BOOK OF SERMONETS
The Religious Observations of a Country Newspaper Man

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Mr. and Mrs. Apollo Opes and Olives Amanda Thompson, from Philadelphia, Ohio, with very good wish for a Christmas full of Cheer and a New Year filled with Health, happiness and prosperity.

Sincerely,

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To The Memory of
MY MOTHER

WHOSE WISE COUNSEL AND LOVING, TENDER ENCOURAGEMENT WAS AN URGE AND INSPIRATION TO WORK WITHOUT CEASING IN LEARNING “THE ART PRESERVATIVE OF ALL ARTS,” AND LATER TO BECOME AN EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, IN WHICH VOCATION A MODERATE DEGREE OF SUCCESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, THIS BOOKLET IS

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED
AT the outset, the author of this booklet desires to emphasize that the real object of its publication is the preservation of its contents in a convenient form.

These sermonets were written four years ago as a feature for the Saturday edition of The Dover Daily Reporter for Sunday reading.

They were written in addition to the regular day's work in editing and managing The Advocate Tribune of New Philadelphia, Ohio, a weekly publication—formed by the consolidation of two newspapers. The former, The Tuscarawas Advocate, was established in 1819 by the late Judge James Patrick, Sr. The latter, The New Philadelphia Tribune, was established in 1893 by the author.

The thought occurred to the writer that perhaps his posterity and other relatives and personal friends might be pleased to receive the booklet as a little remembrance of one who has spent practically his entire life in the newspaper business, beginning as a "printer's devil" and having had experience in every department in the making of a newspaper.

Since July, 1920, The Tuscarawas Publishing Company has owned and controlled The Daily Reporter of Dover and The Advocate Tribune of New Philadelphia, and the author is a stockholder and officer in said company and is a contributor to both newspapers.

From February 15, 1926, the greater part of the writer's time has been devoted to the publication of The Daily Reporter in an editorial capacity.

The linotype composition of this booklet was performed by Francis L. Davis, linotype operator in The Daily Reporter office, the pages were made up by D. C. Burkholder, foreman in the office, who also assembled the pages and bound them into a book.

Because the articles are religious in thought and tone, and for the reason it was necessary they should be brief, they were published under the heading of "Sermonets."

In each of the subjects treated, only the high spots are touched, the thought being they might prove interesting and perhaps helpful to some persons.

Since the copy of the sermonets had to be given to the linotype operator at a certain time, and were written as extra labor in a day's duties in the average weekly newspaper office, it is probable that critics may find some things that do not measure up to their standards. But whatever criticism may be made will come from long-time and loyal friends to whom the booklet will be a gift, and the author is sure they will be charitable.

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Where Rest is Found

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matthew 11:28.

“Rest Is Not Here.”

What’s this vain world to me?
Rest is not here;
False are the smiles I see,
The mirth I hear.
Where is youth’s joyful glee?
Where all once dear to me?
Gone as the shadows flee—
Rest is not here.
Why did the morning shine
Blithely and fair?
Why did those tints so fine
Vanish in air?
Does not the vision say,
Pain lingering heart, away,
Why in this desert stay—
Dark land of care!
Where souls angelic soar,
Thither repair;
Let this vain world no more
Lull and ensnare.
That heaven I love so well
Still in my heart shall dwell;
All things around me tell
Rest is found there.
—Carolina Nairne.

The Savior, having sounded the depths of every human experience, knew what physical exhaustion, brain fog, discouragement and the soul’s longing mean.

To the tired father and mother, who are struggling in their efforts to provide food, clothing and shelter for their children and themselves, He wants them to know He is thinking of them and is ready with His help and encouragement.

Moreover, the Savior knows that the greatest burden in the world is not physical and mental, but the sinfulness of the people, and he wants to lift that burden.

When a child, after hours of activity, becomes exhausted, it seeks
rest and quiet and goes to its mother who takes it in her arms, and with a lullaby soon soothes the little one into a sweet, restful sleep.

The mother’s great love and tender affection is the strong magnet that draws her children to her. They feel perfectly secure and happy in her arms.

The Savior, when on earth and since his departure to his Father’s home, has that great love and sympathy for humanity.

He knows the burdens that all are carrying, and is ever ready and able to lift them.

