

LOVE.

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Let love without dissimulation be
Mine ever to possess:
That always seeks, some other's good
With true brotherly kindness.
A love unfeigned that's always true,
That suffereth long and is kind,
And self-forgetting ever new
With all lowliness of mind.
O, grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell but thy pure love alone!
Enkindled, flaming, possess me whole
And all my life be love.
My joy, my treasure, and my crown,
My all in all with thee is found;
Holiness, purity, happiness, heaven,
Through Jesus Christ, on earth is given.

THOUGHTS BY MISS WILLARD.

A temperance man looks upon his body as the temple of the Holy Ghost; a temperance man is chaste, teetotal, anti-tobacco, anti-gambling; he is for home protection, the emancipation of women, the lifting of labor to every opportunity that life can yield; his eye is clear, his hand untrembling, and when you meet him you have met one of whom the Arabs would say in their beautiful phrase, "He is a brother of girls."

The supreme duty of the hour is to convince the moderate drinker that he is doing himself harm.

Society daily becomes more clearly founded on the principle of the greatest number's greatest good.

We forbid the cyclist to invade the side walks because collisions might occur, and sooner than our opponents think we shall forbid the man with the jug to walk with us the crowded thoroughfares of life.

Public sentiment is in man's mental world, what steam and electricity are in the world of things mechanical.

The general aim of all good people ought to be to leave the world better for their progeny than their progenitors left it for them.

Nobody is wholly good and nobody is wholly bad.

A student of the temperance reform finds no more significant change in public sentiment than that which proposes to deal with the drunkard as one who commits a crime against society.

Cold water waxes its widening way, without haste, without rest. The wineless dinner table is becoming cosmopolitan.

The general superintendent of the Norfolk & Western railroad has created quite a flurry among the employes by causing to be posted along the line a notice that "all employes using any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage shall be discharged immediately, and none shall be employed hereafter who use the same."

WHAT SANCTIFICATION DOES.

Sanctification frees us from selfishness. It sinks one out of self, and raises others up higher in his opinions. It also saves us from worldliness. It cuts us loose from the world, not by taking us out of the world, but by taking the love of the world out of us. Negatively, it empties the soul of self, of sin, of the world and worldly tendencies. Positively, it fills that soul with righteousness, and right tendencies toward both God and man.

Sanctification is a sure cure for lukewarmness, and backsliding tendencies. It takes us off the down grade in the divine life, and puts us on the up grade. It puts fire in the engine, steam in the boiler, and sets things moving for God. It is absolutely essential to the most efficient service for the Master. Only a sanctified people will witness continually and in word and work for Jesus. And only such are always found on the sunny side of the massive mountains of a full and sinless salvation. None but the sanctified soul will thirst no more; because none other slakes its thirst as that fountain which becomes in us an artesian well of water springing up into eternal life.

Sanctification kills us to sectarianism. If we are wholly the Lord's we know no difference between sanctified people of other denominations and those in our own branch of the church. It also sets aside caste among its members, and cements them together with the love divine. It associates the rich with the poor, the learned with the illiterate, those in authority with those under authority, and makes them all one in Christ Jesus their common

Lord. Sanctification takes away all the banks and boundaries of selfishness, sectarianism and sectionalism, and lifts the sanctified up into the boundlessness and blessedness of the Sanctifier's own matchless love for a lost and ruined world.

Sanctification brings soul-ease—an abiding soul rest. It gives rest from doubt, discord and discontentment, a sweet, heavenly rest, in which the heart's tumults are all hushed into the calmness and serenity of the full assurance of hope divine. It is the soul at peace with itself and all mankind. It is soul-satisfaction, and soul-centered in its God. Sanctification gives us a new sense of the divine presence. It imparts a knowledge and power to the soul hitherto unknown. It brings the soul into a new and more sacred relationship to its God, into a hidden state or condition, where God mysteriously controls all its movements, and wisely shuts the soul in with God and God shuts to the door of this spiritual ark of full salvation, into which the sanctified have entered. This shutting, or sealing, is the result of a mutual understanding between the sealed and Sealer. The divine ownership is in this way fully recognized; and henceforth we bear in our foreheads the mark divine. For God, in this sealing, has simply heard and answered the song of the soul longing for a perfect assurance of heaven.

