I pray Thee, Lord, that when it comes

To say if I will follow truth and Thee, Or choose instead to win, as better worth My pains, some cloying recompense of

Grant me, great Father, from a hard fought field, Farspent and bruised, upon a battered

shield. Home to obscure endurance to be born

Rather than live my own mean gains t

Far better fall with face turned toward the goal.

At one with wisdom and my own worn-

Than ever come to see myself prevail, When to succeed at last is but to fal.

Mean ends to win and therewith be con-Save me from that! Direct Thou the

As suits Thy will; where'er the prizes go, Grant me the struggle, that my soul may

-Edward S. Martin

---Helping Tha Enemy

By REV. G- B F. HALLOCK, D. D.

"Thou art a comf rt unto them. In these words the prophet Ezekiel reminded the Jews of his time that by their sins and misconduct they were helping the enemy of the Lord. In time of war it is treason for a citizen to give aid and comfort to the enemies of his country. He need not actually take up arms and fight against his government. He need only in some way give aid and comfort to the enemy: that alone is treason.

Now, the fact is, that the Kingdom of Light is at war with the Kingdom of Darkness. To become guilty of treason one need not openly j in the forces of Satan and actually fight against the Kingdom of our Lord. It s treason to God to aid and comfort the enemy in any way whatsoever, and it is under this condition that many of the laxities of Christians in these days fall.

We are helping the enemy in many of the questionable pleasures we perm t ourselves. When we begin to think of these things, how naturally we include such amusements as card-playing dancing and attending the theatre. In an abstract way we may argue that all of these, and other pleasures like them are innocent; and no one of them seems at first sight to be sinful in it self; but both Christians and hose in the world seem agreed that there is something at variance with a devout Christian life connected with each of these forms of indulgence. It would almost seem that people feel there i sin in them, though they are ab'e to argue that there is not. But leaving that aside, this, at least is true, - that the world is quick to say; "These church-members dance, play cards and go to the theatre. Church-members are no better than we are." Thus a card-playing, theatre-going, dancing church-member gives aid and comfort to the enemy.

When Queen Victoria came to the throne of England, she ordered, we read, an entirely new set of crowns. The old crowns were of pure gold There was nothing wrong with the old crowns in themselves, but their associations were bad. Many of them had been worn by very bad people, prodecessors to her as kings and queens and their associations were had-repu'sive to her.

A pack of cards is in every saloon and low resort; the surroundings of vival of religion. What is the specific the theatre and ball-room are very other words, the associations are bad, sincere Christians to shun them all. But if there were no other reasons, member, a theatre-going, ball-room-attending church member encourages the enemy is enough to make every sincere Christian avoid these indulknow that we do not belong at the ballroom or at the theatre. When they see us there they say : "They are no better than we ar ." The enemy is encouraged in worldiness.

We are a comfort unto hem. We are helping the enemy in many of the indulgences we allow ourselves. Are you a total abstainer? No, you indulge in an occassional glass of liquor. Well, you thereby commit two wrongs; you abdicate any power you might have to influence others in the direction of temperance and so-" briety, and you give comfort to the enemy-to those who oppose the cause of temperance. Not only so, bot you run an awful risk for yourself, for it is in the effort to be moderate drinkers that all the drunkards have been made.

that he did not bre k the law of the prayers be directed accordingly. The mon observation that most of the con-Subbath, that he only "cracked it a unconverted members of the church verstions brought to light in a revival

Sabbath at all or not.

the enemy in the way they treat their is preclaimed and arnest prayer offer- to be able to realize that our labors our earthly choice. Thank God; he fellow Christians. To criticise and ed for the c nversion of sinners with- are successful, but the main point acters, to make insinuations that will I What grand thing it would be to have sowing. God will then care for the in any degree lower the respect in a church in which there are no uncon- germination of the seed. Paul under. which fellow Chriatians are held, is to verted members! it should be the aim stoot well this agricultural illustra give comfort to the enemy. Mr Spurgeon once preached a tell-

ing sermon, bearing the singular a d saggestive title, "How Saints May their hyper-criticisms upon modes of service in which they have no interest. bitter terms in the sphere of religion, especially in the region where denomilately published book of reminiscence. The Dean would class teetotalers with fanatics and weak-minded people. How delighted the brewers and publicans will be to have so great a digridding the land of the frightful in-If Christian men refuse directly to verted to God. aid the cause of temperance, they ought at least to refrain from attackgiving comfort to the enemy?

enemy, also, through our showing when men and women are running to divine judgement as to whether we lack of fidelity to the truth. This and fro, when multitudes of Christians mistake is sometimes made by m nist. are leaving the place where they were Times. ers, and especially on funeral occasion . | brought up and brought into the A man known not to be a good man, church, and going from city to city, dies. The m nister at the funeral there are hundreds of backslidden as they say, "preaches the deceased souls in almost every place. They into heaven" The world says, or are in the condition that Philip Emthinks, if it does not say, "Well, if bury was when Barbara Heck found mense. It does not end at his death. It the enemy. It is treason to God. to the favor and love of God. Noth-The better way is to preach the Gos- ing but a sweeping revival of religion pel, and leave the Lord to judge the | will reach them. man that is gone.

