

## TEMPERANCE

## RECKONING WITH RUM.

When the Drunkard Balanced Accounts,  
He Was Far Behind Rum.

A thick set, ugly looking fellow was seated on a bench in the public park and seemed to be reading some writing on a sheet of paper which he held in his hand.

"You seem to be much interested in your writing," I said.

"Yes: I've been figuring my accounts with old alcohol, to see how we stand."

"And he comes out ahead, I suppose?"

"Every time."

"How did you come to have dealings with him in the first place?"

"That's what I've been writing. You see, he promised to make a man of me, but he made me a beast. Then he said he would brace me up, but he made me go staggering around, and then threw me into the ditch. He said I must drink to be social. Then he made me quarrel with my best friends and be the laughing stock of my enemies. He gave me a black eye and a broken nose. Then I drank for the good of my health. He ruined the little I had, and left me 'sick as a dog.'"

"Of course."

"He said he would warm me up, and I was soon nearly frozen to death. He said he would steady my nerves, but instead he gave me delirium tremens. He said he would give me great strength, and he made me helpless."

"To be sure."

"He promised me courage."

"Then what followed?"

"Then he made me a coward, for I beat my sick wife and kicked my little sick child. He said he would brighten my way, but instead he made me act like a fool and talk like an idiot. He promised to make a gentleman of me, but he made me a tramp."—Ex.

## IS IT A SIN TO USE TOBACCO.

"If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

All tobacco users are alive to the flesh. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Paul says, we should walk in the Spirit, and then we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Suppose one has been converted, and then falls under the power of the hard, old master, tobacco; the result is, "Of whom a man is overcome, the same is he brought in bondage," whether it be under the power of men or some form of fleshly lust.

Tobacco-using is filthy. It violates the command, "Be courteous." Tobacco is injurious, and defiling, and Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "If any man defile the temple of God him will God destroy."

Tobacco is a sinful waste. Just think of the people of this country spending \$350,000,000 to satisfy sin-created appetites. Tobacco dwarfs the young, and puts old and haggard countenances on young shoulders. It is heart-rending to see so many under this curse.

Wilbert Helberg.

## In Sent of God.

"I do not believe alcohol in any form ever has or ever will be any good." Admiral Charles Beresford, of the British Navy.—Sel.

God sends us, not to criticize, but to help others.

## "MORBUS SABBATICUS."

Sunday sickness or morbus sabbaticus is a very common disease. It is very bad to see the prevalence of this illness, which is becoming more and more serious as it decimates all ranks of society. The attack comes on very suddenly each Sunday. No symptoms are observed on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well, wakes well, and on Sunday morning eats a hearty breakfast. The attack begins to come on towards church time, and continues with varying severity until services are over. As dinner time approaches the patient rapidly recovers, grows quite easy, and again takes a hearty meal. In the afternoon he has quite recovered, and enjoys himself or herself, as the case may be, accordingly. Tea is enjoyed, but about church time, sad to say, a relapse is noticed, the symptoms develop with alarming rapidity, and continue again until evening service is over, and then there is no return of this insidious disease until the following Sunday. A certain study of the illness, from the lines of close observation, have brought to light the following facts:

1. It never makes its appearance save on Sunday.
2. Though the symptoms vary, they never interfere with sleep or appetite.
3. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours.
4. It often attacks the head of the family, more frequently than the children.
5. It nearly always, if not cured, brings about a fatal ending—to the soul.
6. The best remedy for it is regular habit of church attendance on Sunday.
7. The practice of religion is the only known antidote that will effectually work a cure.
8. It is, alas! a disease which is spreading and is sweeping thousands every year to a condition of speedy spiritual destruction.—Christian and Missionary Alliance.

## GOD'S MESSAGE TO HOLINESS.

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie; and do not tell the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:5-7.

