring.

Those farmers who have roots to feed their stock this winter (whether they have a silo or not) are lucky.

Going to join the Good Roads club? No such club in the neighborhood, eh? Then get to work and organize one.

Rotation is as necessary to the growing of profitable crops as variety of food is essential to the health of the individual.

Manure is the prime necessity of the gardener, and as the hauling and composting can be done at the least cost during cold weather, the manure should be hauled then.

The manure for the vegetables must be hauled and piled during the winter so as to be well rotted when it is time to use it in the spring.

Alfalfa should not be pastured or cut so close to the ground as to injure the crowns. On good, rich land two and often three crops, can be cut each season.

Temperance

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Pledge Themselves Not to Sanction Its Use in Case of Disease—Unnecessary for Good Health.

At a meeting of the North Wales Temperance federation it was announced that the federation had obtained the signatures of 100 doctors practicing in North Wales to the federation's temperance manifesto. Among those who indorse the manifesto are 34 medical officers of health and 11 have the diploma of inspector of public health.

The fact, said the president, that 100 medical men in North Wales had signed the manifesto was an indication of the great advance of public opinion on the question, and it was bound to make a deep impression upon the sentiment of the country in the near future. The evidence which they now had as temperance reformers of the direct relation between the cost of spirits and the amount consumed, and the effect of the financial provisions of the budget upon the consumption of spirits in the country was very important, as was the proof of the relation between the consumption of liquor and the moral conduct of the people and public order. He hoped the federation would in the near future be able to do a great deal more for the uplifting of the people in North Wales through the means of temperance in the best and widest sense of that word, not merely confining themselves to total abstinence, but taking advantage of every influence which made for the sobriety of the nation.

The following is the text of the manifesto:

"Recognizing the very serious injury to the national health caused by the present-day extensive over-indulgence in the various forms of alcoholic drinks; recognizing also the habit of over-indulgence is seldom, if ever, suddenly acquired, but grows gradually out of what is considered to be a moderate use, and generally in the belief that such moderate use promotes health, increases the power of work, and prolongs life; convinced, moreover, that this belief is a dangerous delusion, and one which the prolonged observation and exact experiments of scientific men have conclusively proved to be so; we, the undersigned, appeal to all our medical brethren in North Wales to join with us in an endeavor to discountenance the various popular errors that still largely prevail upon the subject. We appeal to them especially not to give, or even seem to give, the sanction of their professional authority to any general employment of alcoholic drinks in case of disease. We believe that these drinks are not necessary for the promotion of health; they do not increase, but, on the contrary, impair physical and mental efficiency; that they do not prolong life."

ALCOHOL HURTS THE MEMORY

Degree of Deterioration Varies Greatly in Individuals—All Show Diminution in Their Judgment.

Every person who drinks alcohol to excess, says Dr. Alexander Lambert in an article in Success Magazine, will not show every form of mental deterioration that may be produced by excessive indulgence, and the degree of deterioration in intelligence which goes to make up the sum total of mentality varies greatly in different individuals. All who drink alcohol to excess, however, show some diminution in their judgment. Judgment means the power of recalling various memories of perceptions through the senses, which have come in from the outside world, memories of ideas, memories of emotions, and all the complicated association of ideas that these bring up, and in the recalling of them weigh each one with the other and judge of the value between them. This also means reasoning and decision for action. This power of reasoning and judging is weakened in the alcoholic, and in any brain long poisoned by alcohol it is an impossibility to exercise it. Memory itself is also weakened. There is excessive forgetfulness of the recent past, and in some cases of advanced alcoholism there is absolute forgetfulness of wide gaps of years; a man may be unable to remember anything from the last five minutes back for twenty years, and then remember back to childhood. The memories of childhood are more easily stamped on the brain than are those of adult life, both because it takes less to impress a child, and because there is not the complexity of ideas crowding into the brain, nor the complexity of association of ideas to be recorded. Therefore memories of childhood make a deeper impress and last longer, and so the complex memories of the adult are the first to be forgotten in the alcoholic, and those of childhood remain.

Cigarette Bane of Youth.

Excessive smoking of cheap cigarettes is ruining the health of Sheffield's (England) young men and forcing them on the rates, according to the report of the medical officer.

"Some of the patients suffering from disease of the heart and blood vessels admitted smoking as many as 30 cheap cigarettes daily," says the doctor, adding: "Nicotine, when raised to a high temperature, becomes volatilized and decomposed, granted no water vapor is present.

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J. E. BREEDEN,

March 20, 1912 R. F. D. 4, Phone 3X, Huntingdon, Tenn.

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