KEEPING THE CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

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(Written by request)

Keeping the confidence of our children means infinitely more than sitting down with them, now and then, and saying, "Now, tell mother everything;"it means infinitely more to the mother and to the adolescent son and daughter than the injunction, "always tell mother where you are going and with whom you are going."

It means and involves keeping the child's confidence every hour of every day of every year from the days of babyhood through the pre-school age, through the grade school age, through the adolescent age. Only through such keeping of confidence, from babyhood through the after years, can the parent be assured of full confidence during the adolescent period. Therefore, in studying "Keeping the Child's Confidence," we must begin with very fundamental and basic principles.

1. If possible, listen to the child, when he has something wonderful (to him) or unusual to tell you. He has found a flower, or seen a bird, or heard a strange noise; the dear mother, so busy, as the child rushes in to tell mother, exclaims, "Yes, son, but mother is busy now; run out and play."

The little son turns away, but a tiny, very tiny litle rift has been made in the confidence of mother and child.

2. When the child relates something which to him seems very important, although in reality trivial, listen with respect, and do not by word or look quench the child's eagerness or enthusiasm, or the rift in the confidence between mother and child will widen just a bit.

3. Hold in confidence what the child tells you in confidence. Never repeat to a visitor or friend the little confidences son or daughter gave "just for mother," or the rift in the confidence between mother and child will widen just a bit more.

4. When the child asks questions about life, be prepared to answer truthfully. Begin to tell the Story of Life when the child asks the FIRST question. Never evade or tell that which is untrue. Can we expect our children to be truthful after they have discovered that we have not been? Can we expect them to come to us again when they have discovered that their confidence was misplaced?

5. Make the twilight hour or the bedtime hour a very precious confidence time, but do not let it substitute for all-the-day confidence. For, after a few years have passed, there may be no time for the special hour at bedtime, and CONFIDENCE must be just a NATURAL PART OF LIFE, or the rift will be very wide.

6. And the sixth point is perhaps the most important of all. Be ready always to PLAY WITH your children as well as to work FOR them. Mother and father the playfellows with their children, comrades and "pals" as the children grow older; parents and children playing games together, singing together, gardening together, studying plants and birds and stars together, taking long walks in the country or woods together; there is no such fun for father or mother with grown-ups; there is no such fun for Mary and William with the children who live down the street. And, fathers and mothers, don't be too serious when you take these walks, but just be young and happy.

But, some mother says, "I'm afraid it is too late to really win this confidence." Oh no, just begin. The other day a young girl said to her mother, "I like you." The mother looked a bit astonished, for she did not quite understand the strong emphasis on the word LIKE. So the girl explained. She said, "I know a lot of girls who LOVE their mother; of course, but they don't LIKE her. They don't like to do the same things; they don't have fun together in the home; they don't have good times going out together; but I LOVE you and I LIKE you." So, when children and parents LOVE each other and LIKE each other, and are being happy and joyous in being with each other they are very likely to have sweet confidence in each other.

Crops And A Child

(By Edgar A. Guest)

I have seed to raise and I plough the field
And I plant my crops with care,
And I thank the Lord for the rain He sends
As I watch them growing there.
But I don't sit down with a book by day
And let my crops run wild,
For crops won't grow by themselves, I know,
Is it different with a child?

I've a boy to raise and I want a man
When his growing days are done,
And a man must work for the crop he seeks—
Is it different with a son?
Will strangers care for my wheat out there
When the weeds grow rank and wild?
If my crop would shrink if I idled here,
Dare I idle with my child?

Yes. I'll work for him, and I'll pray for him,
And I'll do the best I can,
For the Lord has given me a son to raise,
And I want to raise a man.

Yes, my eyes are set on the harvest years,
When the long hard task is done,
So I'll pull the weeds from his life myself,
For I dare not shirk my son.