We see from the above that fellowship with God is an impossibility to those who do not walk in the light of His presence and, conversely, that fellowship flows naturally and easily between the Divine Spirit and those who walk in the light with Him. Not only is this true, but it is further asserted that, in addition to the fellowship which is the heritage of every child of God that walks in conscious communion with Him, there is cleansing from all sin. We see at once, therefore, that there is but one of two things to do! first, to refuse light and walk in darkness and lose all fellowship with God; second, to walk in the light as He walks and so long as walking thus, be cleansed from all sin. Glorious privilege of God's children! Cleansing from all sin and fellowship with God flow as naturally to those who walk in the light of His truth and His presence as the light of the sun chases away the shades of night and blazes with splendor the golden noontide. Just as soon might we with lantern in hand hunt for stains on a sunbeam at high noon, as with the flickering torch of reason, search for sin stains on the saved soul that walks in the brightness of the high noontide of the presence of God. If there is darkness, there is no fellowship. If there is fellowship, there is light and cleansing. Hallelujah.—J. H. Norris in Pentecostal Christian.

## HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

See that your religion be purely divine, and that first upon thy soul, and then upon all that thou hast there be written "Holiness to the Lord!" To be holy is to be devoted to God, and given over entirely to His use. Our hearts and lives must not, therefore be "common or unclean." To live a holy life is transcendently above all success in money-making, and all perfection in sciences and arts. To whatever extent God's Spirit is upon us and in us, so much our present condition is more excellent than the highest worldly good can advance us to. To the true believer God should be the first and last, and then all in all. Our life should be swallowed up in God. When we awake in the morning our first thoughts should be of God, and our meditations of Him should be sweet. Whatever we do we should do all to the glory of God. In the various activities of life we must be able at all times to say, "I do that because it is His will. I do it to please God, to glorify Him and enjoy Him."

O reader, can you take God for your owner, your sovereign, your Savior, your portion, your all? If not you fail to be a godly man. If His authority has not more power upon you than the authority of the greatest upon earth you are "none of his," whatever you may pretend. But if "Holiness to the Lord" be written upon you, and upon all that is yours, you are devoted to Him, and you are truly a child of God. Slavery to the flesh, the world and the devil is the mark that is written upon the foreheads of the ungodly; and Satan, the world and the flesh have their services as such. But if you are consecrated to God, and are bearing His name and mark upon you, let all mankind know you are His, that you are resolved to live for Him, to love Him and trust Him. Let God be the very life of you, the beginning and the end of all you are or do.—Richard Baxter.

## MANY GOOD THINGS PROMISED.

"Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee." Deut. 26:11.

We would have a much better time if we would think more about the good things we do have, and less about those that are beyond our reach. We lose much by looking in the wrong direction for our happiness. Every mercy counted and considered is a blessing doubled. It is only when we forget how good God is to us, that we begin to think we are having a hard time in this world. People in camp don't fret because they can't have upholstered furniture, china and silverware. Such things are not expected there, and so they make the best of what they have, and soon find that the most common thing can become a veritable treasure, by being turned to some useful purpose. A good chair can be made out of a barrel or a box, and it would add greatly to our joy and peace, if we would only learn how to turn our disappointments into spiritual blessings. It is not so much what we have as what we are grateful for that counts. We should remember that here we are in camp, and have no continuing city.—Ram's Hon.

## STARTLING FACTS.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of January 6, state that three hundred and seventy-one irls between the ages of fourteen and twenty-three years disappeared from homes in St. Louis during the year 191. Of women more than twenty-two ears old, one hundred and fifty-six disappeared. These figures are taken from the Police Department. Parental restrictions in associations; supposed chams of the stage; wanting to sing or dance in nickelodeons are some of the reasons given by those rescued to te police officers.

## PREACHING IT WITHOUT OFFENSE.

A prominent evangelist told us some years ago that he had found a way of preaching holiness so as not to give offense. We watched him. We noticed that his altar calls were very indefinite. One day we heard him preach a mild sermon about holiness, and then he invited all who wanted to be happy to come to the altar. Of course many came. But no one seemed to receive anything. A heathen Chinese could come on such an invitation without any hesitation. The next day in the same camp another man preached who said at the close of the sermon, "If there is any one here who wants to die to sin, let him come to the altar." There was no general response.

