

# THE QUIET HOUR

## "QUITTERS."

Some of the phrases of the street are coarse and crude. And some of them are so apt and piquant that they elbow their way into the dictionary instant.

That word quitter is one of the elect.

The "quitter" is the man who throws up his job either because some difficulty arises, or because the novelty wears off. He is, ordinarily either a faintheart; or else of a mercurial temperament.

At any rate, you cannot tie to him. Like John Mark, whom Paul—who held on to anything he undertook with a bulldog grip—branded as a quitter, he quickly drops out of the ranks and slips away to the rear when the arduous work begins.

When you come to think of it Paul knew a number of folks of this ilk. Demas was one of the fraternity of quitters—Paul said to him, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." And then there were a number of quitters down in Galatia to whom the Apostle wrote, "Ye did run well, who did hinder you?" And in his farewell letter from his lonely prison he wrote "All men forsook me."

"How many a devoted Christian leader, in some crisis time, when the co-operation and cordial sympathy of those who had pledged him these very things would have meant everything for his own inspiration and the progress of the work, has been compelled to echo that sad indictment. There are enough men and women enrolled in our churches each year to sweep the and of evil, and to conquer the world for Christ—but so many of them are quitters. They cannot be counted upon for persistent continuance in zealous devotion. Every community has them. Who cannot count them by the score? Possibly their names are still on the church-roll; but you never think of including them among the church's live assets. You feel like quoting that infant's epitaph with special application to this class:

"Since then he was so early done for, I wonder what he was begun for." They grew well enough for a little while, but as soon as mercury began to climb; as soon as they discovered that Christian activity meant "a man's job" for them, "they withered away."

In one of his sledge-hammer sermons, Dr. Burrill recently, in characterizing "the quitter," told how "in the lobby of the United States Senate a group of politicians, not long ago, was discussing the qualifications of certain men as candidates for the presidential nomination. It so happened that some of them were pledged to advocate in interest of a mutual friend. One of these said, 'I have changed my mind as to the eligibility of Mr. — and am inclined to think that we had better drop him.' A moment's silence, and then another member of the group said simply, 'God Almighty hates a quitter!'" and he goes on to draw some helpful lessons from Peter's lamentable experience in this business of quitting. But it is not so much those who, like Peter, through cowardice, forsake Christ, that we have in mind. The quitters, in our church today are those who, after a little spurt in running the race, get tired of their job and quit.

They have solemnly promised not to. But they get tired and quit just the same. They themselves understand that God's real purpose in keeping them here is service, and that making any other use of life is a misuse of it. But that did not prevent them from getting tired and quitting. They realize that by relaxing their zeal and slipping out of the ranks, they are weakening the regiment and making victory that much more difficult for those who have to bear the brunt. But nevertheless they quit. They believe that a day of accounting is coming when the loaner of the talents will not tolerate a napkin-story whine. But still they quit.

It was not because some great big honest doubt crept into their hearts and, by the storm clouds of their soul-struggle faith was eclipsed. They did not have any soul struggle, they just got tired and quit. And because they were quitters the church—and we need to remind ourselves often that the church is Christ's chosen agency for spreading his influence in the world—

Often counts its attendants by baker's dozens instead of hundreds;

Often is compelled to do the Master's work undermanned.

Often has only dimes to spend for Christ where dollars are needed;

Often is compelled to devote years to spiritual conquests which should

require only weeks or months; In a word, finds its work hampered, obstructed, handicapped, not because of open and avowed foes, but because of those who have definitely pledged it their devotion, and then who have failed to make good—because of the quitters.

The old colored preacher who said that Christian perseverance meant "Firstly, to take hold; secondly, to hold on; and thirdly, to nebbber let go," hit the nail on the head. It is safe to assume that the crown-wearers, when we go above, will be, not necessarily the golden-tongued proclaimers of the everlasting Gospel. That's easy, if you are adequately equipped for it. Nor will they be necessarily the keen hair-splitting theologians. Nor yet will they necessarily be those who by dazzling deeds have been hailed as the church's knight-errants. Any, or all, of these may wear crowns up there.