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RIDGELY

Mr. C. W. Jackson, for 32 years a resident of Ridgely, died at his home here on Monday night at 12 o'clock at the age of 68 years, after a lingering illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Jackson was in the mercantile business, and was active and always at his store until a few months prior to his death. He was born and reared at Ingleside and was married in 1889 to Miss Emma Leager, who survives him. The following children also survive: Mrs. William E. Jarrell, of near Green Mrs. Wililam E. Jarrell, of near Greensboro; Mrs. Harold Fountain, of Downingtown, Pa., and Mr. Wilson Jackson, of Newark, N. J. Funeral will be held at his late home this Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. M. E. Wheatley officiating. Burial to be in Sudlersville.

Mrs. Susan Ellis, widow of the late Geo. R. Ellis, who was once pastor of Ridgely M. E. Church, died suddenly of heart trouble at her home at Newark, Del., on April 11. Rev. Mr. Ellis passed away about six months ago during his pastorate at Millsboro, Del Two children, Ira and Elizabeth Ellis, survive.

Miss Dorothy Davis of College Park, Mr. Donald Davis of State School of Forestry, Mt. Alto, Pa., were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis, for the week end. Mr. Joe Kennedy and sister, Miss Hilda, of Mt. Alto, Miss Thelma Taylor of Washington, Miss Gladys Miller of Cumberland, and Miss Snyder of Waynesboro, were also entertained at the Davis home during the holidays.

Miss Mildred Swann, who teaches in Baltimore, was at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Gilbert Swann, for the week end.

Mrs. Maggie McCloud, who has been spending the winter in Oklawaha, Fla., with Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Herr, has returned home. Her son, Mr. Thomas McCloud, a teacher in Girard College, Philadelphia, spent the Easter holidays with her.

Mr. Howard Smith, of Wilmington, spent the week end at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ida Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Cook, of Royal Oak, spent the week end at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Houston Pennington.

The Ladies' Aid committee realized $27.91 from the sale of tags and candy.

The Men and Women's Community Clubs will unite in entertaining the County Athletic Meet to be held here on May 16. The two clubs will share the proceeds from the sale of eats and fancy goods, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Brackett recently visited Centreville relatives.

Mrs. F. A. Stayer spent the Easter holidays wtih her sister, Miss Evans, at Columbia University, N. Y.

Mr. Harry Simon has had the misfortune to break his arm and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Simon, near town.

Mr. M. H. Swing has been entertaining an old comrade and veteran of the Civil War for the past week.

Mr. Reese Sewell, of Philadelphia, spent the Eastertide at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sewell.

Mrs. Joseph Williams and three children, of Wilmington, are spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Flounders.

Miss Rebecca Swing, who teaches at Maple Shade, N. J., was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swing, for the holidays. She entertained as guests Dr. E. I. Rosenast, of Philadelphia, and Miss Valda Chapin, of Beechwood school.

Mr. Lewis Lane is spending some time with his son-in-law, Mr. Charles Samis, who is ill in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Swing entertained during the Easter holidays their son, Mr. James P. Swing, Jr., a dental student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and his friend, Mr. Ray Rice, also a dental student at the university, Miss Mary Seney, of Price, and Miss Olive Bladen, of Baltimore.

Miss Irma Imler, of Palmyra, N. J., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Imler.

Mrs. A. G. Koeneman has been visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Laird spent Easter with relatives at Rehobeth.

Mr. F. M. Stevenson made a business trip to Wilmington Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson and little daughter, Hannah, of Delmar, and Mrs. Annie Bromley, of New York, spent Easter at the home of their father and brother, Messrs. J. T. and Charles Stevenson.

M. Medford Lane, of Philadelphia, has been spending a few days with his father, Mr. Samuel Lane.

Little Louis Wilson recentiy celebrated her seventh birthday anniversary with an Easter party. The egg hunt and games were much enjoyed by the young folks, and ice cream and cake were served with favors of chocolate Easter rabbits.

A card party for the benefit of St. Benedict's Catholic Church was given at Gaitley's candy kitchen on Tuesday evening.

