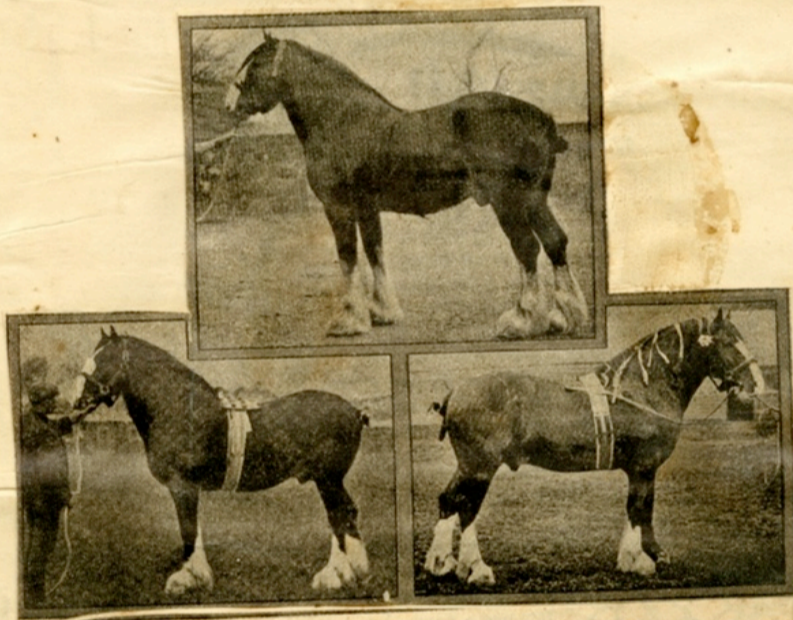


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The Secret of Peace and Strength.

SUPPOSE that the Christian life, in its daily manifestation, should come to be marked and known by simplicity and happiness. Suppose that the followers of Jesus should really escape from bondage to the evil spirits of avarice and luxury which infest and torment so much of our complicated, tangled, artificial modern life. Suppose that instead of increasing their wants and their desires, instead of loading themselves down on life's journey with so many bags and parcels and boxes of superfluous luggage and bric-a-brac that they are forced to sit down by the roadside and gasp for breath; instead of wearing themselves out in the dusty ways of ostentation and vain show, or embittering their hearts because they cannot succeed in getting into the weary race of wealth and fashion—suppose instead of all this they should turn to quiet ways, lowly pleasures, pure and simple joys, "plain living and high thinking." Suppose they should truly find and show their happiness in the knowledge that God loves them and Christ died for them and heaven is sure, and so set their hearts free to rejoice in life's common mercies—the light of the sun, the blue of the sky, the splendor of the sea, the peace of the everlasting hills, the song of the birds, the sweetness of flowers, the wholesome savor of good food, the delights of action and motion, the refreshment of sleep, the charm of music, the blessings of human love and friendship—rejoice in all these without fear or misgiving, because they come from God, and because Christ has sanctified them all by his presence and touch—suppose, I say, that such a revival of the joy of living in Christ and working for Christ should silently sweep over the Church in the twentieth century. What would happen? Great would be the peace of her children. Greater still would be their power.

—DR HENRY VAN DYKE, IN "JOY AND POWER."



Marcellus.

Hiawatha.

Baron's Pride.

Three of the most noted Clydesdale horses in Scotland to-day. Note the strong hocks flinty bone, silky feather, springy pasterns, and large open hoof-heads. [Courtesy of Nor.-West Farm]

*Thos. A. Chisholm Dunkeld Ont
Apr 18/86. wants Clyde stallion*