Here's my heart, Lord, take it and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Sanctification brings with it an experience hitherto unknown to the regenerate heart. Their is a constancy of joy, a continual indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to which all others are strangers. There is a song in the sanctified soul that no one else can sing. There is a mocking-bird experience in the soul of the saint which warbles forth the divine praises by day and by night, whether in prosperity or adversity. The sanctified hosts are a rejoicing company. They never hang their harps upon the weeping willows. They never refuse to sing the soul-slirring songs of Zion. They are always making melody in their hearts unto the Lord. They delight in admonishing each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. They are pilgrims journeying to Mt. Zion, with songs of gladness and everlasting triumph upon their consecrated life. The sanctified live rejoicing while they live; and die shouting when the silver cord is loosed, and the golden bowl is broken. Hallelujah!—Bishop Taylor.

THE CIGARETTE POISON.

The teacher of a public school in Chicago found that eighty of her scholars smoked from two to twenty cigarettes a day. Only six of these boys were able to do good work in their classes. The victims of the cigarette habit confessed that they were suffering constantly from headache, drowsiness and dizziness.

Many declared that they could not write well because their hand trembled. A number were "shaky" when they walked, and unable to run any distance. They could not rouse themselves to meet the examination test. The teacher reported that they were sure to fail if asked to memorize anything. Several of the smokers were from four to five years too old for their grade, and it was found that after they began to smoke their progress ceased. Except in three instances, the scholars hardest to discipline were smokers. Truancy and theft were directly traced to indulgence in the habit. Boys who have reformed and joined the Anti-Cigarette Society, said they "felt like different boys."—Youth's Companion.

WARMING HIMSELF BY THE ENEMIES' FIRE.

Peter did not deny Christ until he had first warmed himself by the enemies' fire. He got on their territory, and then it was not long until he forgot his Lord and Master. Many young people go into sin just that way. They first go where they may be easily tempted. Certain pleasures look very innocent, but they belong to the enemy, and once on the ground of the enemy, it is comparatively easy to yield and commit the grosser sin. "Abstain from all forms of evil" is the divine command. To be safe one must carefully obey. Anything else will endanger the soul. Keep away from the comforts of the enemies' fire if you would prove faithful to the end.

CHURCH FESTIVALS, ETC.

Testimony of Some of the Great Divines on the Question.

Dr. John Hall.—With the views of the tract entitled "Ecclesiastical Amusements," I have full sympathy; and I think its circulation would do good to many who from "want of thought" have been led along where the Church of God is not strengthened but weakened.—Deceased pastor Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

Dr. Howard Crosby.—The Rev. E. P. Marvin's pamphlet on "Ecclesiastical Amusements" should be read by every pastor in the land, and every pastor should have spiritual backbone enough to enforce its teachings in his church. There is nothing so degrading to the church and so destructive of its godliness as this attempt to vie with the world in popular amusements. Infinitely better, is it to worship in a barn than in an edifice erected through picnics, fairs, theatrical shows and musical entertainments. . . . Let us for Christ's sake have a pure gospel in a pure Church, even if it be through trial and persecution.—Deceased Pastor Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

Dr. T. L. Cuyler.—It is the mark of a baby to be everlastingly crying for amusements. — Ex-President National Temperance Society. Noted Presbyterian Clergyman.

Dr. A. J. Gordon.—When Christianity gets upon good terms with the world, the time of peril sets in. Such is the era in which we live. . . . Fairs and festivals and feasts, amusements and amateur theatricals and all kinds of literary and social entertainments have come in as did the heathen festivals in the beginning.

When we see whereunto all this is tending—the disgraceful secularizing and demoralizing of the Church of Christ, it is time for somebody to call a halt.—Deceased Pastor Clarendon St., Baptist Church, Boston.