The man who has discovered how to preach holiness and give no offense has found what preachers of the Bible failed to discover. Stephen was a man full of the Holy Ghost and the glory of heaven shone in his face, but his hearers were greatly enraged. John the Baptist was full of the Holy Ghost all his life, but he had a hard time with the men of his day. A wicked king acknowledged that he was a holy man and yet killed him. Paul says of the kind of talk that meets no opposition, "Then had the offense of the cross ceased." Jesus challenged His enemies to show where he had committed sin. They could not do it. But they killed him. He preached holiness in such a way that again and again His hearers were offended. This great holiness preacher had not discovered the art of preaching holiness so as to give no offense, for He told the holiness opposers of His day that they were like whited sepulchures full of uncleanness. What a holiness sermon was contained in those words! and how they hated him for it!

The man who has discovered how to preach holiness—the doctrine that demands separation from ungodliness and all sin; that demands the crucifixion of the carnal nature, and nonconformity to the world; the doctrine that attacks sin and error of every kind, without giving offense has got something that Jesus Christ did not have, and which He forbade—namely, the favor of carnally minded people.—Christian Witness.

## VENERING SIN.

In the manufacture of certain grades of furniture the body of the article is constructed from cheap wood, then a thin shaving or veneer of rosewood or mahogany or some other rich, expensive wood is pasted on outside. Just a slight scratch would be sufficient to get through that veneer, and then you would find the base wood. There's an old saw, "If you scratch a Russian you will find a Tartar." Although the Japanese have made great advances in a few years and taken a prominent place among the nations yet you would not have to go very deep under their thin veneer of civilization to find a heathen and a savage. And you do not have to scratch a self righteous sinner very deep to find the devil, for he's there. He's just varnished over. The heart has not been changed. The regenerating power of the blood of Christ has not been felt. And such a man is in a more dangerous condition than the man who cries, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He prides himself that he is not as other men are. He is glad because he is so good and has so many splendid points. It is hard to reach such a man with any argument, for the devil has him so stupefied with unholy conceit that he would not know the truth if he heard it. Such men will be saved as by fire if at all.—Selected.

"No man can avoid his own company—so he had best make it as good as possible."—Selected.

## "THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE."

By a Brahmin Lady.

In the secret of his presence, how my soul delights to hide!  
Oh! how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!  
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low,  
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty,  
'neath the shadow of His wing  
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;  
And my Saviour rests beside me, as we hold communion sweet;  
If I tried I could not utter what He says when thus we meet!

Only this I know; I tell Him all my doubts, and griefs, and fears.  
Oh, how patiently He listens, and my drooping soul He cheers!  
Do you think He ne'er reproves me?  
What a strange friend He would be,  
If He never, never told me of the sins which He must see!

Do you think that I could love Him half so well, or as I ought,  
If He did not tell me plainly of each sinful deed and thought?  
No, He is very faithful, and that makes me trust Him more,  
For I know that he does love me, though He wounds me very sore.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?  
Go and hide beneath His shadow; this shall then be your reward.  
And whenever you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,  
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face.

You will surely lose the blessing and the fullness of your joy.  
If you let dark clouds distress you, and your inward peace destroy:  
You may always be abiding, if you will, at Jesus' side;  
In the secret of His presence you may every moment hide.  
Christian Witness.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE.

George Muller (in speaking of his prayer-life after a wonderful quickening in his soul which he says was like a second conversion) tells of meeting with his brethren in the Seminary every morning from six to eight for prayer and reading the Word of God. Several times after family prayer in the evening when he went to his room, communion with God was so sweet that he continued in prayer till after twelve o'clock and then being so full of joy that he would go into the room of a brother of like mind with himself, they would pray together until one or two o'clock, and even then he was so full of joy he could scarcely sleep, and at six in the morning called his brethren again to pray.

This was some of his apprenticeship for his marvellous life of faith. This follower of Christ also knew what it meant to sacrifice all his earthly means of support, to follow the Master in His call to the walk of faith in God alone.

The Apostle Peter tells us to "be subject one to another and be clothed with humility."

Paul testifies that he served the Lord with all humility of mind. The meek will He guide in judgment. Consecration which is the human side of holiness or sanctification, removes the hindrances out of the way, unlocks the door of our hearts and invites the Holy Spirit to abide.

Then the rich abundant life flows out in refreshings to all around, both saint and sinner; They are constrained to say, "He, or she, is a Christian."—Selected.