

cloudy—looks as if we should have rain.

We are all in good health and are thankful Lydia's health is improving and her strength is returning fast now though still unable to walk several miles to an appointment.

Elizabeth, another of our Christian girls, has been ill for months as a result of malaria. She is with us now and is improving.

Aloni, Samuel and Johan Metula are all doing good work. It is encouraging to hear their reports.

Taking all in we have nothing to be discouraged over—though we think we have at times—but everything to praise God, for He is with us, therefore we have all we need.

We expect to hear of good results from Beulah and that you are marching on to success.

Now let us keep on praying one for another and "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," and claim victory.

Ever yours in Him,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

DRINK.

The following was composed some years ago and given to the press by Curtis Johnson, a prisoner at Jeffersonville, Ind., who lays his downfall to the social glass, as he forged a check while under the influence of liquor:

A bar to heaven
A door to hell,
Whoever named it named it well.
A bar to manliness and wealth.
A door to want and broken health.
A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin, and grief, and shame.
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,
A door to darkness and despair.
A bar to honor, useful life,
A door to brawling, senseless strife.
A bar to all that's true and brave,
A door to every drunkard's grave.
A bar to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and breaking hearts.
A bar to heaven,
A door to hell,
Whoever named it named it well.

—Selected.

SECRET PRAYER.

Prayer at its best is always secret. It is then most real. When we pray before others the temptation to unreality is so severe that it is but rarely overcome. This temptation we escape when we are alone. And it is when prayer is secret that it is deepest. The loneliness of the human heart is strikingly shown by the fact that it deepest things it can share with none but God. It is because of this that the life of the ungodly is necessarily shallow. Human life can only be fully developed in fellowship with God. We must be alone with God in order to enjoy the full blessedness of prayer.—George H. C. MacGregor.

Even the recruiting officers are adopting revival meeting methods to obtain recruits. They are holding special meetings with a band to play inspiring music and inviting men to make immediate decision and come forward and enroll their names for the service of the King.

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"To plan without God is to design a vessel without thought of the ocean."

TWO BOYS AND A CIGARETTE.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Two bright little fellows, named Harry and Will,

Were just the same age and just the same size until

One day in their travels it chanced that they met

A queer little creature, surnamed Cigarette.

This queer little creature made friends with the boys,

And told them a story of masculine joys

He held for their sharing, "I'll tell you," quoth he,

"The way to be manly and big is through me."

Will listened and yielded, but Harry held out.

"I think your assertions are open to doubt."

He said: "And besides, I'm afraid I'd be sick."

"Afraid!" echoed Will. "Oh, you cowardly stick!

Well, I'm not afraid; look here!" As he spoke

He blew out a halo of cigarette smoke.

Five years from that meeting saw them again.

The time had arrived when they both should be men;

But, strangely enough, although Harry boy stood

As tall and as strong as a tree in the wood,

Poor Will seemed a dwarf; sunken eye, hollow cheek,

Stooped shoulders proclaimed him unmanly and weak.

With thumb and forefinger he listlessly rolled

A cigarette, smoothing each wrinkle and fold;

And the smoke that he puffed from his lips, I declare,

Took the form of a demon, and grinned from the air.

And it said: "See that wreck of a man that I made

Of the boastful young fellow who wasn't afraid."

AN INDISPENSABLE IN THEOLOGICAL TRAINING.

Rev. Charles G. Finney says: To me it seems very manifest that the great difference in ministers, in regard to their spiritual influence and usefulness, does not lie so much in their literary and scientific attainments as in the measure of the Holy Ghost which they enjoy.

A thousand times as much stress ought to be laid down upon this part of a thorough preparation for the ministry as has been. Until it is felt, acknowledged, and proclaimed upon the housetops, rung through our halls of science, and sounded forth in our theological seminaries that this is an indispensable part of the preparation for the work of the ministry, we talk in vain and at random when we speak of the necessity of a thorough preparation and course of training.

I must confess that I am alarmed, grieved, and distressed beyond expression when so much stress is laid upon the necessity of mere human learning, and so little upon the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Of what use would ten thousand ministers be without being baptised with the Holy Ghost. Ten thousand times ten thousand of them would be instrumental neither in sanctifying the church nor in converting the world.—Sel.

You cannot quiet your conscience by any theories of holiness that do not begin with an immediate and thorough consecration of the whole being to God.—Sel.

LOVE'S EXPRESSION A NECESSITY.

Love is not only a necessity, but its demonstration is also a necessity. Its expression is its life, it must and will do something. Like a living rising stream it bursts its restraints and flows over the banks.

Love is restless and dissatisfied if held in check. "Hatred stirreth up strife, but love covereth all sins." Prov. 10:12. Both are active and aggressive. "Love is strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave." "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it." Solomons song 8:6, 7.

Love is the motive that led Jesus to Calvary, and led Him to minister good to His enemies. "The love of Christ constraineth me."—Paul. The Samaritan had it, and the Priest and the Levite did not have it, and Jesus knew that the quibbling lawyer did not have it.—Luke 10:5-37.

Love enjoys its own impression, it grows by its use, and dies without it. Love's disappointment is the bitterest of all calamities. Imagine the happy bride, who in a few years awakes to find her husband a drunkard and the hater of his own wife and children—Contrast that with the home where the "honeymoon" never went out. Sorrows, disappointments, and death, only sanctified and rendered love sweeter and stronger.—Sel.

THE MINISTRY OF STRUGGLE AND TEARS.

A calm sea never made a skillful mariner. A sheltered life never became morally mighty. The ore must pass through the furnace to come out steel. Statues of grace and beauty do not leap from the block of marble by soothing touches. Clay must enter the fire before it turns out the priceless porcelain. Ghiberti spent twenty years in beating into beauty the scenes upon the bronze doors of the baptistry of the Duomo in Florence. God spends fifty years in fashioning a human life into grace and beauty upon the anvil of trial and adversity. The man who meets the discipline of trial grows strong and kingly. The trumpets of God forever herald the truth that man must battle for his crown. Canaan became an actual possession of Israel after hard fighting and heroic effort. The Promised Land of the Christian is won by conquest only. Froude says: "You cannot dream yourself into character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one."—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Note.—All this is good—but Jesus Christ can make a wicked man fit for heaven in an instant. "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Dear Highway,—

The writer visited Lutz Mountain, Westmorland County, and held seven meetings. There is great need of work in that place. We found some of the brethren and sisters standing true. Two persons were at the altar for prayer and were saved. The work at Gray's Mills is progressing well, and the brethren and sisters are standing true. We purpose to press the battle for God.

Your brother,

W. W. HOWE.

"When Christ says "Sell all thou hast," He himself is ready to pay the best price for it."

"The rich and the poor meet together only at the feet of the young Child."