Dr. G. F. Pentecost.—In almost every city and town where we have gone preaching the Word and conducting evangelistic services, we have found that these things have eaten the life out of the church and in general prostituted its society and organization to the end of fleshly lusts and covetousness. I am free to lay it down as a proposition not to be refuted, that, in any church where these things are indulged, the work of converting sinners and sanctifying the saints cannot go forward, except at the feeblest and most languid pace, if all.—Noted Evangelist and Pastor Baptist Church, London.

Dr. A. T. Pierson.—These worldly expedites have proved very successful in secularizing the Church but have sadly failed in evangelizing the world. They do not even draw the people, except so far and so long as their novelty attracts curiosity seekers or feeds the morbid appetite for amusement. . . .

When the church robes herself in the charms of worldly attire and adornment, she not only fails to draw the world to herself and to Christ, but she actually takes the infection of the 'spirit of the age,' which, however disguised, is hostile to God.

It is time all such measures were abandoned as helps to the work of evangelization. They are rather hindrances; for they destroy the peculiar character of God's people as a separate people; they divert attention from eternal things and grieve the Spirit of God on whose presence all power depends.—Editor Missionary Review of the World.

H. L. Hastings.—When church members are truly converted to God and have a religion that goes pocket-deep, there will be no need of calling in the flirts and fops and loafers of the town to dicker over rag dolls and India rubber babies, and other tom fooleries to raise money for the support of the gospel. If churches cannot live without dishonoring the Lord, then let them die decently and speedily, and when such cumberers of the ground are cut down, there may be room for other trees that will bear good fruit.—Deceased Editor of The Christian, Boston.

Bishop R. S. Foster.—The church of God is today courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The ball, the theatre, nude and lewd arts, social luxuries, with all their loose moralities

are making inroads into the sacred inclosure of the church. . . . It is the old trick of Satan. The Jewish church struck on that rock, the Roman church was wrecked on the same and the Protestant church is fast reaching the same doom.—Of the M. E. Church.

Dr. James M. Buckley.—Such things (dog shows, etc.) can never start where the pastor is a man of moral and intellectual power, attends to his business and mingles firmness with gentleness. No church should do anything which destroys reverence for that for which the church stands nor anything directly or indirectly contrary to its own rules. There is no extravagance in saying of some communities that the greatest obstacle to the progress of Christianity is the church.—Editor N. Y. Christian Advocate.

J. Hudson Taylor.—There is no greater mistake Christians make than thinking they must make such a struggle to "raise" money for the Lord's work.

If we do the Lord's work in the Lord's way, he provides the means and does it right royally, too.—One of the world's greatest missionaries.

Dr. John Watson (Ian Maclaren).—Why should the church leave her high plane and come down into the arena where she shall be put to shame?

Do men come to church for petty pleasures, fit only for children? . . .

Would Christianity have begun to exist if the apostles had been "pleasing preachers" and "bright men," and given themselves to "socials" and "sales" and "talks."

The church triumphed by her faith, her holiness, her courage, and by these high virtues she must stand in this age also.

She is the witness to immortality, the spiritual home of souls, the servant of the poor, the protector of the friendless, and if she sinks into a place of second-rate entertainment then it were better that her history should close, for without her spiritual visions and austere ideals the church is not worth preserving.—World-renowned pastor and author.

Harriet Beecher Stowe.—It may be set down, I think, as a general axiom, that people feel the need of amusements less and less, precisely in proportion as they have solid reasons for being happy.

Prof. Austin Phelps, D. D.—Picture a church fair in the temple of Jerusalem! . . . Imagine the humdrum of an auction-sale of the tag ends of the fair from the altar of sacrifice! Do not such things remind us of One who, on a memorable occasion, found a use for a whip of small cords.—Of Andover Theological Seminary.