Miss Anna Hobbs, of Clayton, and Miss Evelyn Hobbs, of Bridgetown, have been guests of their cousins, Misses Grace and Olive Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morris and son, of Federalsburg, were entertained lately at the home of the latter's brother, Rev. M. E. Wheatley.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Stayer, two of our primary teachers, gave their classes an egg hunt on Mrs. Johnson's spacious lawn on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Master James Duke, of Centreville, has been spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Leonard Dean.

Mr. L. P. McKnett, who succeeds Mr. A. G. Koeneman at the railroad station here, has moved his family from Cambridge into the property formerly owned by Dr. J. M. Haymaker.

Mrs. W. L. Mason, of Ocean View, Va., and Mrs. William Carlile, of Philadelphia, the former a sister of Mrs. Frank Seward and the latter a daughter, spent the Eastertide at her home.

Mr. E. H. Roe returned last week to Suffolk, Va., after a brief visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. R. Flounders, to resume his work as sales manager for a phosphate company.

Mrs. Walter Carmine and two daughters, of St. Helena, were entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith, during the Easter holidays.

Mrs. H. L. Holsinger has been spending a few days in Baltimore.

Mr. Frank Long and family spent Easter with her parents at Dover.

Tom Jones, Jr., of a university school in Baltimore, and Tom Rickards, of Polytechnic Institute, were home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Swing entertained at cards last Saturday evening.

Mr. Edgar Lane, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lane.

The time set for the Ridgely Carnival is from June 30 to July 5.

Mrs. Stella Dieffenderfer has been entertaining Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Laura Gilroy, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Arthur Straughn and son, of Marcus Hook, have been guests of Mrs. Hannah Snowberger.

Mrs. L. M. Goodwin was hostess for the regular meeting of the Women's Community Club.

ORPHANS COURT

Their Honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn were present.

In the absence of the Court, the Register of Wills, on application granted letters of administration to Calvert C. Merriken, on the personal estate of Jane Downes, deceased. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered, and Albert S. Handy and Isaac H. Morris were named as appraisers.

In the matter of Guardianship of Sylvester Cornish and Catherine Cornish, infants, on petition of Perry Cornish, the Court ordered Calvert C. Merriken, guardian to said infants, to pay over to said Perry Cornish, certain sums of money that he has in hand for them.

John L. Everngam, executor for Martha Everngam, deceased, filed release from Ida D. Clark, distributee.

Ida B. Scott and Harvey L. Cooper, administrators of John B. Scott, deceased, filed releases from Fred Scott, Minnii Waldis, Stella Cahall, Lillie Meredith and Chester Scott, distributees.

Warren VanSant and B. B. Comegys, executors of R. E. Comegys, deceased, filed a certificate of an adjustment in the matter of the estate of W. W. Comegys and also a release from the W. W. Comegys estate.

Ella H. Whitely, administratrix of William A. Whiteley, deceased, filed list of separate debts, her first and final account of administration and distribution; also a release from Ella H. Whiteley, guardian of A. Courtland Whiteley, a minor son of said deceased.

On application letters of Guardianship, to A Courtland Whiteley, minor, were granted to Ella H. Whiteley. Bond filed and approved.

Otho B. Smith, guardian and the Eastern Shore Trust Company's Bank of Federalsburg, filed release from Lawrence H. Smith, exonerating and discharging said guardian and sureties on his said guardin bond.

Renunciation having been filed, on application, letters of administration on the personal estate of William H. Cheezum, deceased, were granted to Effie L. Davis and Charles B. Harrison. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors granted, and William R. Dulin and Edward T. Moore were named as appraisers.

Scott and Harper were puzzling their brains to invent a new game. At least, Ed. said eagerly:

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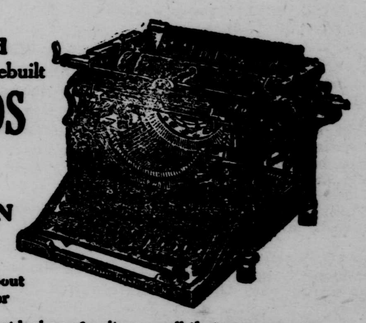


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