“Come unto me.” He did not say come tomorrow, next month or next year, but come NOW, and let me carry your burdens; I am anxious to help you.

What is the price for the Savior’s taking your burdens away and giving you that sweet rest that only He can bestow? Why, it is believing and trusting in Him—that humble, sincere, loving and affectionate trust a child manifests for its mother.

Would Washington have been successful at Valley Forge and Lincoln able to crush the Rebellion and save the Union, had not they gone to God with their great burdens and had them lifted?

No. Both of these great, Christian patriots realized they could not accomplish their tremendous tasks for humanity without the help of the One who “can doeth all things.”

So, Washington and Lincoln, in humility, love and trustfulness, in silent prayer, made supplication for help and guidance, and their burdens were raised, their hearts cheered, strength renewed, vision made clear and success assured.

“Come unto me.” Are you ready to accept the invitation? Do you want your burden of sin taken away? Do you desire to be relieved of that weariness that comes to you so often—that something you cannot fathom, which is the soul’s unrest?

The Savior is standing by your side with outstretched arms, saying: “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

And the rest that He has in store for those who come, will flood their lives with a glow and brightness and joy they have never before experienced.
Employment of Wise Economy

“Only two things are really important in this world; peace of mind based on a good conscience and independence based on wise economy.”

Today.
I’ve shut the door on yesterday—
Its sorrows and mistakes;
I’ve locked within its gloomy walls
Past failures and heartaches.
And now I throw the key away
To seek another room,
And furnish it with hope and smiles
And every springtime bloom.
No thought shall enter this abode
That has a hint of pain.
And Envy, Malice and Distrust
Shall never entrance gain.
I’ve shut the door on yesterday
And thrown the key away—
Tomorrow holds no fears for me,
Since I have found today.
—Vivian Laramore.

The late James A. Garfield, who rose from a poor boy to be a Brigadier General in the Civil War, Congressman, United States Senator and President of the United States, once said: “I must keep my conscience clean and pure, because I have to sleep with it every night.”

Nothing in this life can take the place of peace of mind. M. Henry said: “Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth.”

Peace of mind means that one is in harmony with the teachings of the Master—in concord with his purposes and plans. There can not be perfect peace of mind unless one has been touched by the Holy Spirit.

Peace of mind also signifies that there is love, kindness, tenderness and sympathy in one’s heart. There can be no peace of mind unless these virtues are present.

It was Young who said: “The man who consecrates his hours by vigorous effort, and an honest aim, at once draws the sting of life and death; he walks with nature; and her paths are peace.”

Speaking of conscience, Augustine said: “A good conscience is the
palace of Christ; the temple of the Holy Ghost; the paradise of delight; the standing Sabbath of the saints."

The wealth of the world can not purchase a good conscience. It must come by living right, cultivating lofty ideals and then striving to live up to them. It means looking to the one who unfolds the beauties of this life and the life to come. A good conscience makes for supreme happiness.

Independence based on wise economy. Cobbett said: "It is not the greatness of a man's means that makes him independent, so much as the smallness of his wants."

Independence does not mean loftiness or arrogance. The truly independent person does not display his independence. He is modest, well poised and unassuming. It was Pope who said: "Let fortune do her worst, so long as she never makes us love our honesty and independence."

Independence is the fruit of honest, persistent effort, coupled with wise economy.

Ruskin said: "Economy, whether public or private, means the wise management of labor, mainly in three senses: applying labor rationally, preserving its produce carefully, and distributing its produce seasonably."

Wise economy is absolutely essential to happiness and success. The world today is suffering from a lack of wise economy, which has resulted in the world-wide unrest.

Wise economy is one of the most important lessons that can be employed by individuals, communities, states and nations.

The boys and girls who are brought up to be industrious and are taught to practice wise economy, have the right start in life, and barring illness or misfortune are assured of a competency and independence, which means comforts and happiness in the evening of their lives.

The Joy Of Life

A great deal of the joy of life consists in doing perfectly, or at least to the best of one's ability, everything which one attempts to do.

There is a sense of satisfaction, a pride in surveying such a work—a work which is rounded, full, exact, complete in all its parts—which the superficial man, who leaves his work in a slovenly, slipshod, half-finished condition, can never know.

It is this conscientious completeness which turns work into art. The smallest thing, well done, becomes artistic.

—William Mathews.