

FANNY CROSBY AND HER WORK.



Rev. J. S. Rood

Part of an address given last Sunday evening by Rev. J. S. Rood, pastor of the Minot Congregational church.

Fanny Crosby passed away Feb. 12, 1915, in her ninety-fifth year. Her mother lived to be one hundred and two, her grandmother one hundred and six.

When but six weeks old she became blind through improper treatment of her eyes, destroying the optic nerve. Never considered physically strong, she must have possessed more than average vitality to live so long and so well.

At eight years of age she wrote, Oh, what a happy soul I am, Although I cannot see; I am resolved that in this world Contented I will be. How many blessings I enjoy, that other people don't! I cannot and I won't!

What she counted her first real poem begins with these words: We are going, we are going, To a Home beyond the skies. Very few of her gospel hymns were written before she was forty. Of her eight thousand hymns, many are widely known and of great merit. No other hymn writer since Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley, has composed nearly as many.

The product of her mind and heart greatly enriches our hymnology. Many lives have been spiritually blessed and for generations, perhaps for centuries, her songs will win and encourage an

ever increasing number of immortal souls. Some of her best and most famous hymns are these: Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Saved by Grace. Blessed Assurance. Rescue the Perishing. I Am Thine. O Lord, Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross. To the Work, To the Work. Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior. Jesus, I Come to Thee. Savior, More than Life to Me.

Miss Crosby wrote so much that was accepted by publishers that they, at one time, to protect themselves in the commercial world, used two hundred pen names in connection with her writings.

She could not learn to read by the raised letter method because in childhood her fingers became so calloused, playing the guitar, that they were not sufficiently sensitive to distinguish the letters. She learned by listening and memorizing. She studied for twelve years in an Institute for the blind and taught there for twelve years, where she was a favorite. During these years of teaching she traveled east and west, over the country, reciting her poems.

Before both houses of Congress, she said, Oh, ye, who here from every state convene; illustrious band: May we not hope the scene you now behold will prove to every mind, instructive, both a ray to cheer the blind?

At times she spent hours upon a composition, but often composed with remarkable rapidity. W. H. Doane, who wrote the music for many of Miss Crosby's verses, called one morning at her home in New York. I must take a train, he said, to Cincinnati, in forty minutes. I have some music for which I want you to write a hymn. He sat at a piano and played his music.

"Think I can write the hymn you want. I hurried up stairs and sat

down to write. For some time I was entirely oblivious of surroundings. When I came back to my full senses the hymn was written and on paper before me. Found it had only taken fifteen minutes. Triumphant I carried it down to Mr. Doane. The music he had played and the words I had written are the same as used today in singing Safe in the Arms of Jesus, my most successful hymn, and I believe was dictated by the spirit of the Lord and born for a mission. I never attempted to write a hymn without first praying over it."

This hymn is translated into many languages and sung in many lands.

Among her many personal friends were Presidents Tyler, Van Buren, Cleveland, McKinley, Wm. H. Seward, General Winfield Scott and Henry Clay.

In 1858 Miss Crosby was united in marriage with Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind teacher of music, who left this world in 1902. He always urged that his wife should be known to the public as Fanny Crosby.

Note some of the lessons employed by her useful, beautiful life. Unfailing trust in God. Loyalty to Jesus Christ, the light and joy of her life. Contentment and good cheer. "Oh what a happy soul I am! Although I cannot see." She might have dragged out her time pitying herself and making others miserable by whining and weeping, but she possessed too much of the spirit and power of the Christ to thus cripple and waste her life. She believed with the Divine aid she could greatly bless mankind. She knew, and made others feel, how kind the Savior is and how real is heaven. She persevered unto noblest living in the midst of what we count handicaps. She believed she had a God-appointed

GOOD BARGAINS

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF FARMS FOR SALE BY GRANT S. YOUMANS AND BY THE SAVINGS LOAN AND TRUST CO., OF MINOT, N.DAK.—THESE FARMS ARE OFFERED SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE AND ADVANCE IN PRICE.