Criticising the Bible, throwing doubt on well, arrested Bible truths. giving commendation and aid to those who are false to the truth, criticising missions, and many other possibe ways of showing lack of fidelity to the truth, all have the same fault, -this element of treason of giving aid and comfort to the enemies of God and of his cause. Be not a comfort unto them - unto the enemies of God.

Showers of Blessing.

-Chris. Observer.

In many churches special services are being held for the promotion of a reobject of these services? What should kindred to those of the salo n; in be the result? It is not merely come together night after and this alone is enough to prompt night for several weeks, to sing and pray and exhort one another. It is not merely that Christian people may monstrated what He is able to do. the fact that a card-playing church become happy and be able to say, It The Church has been organized among was good to be there. There is a higher aim.

gences. The people of the world It is to be expected that the very best If all pastors should rally as many of meetings most constantly and perseveringly by their attendance and efforts. like the kindling of a fire. It spreads even God. - Chris. Advo ate. from one to another until the sacred flame envelopes the entire congregation. Those who live nearest to God are seeking to get nearer, to become

> patient, more loving, and more holy. many unconverted men and women in the church. At the beginning of a

Il tle." But in cracking it a little, he will not be forward to attend the s r- conducted by an evangelist or by a he was giving great comfort to the vice . Those who need the work most new pastor, often date their deepest enemy, as also gradually growing into will be slow to come and seek the religious impressions and real change a condition of mind and conscience good they need. They can be brought of h art back to the time and under when he would become actually una- in. The paster and leaders have a the earnest labors of some paster who ble to tell whether he was keeping the strong hold on them, because they are was not conscious of the fruitage remembers. They will not attend many sulting from his faithful seed-sowing. Many people are giving comfort to meeting, where the gospel of salvation It is very encouraging and desirable speak evil of, to depreciate the r char- out being convicted of their need. should be to make sure of faithful of every revival to secure the conver- tion, when he said : "I have plantsion of every member of the church.

The conversion of the Sunday once taunted by one of his parishion-Help the Devil." Many good people school should be another object. In help him more than they are aware by a most every Sunday school there are some converted persons. It is to be hoped that all the teachers are convert- through my instrumentality? inquired These criticisms may be heard in even ed. Many of the scholars are also in the p stor. "Well, yes, I suppose the kingdom of God. But many are not. What is a Sunday school for national differences and preferences Is it not the object of the Sunday here goes twenty years for another,' come in, and of philanthropy and of school to bring the children and reform. Such criticisms mightily com- young people into the kingdom of fort the enemy. It is on this account God? To stop short of this is a grave we are sorry that such wide prominence | error. But why not seek the converhas been given in the newspapers to sion of the entire schoo? We have the unkind and unjust aspersions cast heard of model Sunday schools. upon temperance people in Dean Hol's | wealthy Sunday schools, large Sunday schools, but we have not yet heard of a converted Sunday school. What a splendid object for a winter campaign! from sin to holiness .- Sabbath Re-Through the teachers and parents the corder. pastor may w rk to reach every child nitary as their champion! But will It is easy enough to get them to stand such uncalled-for bant ring aid in for prayers, to sign a card, or even to unite with the church. But the aim cubus which is strangling its life ? should be to have them all converted, Will it not give comfort to the enemy? intelligently converted, throughly con-

Another end to be sought is the and main in the h ly cause. Ac out of the ranks. There are many thought of others; the other engages oording to the Dean, we owe every- backsliders. Some of them are still in the same operations, but considera-Jews drank, and gave us monotheism enter the sanctuary. Some have falland Christianity; the Greek drank, on so far away that they have left the apart from the ways of the world. and gave us liturature and art; the church altogether. It is a sad case. Roman drank, and gave us law; the They are a sad people. They have Teuton drank(uard), and gave us the lost confidence in the church, in the it is a separateness of unselfishness. passion for freedom." Is this strange- Bible, in God, and in them elves illogical reasoning? Is it not at the But they can be reached. Earnest, acquisitions-it is not only and al same time a most unfortunate way of united prayer, consecrated and per-Great comfort may be given to the the fold of Christ. In these days

