

Safety and Silence

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to have a better and more up-to-date sanctuary. These Lancaster people saw to it that God got a better sanctuary. They have built one of the most modern country churches in the state of Iowa. It has practically all the modern conveniences that most city and town churches have.

WEAKENED BY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

There was a period of time several years ago when the changes of the times brought changes in the church. There were several deaths, some families moved out of the township over a period of a few years. The church closed its doors for a time. The future of the church appeared dark for a time. As one citizen of the township explained: "We had our ups and downs, but now we are having our ups again."

The Rev. Jasper Smith, a farmer, who lives 12 miles southwest of Lancaster, was called as pastor. He preaches every Sunday morning. Remembering what the old brick church used to accommodate, we satisfied ourself there were more people at the services than were at Sunday morning services when the brick church served the township needs.

The church that has refused to die is well on the way to a permanent future. The principal reason it has refused to die lies in the fact that Lancaster people are not quitters. They can take a lot of punishment in life's battles, but the word "quit" has never found a place in their dictionaries. It is this writer's guess it never will.

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Nothing can ruin a country if the people themselves undertake its safety; nothing can save it if they leave that safety in any hands but their own.—Daniel Webster.

To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men.—Abraham Lincoln.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.—Benjamin Franklin.

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