A WORD TO THE LONELY

Here's an excerpt from "The Asiatics" by Frederick Prokosch:

Man is a lonely creature. It's taken me a long time to make sure of it and it's been a sad process . . .
I've always instinctively reached out toward people. I'd want to see into them and let them see into me. I'd want to become part of them and let them be part of me. But something always happened. It would never work out properly. They'd resist it if I detected a weakness in them . . . and they'd grow bored and contemptuous if I showed them my weaknesses. Always. Intimacy scared them . . . We're all lonely little souls; we've all got to work out our own salvation.

The word "lonely" does not occur in the Bible; but its equivalent, "alone" appears there frequently. Its first use is in connection with God's provision against man's loneliness.

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." (Genesis 2:18)

When God presented that which He had made to Adam, he said: "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." (Genesis 2:23)

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave into his wife; and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

It was not the intention of God that a "dark cell of loneliness" should wall His creature in.

"True," says one. "But although marriage is the closest bond of all—and although one is suitably married and the days are filled with love and happy association—a consciousness of loneliness grips one.

That condition can only exist because sin has come into the world and permeated all phases of man's earthly existence. It was not so originally.

Frederick Prokosch implies that a perfect partner must be found before loneliness will cease. One that you can see into and that can see into you—one that you will become part of, and that will become part of you—one in whom there is no weakness—yet one that can understand the confessions of weakness in you—and one that will not be scared at intimacy.

Such a perfect one can only be found in the Lord Jesus Christ!

If ever anyone knew loneliness in its stark reality it was the Lord Jesus. He knew what it was to be left alone by man; and on the cross He cried: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Mark 15:34)

He certainly can see into us! But what about seeing into Him? We know essential deity is His—He is infinite in being—yet His character and conduct are so perfectly transparent that one desirous of looking into Him experiences no difficulty in perceiving Him to be "altogether lovely."

And as for becoming part of Him and He of us, ponder His disciples: "Ye in Me, and I in you!" (John 14:20).

There is no weakness in Him, and He never grows bored and contemptuous when we acknowledge our weakness to Him.

There is no possibility of intimacy scaring Him, for He already knows us infinitely better than we know ourselves.

He has made it possible for us to enjoy Him as our perfect partner, because He shed His precious blood for the remission of our sins.

And in resurrection, after assuring us that all power in heaven and earth has been given to Him, He says: "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Again He said: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5)

"I've always instinctively reached out toward people" says the author of "The Asiatics." This is well enough in its place, but has there been that superior thing of reaching out by faith toward the adorable Lord Jesus Christ?

"Christ liveth in me" is the only real preventive of loneliness.

Tom M. Olson in the Doorstep Evangel.
WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

A Watch Night Service will be held at Community Church from 9 to 12 P. M. New Year's Eve. Arrangements are being made by the Christian Endeavor.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kinlein announce the marriage of their daughter Magdalena Dorothea to Russell William Harper, Jr., Chief Petty Officer, U.S.N., on Monday, December the third at Baltimore, Md.

D. OF A.

Fourteen new members were taken into Stow D. of A. at their School of Instruction, Monday December 17, in the Town Hall. The next regular meeting will be Monday January 7th at 7:30 p.m. There will be draping of the Charter in memory of Mrs. Joanne Henderson who passed away Dec. 10th. There will also be installation of officers. Members please wear white.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

This is the time of the year when one should consider Old Father Time and pass on a few wise remarks about getting older, turning over a new leaf etc., but, it is also the morning after Christmas when this is being written, too late to make much of a paper for this week so we will just wish you a Happy New Year and hope that on the way to work we can pick up an article at Joe Mitten's. H. J. S.

RANK

For some time I have wanted to write an article about the rank of the boys who are coming back from the service. I know it is a matter of family pride to have a boy come back as a Captain, but what about the neighbor's boy who served just as long and shows a single stripe on his sleeve when he is discharged. One can get a very wrong impression of the relative worth of these two men to society if he takes their army rank's as the only yardstick. I admit that the private has not received his just share of publicity. One has only to look in the magazines; the pictures and stories have entirely too many lieutenants and captains and not near-

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ly as many privates first class and corporals as their actual number would seem to warrant. You see this disparity in numbers when you count the men in uniform downtown. Can it be that the privates first class feel that they want to get out of uniform as quickly as possible while the commissioned officer wants to hold on to his distinction a while longer?

When that boy comes home without a commission, he and his parents should not feel hurt; neither should they be exalted because he wears bars on his shoulder. The criterion, and the only one, to be used in judging the boy's service should be whether his record is clean and honorable. If your boy didn't get a commission, remember that just wasn't his inning to get a base hit. The best batters don't always get home runs. It's the average that counts—the average for the whole game of life—that determines your value to the team.

