

Religion and Life

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The first mile—that is the law's requirement; the second mile—that a lover's overplus. And the one who really follows Christ lives by the law of love.

Once when Mark Twain shouldered an obligation which he was not bound by the law to accept he explained: "Honor is a harder master than law."

Mr. Walter Scott, wearing his life out in meeting a similar responsibility freely borne, is the outstanding example among literary men of high principles and noble ideals.

Years ago a business man in Britain failed and had to compromise with his creditors. His son moved to carve out a career for himself and succeeded in a new business in a new land. As soon as he was able he visited his old home and invited to dinner every man who had lost money by his father's failure. As they sat down at the table, every guest found at his plate an envelope containing the full amount of his loss with interest up to date. There was no legal obligation; there was the family's honor.

About the same time there was an Evangelist who, in the wake of the Moody revivals conducted a series of similar missions with marked success in the New England states and Eastern Canada. His father also had failed to meet the full obligations incurred in his business and the son set himself to pay every debt in full. He had a good position and was getting along well in making these payments when he felt called of God to go into evangelistic service in the churches. He hesitated because of the debts he had to pay, but the call became so insistent that he had to say, "Lord, if you want me, take me." In his new venture, he depended wholly on the free-will offerings of the people whom he served, and out of these meagre returns he cleared the family's name. There are many more instances of these noble service than have ever been recorded, and, by Christ's standards, they are like stars in the sky.

Jesus expounded the law of love in the Sermon on the Mount, and this is one of His illustrations. "Whoever will compel thee to go one mile, go with him two." Palestine then was an occupied country, and the Roman legions when on the march often laid hold on the people of the land and compelled them to carry the army's luggage a certain distance. Now, said Jesus, when this happens, do not go sullenly as far as you are forced to go, and not one step farther. Instead, show your goodwill by going twice as far and doing twice as much as you are asked to do. In other words, even under the tyranny of the hour, live by the law of love.

To be helped by one who never counts the hours, who accepts work that is necessary and worthwhile as an opportunity even when it is exacting, and who goes through the deadly routine of the office with a sense of being a necessary part of a big undertaking, makes one's toll a joy and makes possible a thousand ministries that would otherwise be impossible. I know from experience whereof I speak. A spirit like that makes the worker's own job an inspiration—an expression of Christian principle and a tribute to "the Master of all good workmen."

It was service of this sort that St. Paul had in mind when he wrote to his young helper, "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman who needs not to be ashamed, handling aright the work of truth."

"A servant with this clause Makes drudgery divine, Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws Makes that and the action fine."

May we point out to the labor unions, at this time of threatened strikes that they need to explain their position as well as to defend it. Either their position is misunderstood or they are on the wrong track, for they seem to be demanding more and more for less and less. Justice demands that the worker get his rightful share of the joint product, and everyone knows that he has not been getting it in the past, but justice also demands that he give service to the limits of his ability and opportunity, and as he appeals to the public by strike or otherwise, he must prove that he is doing this very thing. Granted — it is necessary to defend oneself and one's fellows from the impositions of greed; it is also necessary to protect one's public from the impositions of laziness. Because, above all this, is the requirement of the Christian law of love that you show your devotion first in the work by which you live, giving your utmost for His highest.

In the home above all other places, is this law of the second mile a necessity. Sons and daughters who stand on their rights are centres of strife and sources of unhappiness in any family. We owe everything to the love that bore us and through childhood and youth ministered to every need with the solicitude of love: there is no happiness for us or others unless we do the duties of the home in the same self-forgetful way.

Two boys grew up together in a comradeship so intimate that it touched every side of life. When they married each pledged the other that if death should come to his friend he would look after his dependents. Death did strike a double blow at one of the homes they founded, and left an orphaned girl orphaned and penniless. She was taken into the home of her father's friend where there were already sons and daughters, and felt that her coming was an added burden. She gave herself to help — mending, washing up and accepting responsibility for duties that no one else wanted to do. After some months she went off on a short holiday, and after a day or two the wife and mother exclaimed: "Whatever could I do without . . ." She had made herself indispensable by freely going the second mile.