One of the charges preferred by the historian against that human ogre—the would be murderer of the infant Christ—Herod the Great—an act which outraged the moral sensibilities of the devout Jews and aroused their antipathy—is that he "had erected, for Greek and Roman entertainments, a theatre within the walls of the Temple" which he rebuilt. We are not told whether he called it a "chapel" or a "lecture room."—Ecclesiastical Amusements, by E. P. Marvin.

CHINA'S GREAT NEED.

China has unreached masses of population in every one of her eighteen provinces. She still has 1,400 cities, with an estimated population of over 100,000,000, without missionaries. It is estimated that she has over 1,000,000 unevangelized villages. China not only has the greatest but the most vigorous unreached masses of people in the world. What people have such remarkable staying power, such patient endurance of hardship and suffering? Surely God has had a purpose in preserving the integrity of this nation for four thousand years. Notwithstanding all that has been said of the evils of China, we have seen no people which has impressed us as possessing such strength.

The qualities which have made the Chinese such efficient agents of evil will, under the transforming, directing, and energizing power of the Holy Spirit, make them one of the mightiest forces for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.—China's Millions.

What we think of the atonement depends greatly upon what we think of the sin which made atonement necessary.

A STRIKING ILLUSTRATION.

In one of his sermons, the Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage gives the following:

"A beautiful German story relates how one day a little girl named Jeanette witnessed a great army review. Thousands upon thousands of spectators crowded around the stand, before which the emperor sat to watch the passing regiments. While Jeanette was seated in the stand she saw an old feeble woman trying very hard to get where she could see. The little German girl said to herself, 'It is not right for me to sit here, when I am strong and well and can stand, while that poor feeble old woman can see nothing. I ought to honor old age, as I want some one to honor me when I am old.' Then she gave up her seat to the old woman and went and stood in the crowd. But while Jeanette was standing upon her tiptoes, trying in vain to see, a courtier of the emperor, covered with gold lace, elbowed his way to her side, as he said, 'Little girl, her Majesty would be pleased to see you in the royal box.' When the abashed child stood before the empress, she graciously said, 'Come here, my daughter, and sit with me. I saw you give up your seat to that old woman, and now you must remain by my side.' So God honors those who honor his servants. God especially honors those who honor the aged and seemingly helpless disciples, whose earthly pilgrimages are nearly ended."

GLEANINGS.

As to "the second blessing": One hinge will not hold a door long; two hinges make it swing safely and easily.

What is needed today in the church is Holy Ghost filled men and women to keep the church from settling into formality and worldliness.

"Saloons are breeding places of anarchy, brutality, and crime. He who runs them, and he who supports them by his money, patronage, or vote are alike the enemies of God, home, and humanity."

It is God that speaks in secret promptings. The Spirit will leave you if you refuse obedience; ever warning disregarded is a door closed against future progress. If you do not now the good which you can, the time will come when you cannot do the good which you would.—Sel.

"The exportation of beer from the Pacific Coast to Hawaii does not appear to be profitable. The latest advices from Honolulu are to the effect that two hundred kegs of beer from Portland, Ore., were emptied into the harbor, because no one cared enough for the beer to pay the duty on it."—Sel.

The saloon is the place where the wicked congregate and plot wickedness. The Word says, 'Go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.'

A man can dignify any walk in life, no matter how humble, if he will remember at all times to be a man in the sense of being a gentleman. A New York city Broadway car conductor said recently: "I am going to be a gentleman right here in this work of mine. It is not always easy, but I am determined to do it." That is the spirit of true manhood, and if man everywhere would emulate the example of this conductor, how soon would the spirit of the Golden Rule become an accomplished fact instead of a theory!

Selfishness is the damning sin of the age. It is darkness; it is misery. It shuts us up in the tight, little box of our own lives; it leads us to imagine that all life is vain. Unselfishness gives us a wide sphere of usefulness and delight. What we do for others adds more to our happiness than what we get for ourselves. The greatest and purest Being this world has ever known has said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Innumerable are the joys that come to the man who seeks to bless others.

Don't forget the Camp-Meeting at Beulah now in session. Good preachers and good music.