Number

- 8—Exe—160 acres—NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 3-153-70. About 5 miles from Esmond, Benson County, N. D. Price \$2400. Valued at about \$5000. Will deed for \$1200, subject to a loan of \$1200, at 6 per cent int. from Nov. 1st, 1914. The loan matures Nov. 1st, 1916.
- 51—Martinson—160 acres—S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 20-155-86. About 5 miles from Berthold, Ward County, N. D. Price \$2400. Valued at about \$6000. Will deed for \$800, subject to a loan of \$1600, at 7 per cent int. from Dec. 1st, 1914. The loan matures Dec. 1st, 1919.
- 57—Daggett—160 acres—S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-156-91. About 2 miles from Stanley, Mountrail County, N. D. Valued at about \$4000. Price \$2400. 110 acres cultivated. Will deed for \$1400, subject to a loan of \$1000, at 6 per cent int. from Dec. 1st, 1914. The loan matures Dec. 1st, 1915.
- 59—Dysart—160 acres—NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 25-152-71. About 3 miles from Pedennis, Benson County, N. D. Valued at about \$6000. Price \$4000. 140 acres cultivated Will deed for \$1500, subject to a loan of \$2500, at 7 per cent int. from Dec. 1st, 1914. The loan matures Nov. 1st, 1916.
- 61—McMann—200 acres—SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 14-158-87. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Donnybrook, Ward County, N. D. Valued at about \$4000. Price \$2400. 60 acres cultivated. All fenced. Will deed for \$1400, subject to a loan of \$1000, at 7 per cent int. from Dec. 1st, 1914. The loan matures Dec. 1st, 1916.
- 125—Paulson—160 acres—SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 20-153-82. About 9 miles from Sawyer, Ward County, N. D. Valued at about \$6000. Price \$4000. 110 acres cultivated. The balance fenced. Rented on $\frac{1}{2}$ crop shares. Will deed for \$1500, subject to a loan of \$2500 at 7 per cent int. from Dec. 1st, 1914. Loan matures Dec. 1st, 1921.
- 138—Burke—160 acres—NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 23-151-81. About 3 miles from Benedict, Ward County, N. D. Price \$1460. Valued at about \$3200. Will deed for \$460, subject to a loan of \$1000.00 at 7 per cent interest from Dec. 1st, 1914. The loan matures Dec. 1st, 1916.
- 152—Business Block at 130 W. Central Ave. Modern, two story, brick and stone block with full basement. Size 25x75 feet. Annual rentals as follows: Basement \$50 per month, main floor \$100. per month, and second story \$90. per month, total \$240. per month or \$2880. per annum. Approximate annual expenses \$880., leaving a net income of about 11 per cent on a valuation of \$18,000. All space rented. 5 year lease with Great Northern Express Co. for main floor at \$6000. One of the best income properties in the city. About \$15,000 insurance carried. Must sell. Will take \$18,000. for this property valued at \$24,000. A safe sound 11 per cent investment for someone at \$18,000. Might trade equity of \$6,000. for clear land.
- 165—Hustad City Home—Lot 13, Blk. 6, Lee & Jacobson's 1st addition to Minot. Valued at about \$2600. Price \$1800. A good seven room home near the new Lincoln School. Will deed for \$1300, for cash or give terms. Subject to a loan of \$500, at 7 per cent int. from Dec. 31st, 1914. Loan matures Dec. 31st, 1918.

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153,000	Box Elder	3 to 4 ft.	\$2.00	\$15.00	\$100.00
25,900	Box Elder	2 to 3 ft.	1.00	7.50	50.00
270,000	Box Elder	8 to 12 in.	.50	2.50	17.50
54,100	Ash	2 to 3 ft.	1.50	12.00	80.00
201,400	Ash	12 to 18 in.	.75	5.00	35.00
6,200	Carolina Poplar	18 to 24 in.	2.00	12.50	
3,500	Elms	4 to 8 in.	.75	5.00	
173,800	Golden Willow	2 to 3 ft.	3.00	20.00	140.00
		3 to 4 ft.	4.00	30.00	200.00
2,700	Russian Olive	18 to 24 in.	7.00	50.00	
3,800	Buffalo Berry	18 to 24 in.	5.00	40.00	
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mission and in loving obedience fulfilled it. God has a plan of life for everyone and whatever the obstacles, real or seeming, He wants His plan fulfilled in every life.

Fanny Crosby declared, I do not know but that on the whole it has been a good thing that I have been blind. How in the world could I have lived such a helpful life were it not that I am blind? I am very well satisfied.

A month ago they placed many white violets, her favorite flower, upon her casket and hundreds of friends assembled in loving remembrance of her and her work. She had ascended into the Heights where no one is blind, where there is no disease nor death, where she meets her Savior "Face to Face" and shares forever in the companionships and harmonies of Heaven.

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP.

Last Thursday, March 11th, occurred one of the great social events of 1915. It was a surprise planned by a company of friends who came to celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Foster. The guests did not come empty handed and soon a bounteous supper was served which all enjoyed to the utmost. The evening hours passed all too quickly in games, music and social chat, and a mock marriage, in which the bride looked lovely in a beautiful brown dress and white veil; the bridesmaid, Mrs. Tromble, was also becomingly gowned in brown; the groom looked well in conventional overalls. Mr. Charlie Taylor, the officiating clergyman, with simple but impressive words performed the ceremony. Before departing the many friends presented Mr. and Mrs. Foster with some beautiful silverware, and twenty-six silver dollars, expressive of their love and good wishes for many more happy anniversaries for this estimable couple. There were about seventy-five of their friends present.

Frank Likes California. G. O. Frank and wife are now at Los Angeles. Guy writes the Independent as follows: "Fruit trees are all in blossom. Saw several pieces of alfalfa cut for hay already. Vegetables are large enough to eat. Fine place for winter. Millions of acres of land no good. All irrigated."

Mr. Frank wrote the above on a postal card showing the picture of the first wooden house in California, at Monterey, brot from Australia by a sailing vessel.

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