There is no other way to happiness and success.

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ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Vesey, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Laura Beulah, to Lewis Maxwell Court, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Leonard Court of Donaldson. Marriage to take place August 23rd.

ENJOY VISIT. — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dent left Thursday morning on return to their home in Vermont, U. S. A., after spending the past week visiting relatives in P. E. I. and Amherst, N. S. It was Mr. Dent's first visit to this Province and he was delighted with the beauty and scenery of the Island. Mrs. Dent was, before her marriage, Gladys Hickox, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard Hickox, Hunter River. She left the Island with her mother and other members of the family when quite young, after the death of her father. They were house guests of her uncle, Daniel and Mrs. Hickox, Kensington.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of our dear Husband and Grandfather James Pidgeon who passed away three years ago today.

O how oft he comes before us His dear face so sweet and true Resting now in peace with Jesus Loving hearts still long for you.

Sadly Missed by Wife and Grandson Billy.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Daniel Robertson, who passed away August 14th, 1949.

Gene from among us, dear Grand-ma we miss you Loving you dearly, your memory we keep As long as life lasts, we shall not forget you Dear to our hearts, is the grave where you sleep Lovingly Remembered by Alton, Beatie and Grandchildren.

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Dorothy Dix Says

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marrying before they gave the opposite sex the once-over. A boy who has never gone about much with girls thinks he has fallen in love with the girl next door or the girl he works next to in business, and he marries her. Then he meets up with another girl, who is pretty while his wife is homely, who is gay and lively where his wife is quiet and dumb, who flatters him while his wife tells him of his faults, and he falls head over heels in love with the stranger and the mischief is to pay.

The more men and women know each other before marriage, the less likely they are to make mistakes in selecting their mates. And for this reason every boy and girl should go about with as many other boys and girls as possible. In that way they will be able to institute comparisons between them and find out which ones they like best.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a bride of three months. My husband is everything I could wish for except that he is a tease and I happen to be one who just can't stand being teased. I have begged my husband time and again to stop kidding me, but he won't do it and it drives me to tears. What shall I do?

TWENTY

ANSWER: Learn to take it and like it. There are a lot of things that every wife has to learn to endure from her husband, and not the least of these is his sense of humor. Many a marriage is wrecked on husband's little jokes which got on his wife's nerves instead of hitting her funny bone.

I, myself, hold no brief for teasers, who I think are not only cruel but rude, ill-bred and the greatest bores on earth, but if your husband gets any diversion out of torturing you, you will either have to get a divorce or grow a thicker skin. For the teaser is wedded to the idea that he is witty and nothing will divorce him from it.

Of course, the best remedy for the teaser is to hand him a hot one back. Publicity has put weakness and you will make him afraid to expose yours, for teasers notoriously can't stand to be teased. If you can't do this, learn to laugh at his teasing. That will take the edge off it, but as long as he can make you cry you will just incite him to further effort.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am about to marry the former wife of a man of notorious reputation. The lady has been awarded the custody of the child, a boy who is not yet 10 years old. I contend that the child's name should be changed to mine. The mother thinks that his name should not be changed regardless of his father's infamous reputation. Kindly give us your opinion on the subject.

E. V.

ANSWER: A man's earthly immortality depends upon his passing his name down to his children, and it's a terrible thing to deprive him of this by having the children's name changed to that of a stepfather, provided he has kept his name decent and honorable.

But it is a different story if he has befooled his name himself and made it a symbol of shame instead of a badge of honor. Under such conditions the father's name becomes a handicap to a child and he is fortunate indeed if he has a stepfather to throw over him the mantle of a respected name. So I agree with you that it will be far better for your stepchild's name to be changed to yours.

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