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DR. ADAM CLARKE, ON THE USE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN WORSHIP.

Amos 6-5: "That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David."

Dr. Adam Clarke says:

"I believe that David was not authorized by the Lord to introduce that multitude of musical instruments into the Divine Worship of which we read; and I am satisfied that his conduct in this respect is most solemnly reprehended by this Prophet, and I further believe that the use of such instruments of music, in the Christian Church, is without the sanction and against the will of God; that they are subversive of the spirit of true devotion, and that they are sinful. If there was a woe to them who invented instruments of music, as did David under the law, is there no woe, no curse to them who invent them, and introduce them into the worship of God in the Christian Church? I am an old man, and an old Minister, and I here declare that I never knew them productive of any good in the worship of God; and have had reason to believe that they were productive of much evil. Music, as a science, I esteem and admire; but instruments of music in the house of God I abominate and abhor. This is the abuse of music; and here I register my protest against all such corruptions in the worship of the Author of Christianity. The late venerable and most eminent divine, the Rev. John Wesley, who was a lover of music and an elegant poet, when asked his opinion of instruments of music being introduced into the chapels of the Methodists said, in his terse and powerful manner: "I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen." I say the same, though I think the expense of purchase had better be spared."—*From Clarke's Comments on the above text.*

THE COST OF LIVING.

This is one of the most vital questions of the day for it is one that directly affects every family. Various remedies have been suggested some of which have merit. A weekly paper recently made a suggestion which is worthy of notice. It says: "For some time the press and the politicians have been harping about the increased cost of living and statistics are published showing the increase in the prices of different articles for a series of years. It should be taken into account that many former luxuries have become necessities and the added expense of telephone, electricity and other household necessities mounts up. Persons of middle age find many articles of foodstuffs and many articles of clothing much cheaper than they were a few years back. But in the days gone by there were no moving picture shows and no daily vaudeville shows to rake in all the small change, a dime a throw. If the people will cut down on unnecessary expenses the high cost of living will be greatly reduced by the average family."

Some people have no difficulty apparently in discovering the Lord's leadings when He leads in the direction they want to go, but they are extremely slow at discovering His leadings in the directions of an unwelcome duty.—*Selected.*

THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Reformed Baptist Church, Woodstock, met June 13th.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Mrs. O. Estey, President; Mrs. F. Nevers, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. F. Boyd, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Jewett, Rec. Secretary; Miss Shea; Cor. Secretary; Mr. C. P. Phillips, Treasurer; Mr. F. Boyd, Librarian; Miss Jones, Pianist.

The Society recently invested in a Missionary Library which we believe will be both interesting and instructive.

Mrs. Fred Nevers was appointed Missionary delegate to the Alliance, with Mr. A. J. Marsten as substitute.

The evening's programme was rendered by two of the Sunday School classes taught by Mrs. Jewett and Miss Hazel Watson.

The exercise which was very nicely carried out was entitled Armour Bearers. Mrs. Jewett's class carried spears and Miss Watson's class banners, each banner having a letter which were grouped on the platform so as to spell the words Armour Bearers. At the conclusion of the programme two of the scholars exhibited a quilt made by Mrs. Jewett's class. This is the third class which has made quilts for the Camp Grounds. Receipts of the evening, \$49.44.

On the previous Sunday a Missionary Thank Offering was taken amounting to \$45.00.

A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

1. If drunkenness is sinful, then the drinking customs of society are sinful, because they are the direct cause of drunkenness.

2. If the drinking customs are sinful, then the whole liquor traffic is sinful, for it is the base of supplies for the custom.

3. If the traffic is sinful, then it is sinful to legalize it, by granting license to conduct the business.

4. If licensing is sinful, then it is sinful to vote for those who favor granting license.

5. If voting for those who license or favor the licensing of it is sinful, then voting with a party which maintains the license system is sinful.

6. If these things are sinful, then it is the plain duty of every Christian to oppose them, and maintain the opposite: the pure, the straight, the right.

Now, is it not well to be consistent, and either vote for prohibition, or cease to pray against the saloons; and on the contrary, ask God's blessings upon them?—*Selected.*

The morning prayer tunes the soul for the cares of the day. Nothing can take the place of communion with our Maker. The harder the day and the more exacting its duties the more need there is for prayer. Temptations can be properly met only in the strength derived from waiting upon God. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Holiness of heart makes prayer a delight.—*Selected.*

Hold fast Christ, but take His cross and Himself cheerfully. Christ and His Cross are not separate in this life, however, they part at Heaven's door.—*Samuel Rutherford.*

NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

Temperance organizations throughout the country are uniting in an organized effort to secure National prohibition through the adoption of a constitutional amendment by Congress and ratification of the same by the necessary three-fourths of the states. This is the form of prohibition which will prohibit. This movement should have the support of our people everywhere. We are not among those who have no faith in the power of God to answer the prayers and cries that have for so long been ascending to his throne. God's arm is not shortened that he cannot save.

The following appeal is being circulated for publication upon the authority of the Anti-Saloon League of America:

"The time for a nation-wide movement to outlaw the drink traffic is auspicious. Organization is now established and in operation in all parts of the country. The forces that definitely oppose the traffic are in accord as at no time in the past. The moral, scientific and commercial aspects of the problem are being more intelligently put before the public than hitherto. The narrow, acrimonious and emotional appeal is giving way to a rational, determined conviction that the traffic being the source of so much evil and economic waste and the enemy of so much good has no rightful place in our modern civilization.

"Abraham Lincoln reluctantly consented to the levying of an internal revenue tax as a war measure only when assured by members of his cabinet and leaders in Congress that it would be repealed at the close of the war. When the war ended and the broken fortunes of the republic were manifest, the liquor traffic, with that serpent-like wisdom for which it is noted, was the first to urge the continuation of this tax knowing the force of a bribe upon the public conscience. From that time to the present the chief cry against national prohibition has been that the government must have the revenue. The adoption of the Income Tax amendment to the federal constitution furnishes an answer to the revenue problem.

"We appeal to every church, to all organized philanthropies and to every individual, of every race and color, who loves his country and his kind, to join in this crusade for a saloonless nation. We depend for success upon the same Leader who commanded Moses to speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward."—*Wesleyan Methodist.*

THE PASTOR EVANGELIST.

One of the hopeful signs of the time, is the frequent reports that come to us of pastors who are holding in their own churches successful revival meetings. This is as it should be. It is quite unfortunate that so large a percent. of the pastors seem unable to draw masses and rally their people for revival occasions. There are times when the pastor will need the evangelist in order to put those extra efforts which every community stands in need of, in pressing the battle to the gate for lost souls, but it is a great thing for the pastor to be a soul winner. As a means of grace to his own soul, this going on a stretch of prayer to God for the revival of his church and the salvation of sinners, cannot be estimated. Such a work gives him a firm grip upon his people and the community in which he lives and labors.—*Rev. H. C. Morrison.*