

ferent subjects [and occurrences.—“Who was School Inspector before Mr. Quin?” “What was the age of Rev. Beyer?” “When did Governor Arendrup come to the islands?” “When did he start the King Land small ownership?” “Who planted the mahogany trees on the wharf?” “Was it in the now Alexander’s yard that Johnny Salt Head held his dance in 1852 when the Police interfered occasioning the trouble of said year?” “What was the best month to plant vanilla beans?” “Why was Turnkey Bulow called “Mongoose?” and so on and so forth AD EXTREMUM. Jackson knew about every happening and everybody having anything to do with any public occurrence—he was a sort of Bureau of local affairs.

The Dean of the Police Force

Eight years ago this month, I wrote a Character of Jackson under the caption “Ex-Policeman Frederick C. Jackson An Exemplar Public Man.” I now quote what I wrote then:—

“We have grown accustomed to think of Jackson as the Dean of Christiansted Police Force. During his thirty eight years service he has served under many Police-Masters and, as far as I know, never had anything serious charged against him. Indeed, it is not too much to say that his personality on the Force has counted for much. He probably knows personally more “tough” characters than are known to any other policeman. And what is more these characters are afraid of him while respecting him at the same time. * * * * Ex-Policeman Jackson’s public life has been an element MAKING FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP. Jackson’s way of admonishing offenders to behave is well known. Among the score of policemen I have seen come and go, I know but TWO with the habit.

His best years have been spent in serving the public. If there was a case of drowning—Jackson was there; a shout for help around the corner—Jackson to the rescue; a fire—he gives valuable assistance. Apparently his slogan was “always on the job. * * * * Not the least of his public career are the six years he has been Street Inspector. His knowledge of mechanics stood him good here as can be seen by the gutters and bridges repaired and built under his supervision.

It is not within the purview of this article to deal with the serious disturbances which have occurred in St. Croix. However, it is history that they were occasioned either by injudicious acts, or unfortunate and untimely insults of those in authority; and the excess by the ignorance of the people at the time. Therefore, it is to the EVERLASTING HONOR of Frederick C. Jackson that he knew HOW to “exhaust his discretion” thereby averting another serious disturbance in St. Croix. Such a Public Man is one out of the ordinary.

THE FAMILY ALTAR.

BY C. S. MAYHEW.

The habits and customs formed at home usually affect our lives on the outside and we do not think there is anything that influences the life like the Family Altar. In reading the life’s story of the world’s greatest men we cannot fail to be impressed with the sacredness and high estimation placed upon this institution of the home. From tender youth down to hoary hairs there seem to linger sweet recollections of times when the Bible was read and the family were called to prayer daily.

The first influence felt from the observance of this means of grace is the *spirit of unity* in the home. Father, Mother, children, and even servants are brought into the presence of God on one plain. They worship God and all through the day their lives are made fragrant by it. All seem to work in harmony with each other and thereby harsh, cruel and unkind words find no place. But in the absence of the Family Altar everything goes wrong. The children are fretful, servants miss the friendly good morning and parents are at cross swords with each other.

Another influence issuing from the Family Altar is that of a *due regard for the Bible*. This is also of tremendous importance in the home. When parents place the proper value on the Bible it instills into the mind and heart of the children a reverence and respect for God’s divine commands. This will naturally serve to hinder them from knowingly violate His Word. The Family Altar should more so be erected to serve this purpose since the Bible has been taken out of our public schools.

We may go on to give the many influences which the Family Altar make in the homelife as well as the outside life but it is not necessary. The purpose of this message is to call you back to old customs which have had a lasting affect upon men of all ages. THE FAMILY ALTAR was erected in almost every home throughout christendom but many have drifted away from this mooring. Business, pleasure and almost everything else is taking its place but it pays us to spend some time with God daily. The burdens of life are lightened, the cares seem fewer and a bond of fellowship exists between the soul and God. Many a care-worn man or woman has found much hope for a brighter life while thinking upon the time their mothers drew them about there knees at the Family Altar.

In closing let me say that what we are in the home the church will be. We can never be spiritual christians in the church when the family altar is neglected and the Bible is left on the shelf to gather dust and be eaten by moths. “Ask ye for the old paths and walk therein.” God bless you.

AN APPRECIATION.

The Presiding Elder of the A. M. E. Church, Directress of the Entertainment and Officers concerned therein, desire to express to the general public their deep sense of appreciation and loftiest gratitude for the good attendance, the services of the Native Brass Band, the publicity in the papers, the items rendered by friends of the Church, and all that was done to effect a grand success in the Program.

We were very pleased to know that the public has shown in a most tangible way, that there is some appreciation for what our Great Church has done here in St. Croix. We express thanks most heartily, yea, great THANKS.

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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 5th.—Mr. Charles Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, stated that the question of holding a naval review in July off Spithead, in connection with the Empire Exhibition, was being considered and arrangements would be made, if possible to bring some small ships up the Thames.

Brighton, Eng., March 5th.—The country that got the most out of the war was the United States, it gained prohibition,” said Mr. Lloyd George addressing a meeting of the Free Church here yesterday. He appealed for a sober England and declared that, as a reaction from the idealism of the war, the world had sunk into the slough of despondency, its struggles had become purely material and a new temper and a new appeal were wanted.

New York, March 5th.—A demand from operators brought about an advance of 1/2 in the raw sugar market today, spot prices now being quoted at 7.28, duty paid. The sales aggregated about 152,000 bags, including Cuban, Porto Rican, and Philippine Islands, for March shipment. The advance in the spot market and strength abroad led to active covering and renewed buying for outside account in the raw sugar futures market. The opening was at an advance of two to five points and following some irregularly, some months sold at 5 points higher. Most of the gain was lost in late trading, with the market closing unchanged to three points net higher. Close March 5.46, May 5.54, July 5.59, September 5.57. There was a better withdrawal demand in refined sugar, but new business was still light, and prices were unchanged at 8.90 to 9.15 for fine granulated. Refined futures nominal.