SERMON OUTLINE.

Rev. A. M. Hills, D. D. DOING NO SIN.

"He that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because His seed abideth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God."

—I. John iii. 8, 9.

The evil one induces professors of religion to sneer at holiness as an impossible experience, and to keep aloof from holiness meetings. So we are fallen on a day of "sinning Christians," and "sinning churches," and "a holiness despising Christianity"! It would be as appropriate to talk about "white blackbirds," and "truthful liars," and "honest thieves," and "pure adulterers"!

1.—The New Birth is Out Against the Sin Business.

The literal meaning of the Greek tenses is, "He who has been born of God and continues to be yet, is not progressively doing sin." This has reference to the practice of actual sin, not to the sinful state or condition of the heart.

To be born of God means to resemble God in character. We had to surrender all known sin to be born of God, and it costs the same to keep the experience.

II.—The Attitude of a True Child of God

Will be Against Sinning.

While the regeneration abideth in him, he cannot sin. An honest man must abandon his honesty before he can steal. The habitual sinner is a stranger to Christ.

III.—The Truly Regenerated Man Must Live Outwardly, as Well as a Sanctified Man.

His antagonism to sin will keep up. He cannot consent to sin.

IV.—The Truly Regenerated Man Could Not be Intelligently Opposed to Sanctification.

When he understood the doctrine he would welcome the experience.

He would find great difficulty in living outwardly without sin, and he would welcome the help of a clean heart. He would seek the baptism with the Holy Spirit.—Way of Holiness, England.

DRINK DEADLIEST FOE.

Lord Kitchener, Great Britain's secretary of war, Field Marshal French and Mr. David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, seem to be of the same opinion regarding the drink evil.

"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, and, so far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is drink," said David Lloyd-George. The chancellor was replying to a deputation of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, the members of which were unanimous in urging total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors during the period of the war. "I have a growing conviction, based on accumulating evidence," the chancellor continued, "that nothing but root and branch methods would be of the slightest avail in dealing with the evil. I believe it is the general feeling that if we are to settle German militarism we must first of all settle with the drink."

"It is impossible for a man to be godly who neglects secret devotion, and next to impossible that he should ever become so. You may as well talk of a wise fool, a wicked saint, a sober drunkard, an honest thief as of a prayerless Christian."

W. C. T. U. Column.

THEY ARE DEATH DEALING.

Victoria Island, West Side, July 8th, 1915. Dear "Bulletin:"

We are certainly endeavoring to wage a warfare against the insidious cigarette and it is becoming more difficult each day, according as the atrocities of war and bloodshed develop. So many people allow their sympathies to overcome their better judgment and it would almost appear as if the Christian world considered the products of the Tobacco Trust essential to the success of the war. Even clergymen and White Ribboners are becoming mentally affected, for I heard one woman declare that she would resign her office if discussions on the cigarettes to soldiers were not stopped. But we are pleased to note that the soldiers are becoming aroused to the dangers that confront them and their comrades as they witness the disastrous effects that are accruing from the quantities of tobacco and cigarettes supplied at the firing line. Four of our Ontario boys have written home to send no more cigarettes as they have sworn off after seeing the harm done to themselves and comrades. Some British publications have expressed their surprise at the wholesale shipments of tobacco in its various forms, to our men at the front. The Tobacco Trust both in Canada and Britain are reaping a bountiful harvest and what care they for the devastation that is being wrought among our beloved soldier boys. They can readily despatch with their death-dealing ammunition all that are willing to be slain. Let every press superintendent in Canada denounce in trumpet sounds the alliance of Christians with the Tobacco Trust who are helping to fill their coffers with the blood-money that is degenerating and unfitting our boys for service. One Colonel, a son of one of our Dominion superintendents, wrote his mother that he was shocked at the ravages liquor and tobacco had wrought among his men. He had to discard a quarter of those passed by the doctors and said if he was spared to return from the war, would devote his energies towards reform along these lines. If the Christian world does not arise in its might and come to the rescue of our soldiers, they might better never return.

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HOW THEY CONQUERED.

William Bramwell, who to this day stands out as one of the most eminent of Methodist evangelists, spent six hours a day in secret prayer. Few could imitate him now, but low very few even approach him! It is said of David Stoner, that if all the time could be calculated which he spent in prayer, it would amount to no inconsiderable portion of his life. Of "Uncle John Vassar," the Tract Society colporteur, successful almost beyond comparison in his personal dealings with men, his pastor says: "He absolutely prayed day and night -prayed about everything, prayed over everything, prayed for almost everybody, and prayed with almost everybody he met. He prayed when he went out and prayed when he came in. He prayed before every religious service, and then prayed all the way through it. I have occupied the same room with him night after night, and rarely went to sleep without hearing him at prayer."—Selected.

"Knowing about God is good; knowing God is infinitely better."

SELF-SHARPENING.

Agricultural tools are sometimes made of a layer of steel, welded to a layer of iron. As the soft iron wears away by use faster than the steel, the tools are self-sharpened, and so keep themselves constantly in order, being sharpened by use.

A faithful Christian worker is kept sharp in much the same way; the more he labors the more he is fitted for labor; being kept constantly in use, he never becomes dull.

A great deal of time is spent in putting Christians in working order—in grinding, and honing, and trying to get them fit for service. Perhaps the self-sharpening plan, of getting them at work to sharpen them up, would be an improvement. Thousands are dying of doing nothing, and some others die while they are getting ready to do something. Those who do something are soon able to do more.

The best place for a man to learn to swim is in the water. The best place for a man to learn to work is in the vineyard, where work is to be done. Of course men will make mistakes and commit errors, but it is better to make some mistakes than it is not to make anything. On our failures we may often lay a foundation for future success. If we make a beginning we may accomplish something; but if we are always making preparation we may never accomplish the work that is given us to do.—H. L. Hastings.

CAMP MEETING.

Come to the Camp! the feast is spread! O come and eat of the "living Bread!" List to the silver trumpet call— Come to Camp Meeting- one and all.

Hear the "good news" of Cavalry!— Of grace and mercy, full and free! Come to the Fountain, be made pure; Seek for salvation's double-cure.

Come as they came in days of old; They left their fields, and their flocks, their fold.

When they beheld Jerusalem nigh, O "how amiable!" was their cry.

Faint is our soul, for Thee, O God; To tread Thy courts and to hear Thy Word. Blessed within Thy courts, "a day," More "than a thousand," the other way.

Come to the feast! Hear Jesus call The poor, the lame, the blind and all. Health to your body, He will give; All things are ready, come and live.

Now is the time, "accepted time," To seek the Lord and His will divine. Soon will the day of grace be o'er; Come! His call you may hear no more. —Sel.

AFRICA—THE TASK AND TOILERS.

On the whole continent there are 3,244 missionaries, each with a parish of 3,614 square miles and 46,239 people. In the heart of Africa there are 50,000,000 people—almost one-third of the continent—not only unreached but without any existing agency having their evangelization in contemplation so far as any actual projected plans and hopes are concerned. There are unoccupied areas, the smallest of which is four times the size of the State of New York.—Missionary Review.