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RECALLED OFFICER TO DUTY

Sight of Shoulder Strap Brought to
Soldier a Realization of His
Responsibilities.

There is a story that Lieut. Guy Preston of the United States army saved his men at the fight at Wounded Knee by remembering the sentiment of the old French proverb: "Nobility necessitates noble conduct." He was holding his men in line before the Indians fired. Everyone was looking for trouble of some kind, but it was the unexpected thing that happened.

The Indians were hovering about with their blankets round them when the signal was given by one of them, and in an instant every buck threw away his blanket and stood revealed with a gun in his hand. The redskins fired. They had every advantage of the soldiers, for they outnumbered them and had taken them wholly by surprise. The soldiers ran. They did not mean to run far, but they needed some sort of cover.

But Preston, looking back over his shoulder to see if the Indians were following, or for whatever purpose a man looks back at a dangerous foe, saw the strap on his shoulder and experienced a shock.

It occurred to him at the instant that he was running away with the insignia of rank that his government had conferred upon him; that he was, in a way, the representative of a great nation, and that he ought not to run. He stopped. Of course there was no well-defined object in his stopping, but when the rest of the men saw him standing there, without cover, and returning the fire of the Indians, they turned back, and in five minutes it was all over, and the Indians were beaten.

It would have been nothing short of a slaughter had Preston gone with the rest, for there was no cover until the top of the hill was reached, and that was so distant that the Indians would have had an easy time picking off the men as they ran. Preston's idea of duty was what saved the day.—*Youth's Companion.*

BIBLE'S PLACE IN LITERATURE

Knowledge of the Scriptures Has
Been Acknowledged Essential to
Education.

The ignorance of the Bible is to be deplored for other than religious reasons. Its cultural value is very great. We have been learning during the last half century that a knowledge of English literature is an indispensable element in public education; that "in getting to know," as Matthew Arnold contended, "the best that has been said and thought in the world," we broaden our horizon and purify our ideals, and thus prepare ourselves for the duties of citizenship. Our colleges and universities have been enforcing this truth upon us by their requirements for admission.

But if a knowledge of literature is indispensable to the education of a citizen, acquaintance with the English Bible is surely fundamental for that knowledge. Washington Gladden writes in the Atlantic. All our best English literature is shot through and through with Biblical quotations, maxims, metaphors, characters, allusions; the one book with which a reader needs to have familiar acquaintance is the English Bible.

It is ridiculous for anyone to undertake to teach English literature who does not know his Bible at least as well as he knows his Shakespeare. On the pages he is undertaking to elucidate he will meet Shakespeare once. For purposes of critical exposition, it is certainly quite as necessary for him to understand Jacob as to understand Shylock; familiarity with Job is of greater practical value than familiarity with "Paradise Lost."

Benevolence.

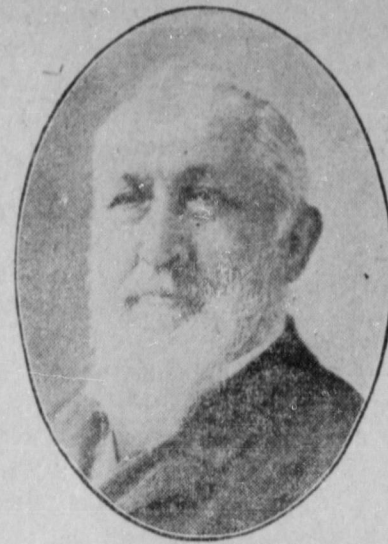
My ideal of human intercourse would be a state of things in which no man will ever stand in need of any other man's help, but will derive all his satisfaction from the great social tides which own no individual names.

No man can play the deity to his fellow man with impunity—I mean spiritual impunity, of course. For see: If I am at all satisfied with that relation, if it contents me to be in a position of generosity towards others, I must be remarkably indifferent at bottom to the gross social inequality which permits that position, and instead of resenting the enforced humiliation of my fellow man to myself, in the interests of humanity, I acquiesce in it for the sake of the profit it yields to my own self-complacency. I do hope the reign of benevolence is over; until that event occurs I am sure the reign of God will be impossible.—*Henry James, Sr.*

Sexton Had Discretion.

At Christmas time certain ladies of an English parish were busy decorating the village church, when they were informed that a goat was making a meal of a "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men" design in yew-leaves, which was standing in the churchyard ready for removal into the building. The sexton, who was assisting, immediately rushed to the rescue, but the goat, resenting the interruption, repelled his attack vigorously.

"Make haste, Johnson, and get up," said the vicar's wife, from a place of safety; "it's starting to eat again." "Let him eat again, ma'am!" said Johnson; "I'm going to wait till he's got some 'good will to men' inside 'im!"



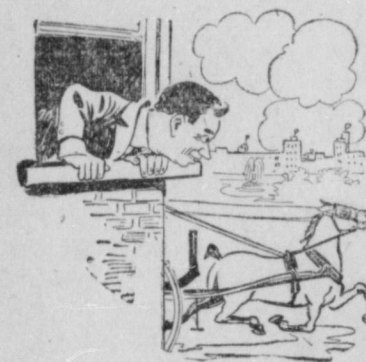
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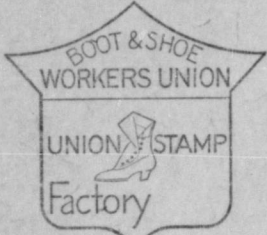
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