NOW AND THEN

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES DICKENS

The then Queen of Roumania, whose pen name was "Carmen Sylvia" was a great admirer of Charles Dickens. She wrote the following lines in commemoration of the establishment of the "Tiny Tim" cot in the Royal Portsmouth Hospital of London:

I love him for all the good
His soul was wont to see
In wretched, torn misunderstood,
Unknown humanity.

In the darkness he found light, in pain
And error love divine.
He taught sad hearts to laugh again,
And hidden gold to shine.

He heard the Christmas Carols ring,
He pitied moth and snake,
And had a song for every wing,
And balm for every ache.

DICKENS BIRTHDAY

It was the seventh of February, the birthday of Charles Dickens, the noted author who had a way in his stories of making one laugh and cry as he told of the adventures of his characters, at the same time, making them so real that they seem to have become actual personages.

Well his admirers had already received an invitation from the hospitable Mrs. Varden to celebrate the occasion at her home and were all keyed up with expectation when it began to rain, and it rained and rained nearly all day. It was so discouraging. How we peered out of the window, hoping to see it clearing, but every time we looked, it seemed to pour harder until five o'clock and then the dripping clouds divided and the sun looked forth and smiled.

What a glorious sunset there was and right in the eastern horizon a rainbow! Such a cheering sight to all. It seemed a rainbow of promise that the country, England, that Dickens loved and wrote about would come forth triumphant, that through many of her prized treasures and buildings are destroyed yet "that she will ever stand through storm and might."

And so the guests began to gather and were graciously received by their hostess, attired as she was in white satin dress and a flowered cap. Sir John Chester was resplendent in his blue satin coat, gold waistcoat, but his chief charm was in his delightful conversational powers. There was the deft little maid, Meigs, ever ready to wait on her mistress, Mrs. Varden, anticipating her every wish. There was the Rev. Mr. Chadburn, bombastic and full of self righteousness and Mrs. Snagsby his adoring parishioner, with poor Mr. Snagsby who never seemed to understand what he was expected to do. There was little Joe for one time a welcome guest in spite of his torn trousers and disordered looks, with no one there to tell him to move on. Then, too, Mrs. Betsey Trotwood breezed in to be present at the birth of her neice, Betsey Trotwood. A right merry crowd it was, all told. And the feast! What a feast with punch made by Dicken's own recipe and delectable viands. The toast to Dicken's immortal memory was made by Sir John Chester himself, and he recited a poem which he had composed to the memory of the great master. As the audience listened, "Still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew."

And so the evening passed away and all went home hoping that next year will find the meeting as pleasant and that England will still rule over the waves.

AN EPISODE

She was standing on the corner, waiting her chance to cross, she thought of the little verse:

Smart Boy

Little Jack Horner
Stood on the corner,
Waiting to cross the street;
He used his head when the light was red
And on green he used his feet.
—Exchange

But here there were no traffic lights the wind was blowing hard and twice she had to chase her hat across the one way street while waiting to cross the boulevard. One two three cars passed with many others seen coming. She dared not cross, knowing how little the drivers think of the poor pedestrians. Ten cars went by and she gathered courage to cross over which she did just escaping a car as it came speeding along.

THRIFTY

Many years ago a boy entered a Paris bank and, approaching the president of the institution, inquired, "Do you need a boy?"

"Not now," the official replied. But he engaged the boy in conversation, and was favorably impressed.

When the youth went out into the street, the eyes of the banker followed him, and he was observed to pick up a pin from the sidewalk and fasten it to his coat lapel. Finding in this simple act proof of a quality indispensable to the character of a successful banker, the official hastened after the boy, brought him back, and gave him a job.

Thus began the career of one of the most famous and successful bankers o fParis—Lafitte.

MORE DISCRIMINATE

William Dean Howells, one of America's kindlies critics, was annoyed by a novelist's conceit.

"You know," said the novelist, fishing for compliments, "I get rciher and richer, but all the same I think my work is falling off. My new work is not as good as my old."

"Oh nonsense!" siad Mr. Howells, "You write just as well as you ever did. Your taste is improving, that's all."

TYNDALL'S COMPLIMENTS TO EDISON

One of the most sincere compliments ever paid to the persistence and perseverance of Thomas A. Edison was bestowed by the famous physicist, Tyndall, while he was testifying in one of the former's patent suits. The two men had been working in research toward the same end, and Edison had succeeded while Tyndall had failed.

"I had progressed so far," explained Tyndall, "that the next step seemed to be too obvious to be worthy of investigation; but Edison took the step, and succeeded."

"When the next step was so plainly indicated," the great physicist was asked, "why did you not take it?"

"Because," replied Tyndall simply, "I was not Thomas A. Edison."

BALZAC'S PICTURES

Edwin Foley in "The Book of Decorative Furniture" says that Honore De Balzac lived many years in a cold and all but empty attic. There was no flame in his fireplace, no pictures on the walls. But on one wall he inscribed with charcoal: "Rosewood paneling with commode"; on another, "Gobelin tapestry with Venetian mirror," and in the place of honor over the fireless grate, "Picture by Raphael."

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NEWS ITEMS OF KENT CHURCHES

First Methodist Church
Paul E. Reynolds, Pastor

We must know Jesus as a Saviour in order to know the blessings of being saved.

9:45 A. M., Church School, Mr. Richard B. Groves, Supt.

11:00 A. M., Morning Worship, sermon by the pastor.