Another aim should be the salvation of God may see fit to begin with these. We may not limit the Holy Ghost, nor lay out a definite program for Him. It may be to His way to pass by the children of the chnrch in the Sunday school, and visit the wickedest sinners It was all in private; it was exceedin the community with His salvation first of all. Wise workers in the church will watch the leading of the Spirit and follow in His way. The day for the conversion of wicked sinshould have no hope of these things. But our God is a G d of salvation Holy Spirit into the world to accom- Toplady. plish this great object. He has demen ch efly for the salvation of sinners. This is the principal work of the First, it is hoping that those who ministry. Let everything bend to attend the services will be made better. | this one great end. It cannot fail. people in the church will support the the people as they can reach to prayer But there is room for improvement assault be made on the powers of in the best. Revivals of religion oft. darkness, the windows of heaven en begin with the best. One or more would swing open, and showers of of the holiest saints in the community, blessing would refresh the earth beeither in the meeting or in some priv- fore the opening of the spring season. ate place of prayer, receive a special In this work we need no special leader anointing of the Holy Ghost. This is or leaders, because One is our Leader,

Don't Be Discouraged

Pastors are sometimes discouraged more humble, more obedient, more and tempted to give up their field of work, because so few conversions can Another aim should be the conver- be counted as the evident result of sion of the entire church. There are their labors. They forget that seed time and harvest do not come together. In spiritual experiences they are How do you keep the Sabbath? season of revival this may well be often much more widely separated We hear I a man say, the other day, taken for granted and efforts and than in material things. It is a com-

ed, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." An old minister was ers with having labored twenty years to secure the conversion of one sonl. "Has on soul really been converted my life on what seems uncongenial there is no doubt f that," was the rather reluctant admission. "Then was the prompt rely of the minister. Surely one soul saved is worth twenty years of effort out of the best part of any man's life. But while a pas:or may not feel very certain that even his teachings, why did he force himone soul has been saved through his efforts, still there may have been many | We need not seek far for the answer who, through his unconscious influence have had their entire lives changed

Coming Out From The World.

Being not of the world is not so much a matter of places and things as a matter of spirit. Two men are in the same business, banking or manufacturing, -the one gets money by it without thought of others, and uses ing those who are working with might restoration of those who have fallen the money he gets by it without tion to the drink. He says, "The same are nominal members, but never of production and of dispersion. The one is worldly, the other has come The separateness of the Christian life is a separateness of conscientiousness. So in all things-amusements, labors, together the things that we allow our severing effort will bring them back to selves to do, it is as well the spirit in which we do them, that counts in the are serving God or mammon. - S. S.

A Christian's Influence.

The impress which a minister makes upon his age and generation is imman can go to heaven in his sins, then him. They may become as useful as continues years and years afterward we can-" It gives aid and comfort to Embury became after his restoration both by personal memory and through his writings and through the deeds and writings of those who have been trained by him. It is under God a great force.

Yet there is an influence less perof those who are far away. The Spirit | ceptible but very important in God's work, which may be exercised by many. It is the deep impress which a mother makes upon her child; such an impress as Jochebed made upon Moses in the early years of his life. ingly useful; it is open to us all.

The acts of breathing which I performed yesterday will not keep me alive to day; I must continue to ners, infidels, and atheists has not breath afresh every moment, or anipassed. If we had to depend wholly mal life ceases. In like manner yeson our own wisdom and strength we't rday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy spirit must continue to breathe on my soul He has given His word with a view to from moment to moment in order to the salvation of men. It is perfectly my enjoying the consolations, and to adapted to this end. He has sent the my working the works, of God .-

The chief business of the Christian Church is not to nu se itself, but to evangelize the world.

Coughing All Night.

It's this night coughing that breaks is down, keeping us awake most cf the time, and annoying everybory in and consecration and effort, if sin the house. Lots of peopledon't regin should te put away and one united to cough until they go to bed. It gets to be so that retiring for the night is an empty form, for hey cannot rest. Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam makes I fe worth living to such people The "tickling sensation" promptly disappears when the use of the Balsam is begun, and the irritation goes with it. This medicine for cough hasn't a disagreeable thing about it, and it does efficient service in breaking up eoughs of long standing. It is prepared from

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God's Choosing for Us.

Our lives are not what we would choose. Happily God shapes them for us. In manhood we see how foolish would have been our childhood's choice; in old age we see how erroneous would have been the choice of our early manhood; in eternity we shall see how unwise would have been chooses for us. Norman McLeod

My life is not what I would have choen. I often long for quiet, for reading, and for thought. It seems to me to be a very paradise to be able to read, to think, go into deep things, rather the glorious riches of intellectual culture. God has forbidden it in his providence. I must spend hours in receiving people to speak to me about all matters of trifles; must reply to letters about nothing; must engage in public work on everything; employ vanishing, temporary waste. Yet God knows me better than I know myself.

"THE HEATHEN do not want our

rel gion, why not let them alone," say some whose eyes and hearts have not yet been opened to the truth of Foreign missions. But the world of Christ's time did not want him nor self and his his truth on its attention because he loved ev n those who did not want him and crucified him. Because he pitied them in their ignorance of what was for their own good and would give them new light for better choices. The child does not want the medicine and does want the shears, but the parent will do what is best and not necessarily what the child wents.

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