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The attendance by Mrs. Gilham's One birthday call Billy Zimmerman.
Richard Kempel informing us of his the Army. His appears to be 852 Oron 10, Ohio.
Mrs. Hazel Gilh sick with the flu. We hope that shelter and able to get excellent articles: Bible School less.
NEW ARRIVAL ward, weight eight ounces, arrived in to live with his Mrs. Howard S. Kent (Stow). Min formerly Anna Le.
Some few days call from Clyde Washington to whether he could Christmas remembrance had recovers and other points.
This past Christ Postoffice sent more mail than any in its history. Assembly Watermorgan able assistance office was largely the successful handling volume of business.
Mrs. Joseph madge left the day by plane for Gal will visit with Pickard, and his Mary fifteenth, ad doctor will receive from the Army automobile to Silver Lake.

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Last Saturday as we drove past the main corner in Stow with sons Odwin and Marc crowded in the front seat of our old Plymouth it looked a little like old times. On one corner soldier James Weldon with barracks bag (back from Yale) apparently waiting for a bus to take him the rest of the way home, called to us across the street on the opposite corner there was Sailor John Thomas Adams S1/c, also apparently home for the holidays, and the two Durst boys, one home on furlough, the other in civies, discharged and now attending Kent State University. Previously we had just seen Charles Miller. Later at church we met Lloyd Swanson. Then there was Harold Hamilton, Clara Gillam and a good many others. One thing about the boys, those who have been gone two, three and four years, we have to look a second time to recognize them. In our memory they are just youngsters, now, they are men and appear much older, which reminds us that we are all getting older and some day, like George Washington's generation, it will be only in the his-
tory books that our time will be remembered.

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LETTER
December 12, 1945
Dear Mr. Stockman:
I've had a change of address for sometime but it's just dawned on me that I haven't notified you of the change. It's interesting to see who's getting discharged. I have high hopes of being turned loose in the next few months.
I was quite fortunate in landing state side duty. This is the best liberty country a guy could ask for, so I'm just hoping I can sweat out the remainder of my time in the navy right here.
My present address is:
Jack Chapman CM 3/c
CD-2642 NAAS
Arcata, California
Thanks a million for the paper and here's hoping you keep them coming my way for the next few months. I remain
Sincerely Yours.
Jack

Ed. Note: Thanks for the change of address notice and we hope you are "turned loose" soon.—H. J. S.

LETTER
Apra Harbor, Guam
16 December 1945
Dear Mr. Stockman:
I am one of those delinquent writers who is always intending to get a letter written to you every now and then thanking you and all the good people of Stow for making possible the sending of the C. C. News to all the ones of us in the armed forces.
I believe in the last letter that I wrote you I said that I would have

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to tell you later where all I have been since leaving the States. At the time I wrote the last letter censorship was still in effect.

The U.S.S. Trefoil, the supply barge on which I have served for the last 21½ months, left the harbor at San Francisco, Calif. on the 1st day of last April 1944 and sailed or rather I should say was towed to Pearl Harbor. The barge is of concrete and steel and is approximately 360 feet long and 54 feet wide. We stayed in Pearl Harbor only about one week and were then ordered to be taken to Majuro in the Central Marshall Islands. Our stay there was short and in June we sailed for Enewoik in the Northern Marshals. The Navy Task force that raided Truk in early June was there at the time we sailed. Our work really started in earnest and we issued stores to all ships of the amphibious and battle forces during the strike at Guam which resulted in our retaking of the island. In October we were moved once again to one of the most secret of naval advanced bases in the Pacific. The base was Ulithi, a large lagoon surrounded by a few coral strips that had a little vegetation on them. Our barge worked twenty-four hours a day, seven days for a little over seven months serving every task force that operated out of that base. We furnished all of the stores and supplies needed for the Iwo Jima and the Okinawa campaigns. In the last of May of this year we were moved to San Pedro Bay in the Philippines. San Pedro Bay is located in the southern part of the Philippines between the islands of Samar and Leyte. The end of the war found us issuing our stores to all of the ships carrying occupation troops to Japan. In the early part of November, we received orders to go to Guam. Upon arrival we were told that we were to stay in the Pacific on advance base duty issuing stores to the ships that stopped in at Guam. There is lots more that I could tell you about but it would go on for pages and save it until I get home and tell you then.

I have received the copy of the C. C. News in which you asked that all of us who knew that we were returning to the States for discharge would let you know so that copies would not be mailed. Well, I can happily say that I am now one of the lucky fellows. I am on a draft leaving soon for the States. So Mr. Stockman I would appreciate it very much if you will have my name removed from the mailing list for the present and I am hoping that I see you very soon.

I want to again thank everybody that has helped make the sending of the C. C. News to all of us who are in the armed forces. I noticed in one of the last copies that I have received that you stated that you did not know whether the C. C. News would continue after everybody is home once again. I sincerely hope that it continues and I know that all of those that have received it for so long during the time they have been in the service are hoping the same thing.

I think that I have about run down for the present and since it is nearly chow time I will close. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert Hamilton

Footnote: Thanks for the interesting letter. We hope to see you soon.—H. J. S.