6:30 P. M., The young people meet at church.

7:30 P. M., Evening Worship, sermon by the pastor.

7:30 P. M., Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

7:30 Friday evening the young people meet at the church for a business and social meeting.

Christ Methodist Church
W. P. Roberts, D. D., Minister

10:00 A. M., Sunday School. T. D. Bowers, Supt.

11:00 A. M., Worship. Subject, "The Scapegoat."

6:30 P. M., C. E. Leader, Miss Eleanor Newton.

7:30 P. M., Worship. Subject, "Withered Hands."

Monday—The Men's Chorus rehearsal at 8 P. M.

Tuesday—The Triangle Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Hadaway at 8 P. M.

Wednesday—Prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M.

Next Sunday—A. M. Subject, "The Light of Life"; P. M., Subject, "In Him We Live."

"Have you tried to be the man you ought to be?"

Betterton Methodist Church
Charles E. Davis, Pastor

Church School at 10 A. M. Mrs. Archie Crew, Supt.

The Young Peoples Devotional **Service at 7:30 P. M.**

Worship Service at 8 P. M. Sermon by the Pastor.

The Annual Washington Social will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 21 at 8 P. M. in the Church School room.

Still Pond Methodist Church
Charles E. Davis, Pastor

Church School at 9:30 A. M. Mrs. F. B. Harper, Supt.

Worship Service at 11 A. M. Sermon by the pastor.

The Young Peoples Devotional Service at 7 P. M.

A George Washington Social will be held in the Church School room on Friday evening, Feb. 21.

St. James Methodist Church
Melvin Kay, Minister

10:30 A. M., Study of the lesson. Mr. George A. Carroll, Supt.

11:00 A. M., Devotional Period.

11:30 A. M., Sermon by the pastor.

12:00 N., Benediction.

Christian Endeavor at 7:00 P. M. The leaders are Miss Bessie Nicholson and Ann Clark.

Lynch Methodist Church
Melvin Kay, Minister

2:30 P. M., Sunday School. Mrs. Mabel Jewell, Supt.

3:00 P. M., Worship. Sermon by the pastor.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Theodore H. Ernst, Pastor

Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:15 P. M.

Divine Worship at 3:00 P. M.

Sermon: "Preaching and Hearing." Luke, 8, 12.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, Sundays, 1:30 P. M., WBAL.

Emmanuel P. E. Church
Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector
Sunday, Feb. 16—

8:00 A. M., Holy Communion

10:00 A. M., Church School.

11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer. Sermon by the Rector.

7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer. Music by the Junior Choir.

The Junior Choir rehearsals are regularly on Saturday mornings at 10:30 A. M., in the Church or Parish House. Should neither be available for any reason, notice of where the rehearsal will be held will be posted on the door of the Church.

The Rector wishes to express appreciation to the members of both Emmanuel and Shrewsbury Parishes who have responded to the appeal of the Church for aid to the Missions of England. In her need and distress the Church of England turned to her Daughter, The Episcopal Church in America, and the latter **offered, through her General Con**vention last Fall, to raise, by personal appeal to her members, the sum of $300,000 this year for this purpose. This is about 20 or 25 cents per communicant, and will unquestionably be raised. The response in both Parishes has been generous. But if there are any who have not received the special envelope, but who would like to have a share in this most Christian purpose, the Rector suggests that they use any ordinary envelope, marked for "English Missions", and put it in the plate in Church, in the box at the door, or leave it at Stam's Drug Store, in Chestertown.

Shrewsbury Parish
Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector
Sunday, February 16—

2:30 P. M., Evening Service, in St. Andrew's Chapel, Galena. Sunday School will be held at the same hour as the Service, and should there be no session of the School at any time, the children will be given credit on their Cross and Crown Attendance pins if they are present at the Service.

Kennedyville Methodist Church
Rev. E. W. Cursey, Pastor

10:00 A. M., Church School and Men's Bible Class. Supt. Harvey Hopkins.

Lesson topic: "Forgiving and Thanking Others."

11:00 A. M., Morning Worship, sermon by the Pastor. Special music.

7:00 P. M. Christian Endeavor—Leader Mr. Arthur Pinder. Bible questions and answers.

The following classes were 100% in attendance: Mrs. Dempsey's, Miss Hopkins and Mrs. Bennett's.

The Official Board will hold a meeting at the church Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 P. M.

Bond Chapel Methodist Church
Rev. William E. Lewis, Pastor

Sunday School Service 10 A. M., Elmer Starr, Supt.

Worship Service 11 A. M. Sermon by the pastor.

Mowbray Chapel Methodist Church
Rev. William E. Lewis, Pastor

Sunday School service 7 P. M. Mrs. Anna Goodman, Supt.

Worship Service 8 P. M. Sermon by the Pastor.

We extend an invitation to anyone desiring to worship with us.

Bond Chapel and Morbray Chapel
Rev. William E. Lewis, Pastor

There will be held at Bond Chapel this coming Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1941 at 8 P. M. a joint membership meeting, to revise the Church Membership Register and to discuss our financial statue. Everyone possessing helpful information is requested and urged to be present and lend his or her assistance—Old members—New members—and prospective members.

There will be a social for old and young held at Bond Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 19, starting at 8 P. M. Everyone come and bring your "Best Disposition" with you.

Our "Game Room," still in its formation period will be instituted in the very near future. May God bless us in our effort to win the suppport of our young people.

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