But the men and women who are surest of their crowns are those who, once for all, accept Christ as their Savior and Lord, array themselves on his side, and then quietly, but never wavering or holding back for a moment, simply endure to the end.

These are the true saints of the Protestant calendar. Every congregation has some of them. There is not a suggestion of the quitter-strain in their blood. It is these faithful folk that make the pastorate, not merely endurable, but a deep and abiding joy. Blessed is that pastor who has his cover full of them.

### Market Letter.

Kansas City, October 17, 1910—Cattle receipts here last week were 89,000 head, including 11,000 calves, about a normal run for the time of the year, but larger than in the previous week. The range states sent in more cattle, and Kansas and the quarantine territory less than heretofore. The last named territory will drop down rapidly in receipts from now on, but the range states will continue at a maximum for two or three weeks yet. The market held up in fine shape last week, everything holding up steady to firm, with the single exception of calves, which lost about 25 cents. The run today is several thousand head less than on recent Mondays, 21,000 head, besides about 3,000 calves. Chicago had over forty thousand cattle today, with lower prices, and it was feared at the start that this might cause some weakness here, but the market here held up steady. Last week closed up healthy, and with normal receipts all around today, prices would have been higher here. A little colder weather would help the market on killing stuff, and with the recession in receipts likely immediately ahead, it looks like prices should be strong. Best steers in the open market brought \$8.15 here last week, although show cattle sold at \$7.60 to \$8.60. The best here today brought \$7.45, and bulk of the grass steers here from Kansas are selling at \$4.60 to \$6.00, feeders \$4.00 to \$5.75.

For a change the hog market made a gain of nine cents on an average for the week, last week. The run continues infinitesimal, only 23,000 head last week, less than half the run same week a year ago. Supply is 3,500 here today, market strong to 10 higher on most sales, after an attempt of the packers to get them at lower prices. Buyers have been trying to pound heavies lately, trying to discourage owners in the popular disposition to make big hogs, and boosting lights, in an effort to entice more of this kind to market. A year ago light hogs were about a quarter under the heavy weights, exactly the reverse of present conditions. Heavy hogs brought \$8.80 today, medium weights \$8.90 to \$9.05. Light weights \$8.90 to \$9.05.

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May, 1910, Term. Lincoln, Neb. LINCOLN DIVISION Saturday, September 17, 1910 Court opened pursuant to adjournment, there being present: HON. THOMAS C. MUNGER, Judge, Presiding.

in the matter of SELENA KITE, et al., v. ROSALIE PLANT, et al. ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION.

This cause coming on to be heard upon motion of Isaac Heavis, solicitor for plaintiffs, for service by publication upon defendants Charles J. Plant, Rosa C. Plant, and Louis Plant and it having been shown to the court that said defendants Charles J. Plant, Rosa C. Plant, and Louis Plant are not inhabitants of the district of Nebraska, can not be found within said district, and have not entered personal appearance in this cause, it is ordered:

That said defendants, Charles J. Plant, Rosa C. Plant, and Louis Plant be, and are hereby, directed to appear and plead, answer or demur, to the complainant's bill, on or before the 7th day of November, 1910, and that in default thereof an order be entered in this cause taking the said bill pro confesso.

It is further ordered: That a copy of this order be published in the Falls City Tribune, a newspaper published at Falls City in the said district, once a week for six consecutive weeks, beginning on the 24th day of September, 1910, and that the clerk of this court mail a copy of this order instant to last known place of abode of the said defendants Charles J. Plant, Rosa C. Plant, and Louis Plant, in said district, and a copy thereof to said Louis Plant at the town of Cement in the state of Oklahoma and a copy thereof to each of Charles J. Plant and Rosa C. Plant at the city of San Diego, California.

Dated: September 17, 1910. THOS. C. MUNGER, Judge.

INDORSED: FILED SEP. 17, 1910. Geo. H. Thummel, Clerk, by J. H. McClay, Deputy.

United States of America, District of Nebraska, ( SS. Lincoln Division.

L. Geo. H. Thummel, clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an order entered upon the Journal of the proceedings of said court in the above entitled action on the day first above written, as the same appears of record in said office.

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