

vinely appointed antidotes to the hardening effect of the influences that are about us.

And we will now pause a moment to notice the cause or source of this heart-hardening influence. It will be found to dominate the commercial world. Its sweetest form poisons the atmosphere of the social world. It trickles all over the pages of most popular literature and paralyzes soul liberty in the scientific and educational world. Nor does it fail to permeate the world of the church, especially in its ecclesiastical and its ceremonial realm. But whence is it? Where does it come from? Who or what is it that means by all these agencies if possible to harden our hearts and brings us under wilderness woes? The answer is found in one short, terse clause in v. 13 of this third chapter of Hebrews: "The deceitfulness of sin." And mark you, beloved, even when this is all purged from our own hearts it presses hard upon us from all sides without to harden us and re-enter if it can. No, not all sides. There is one exception. It does not press from the top side. Let us look and live above. — *Hearst and Life.*

#### FORTY YEARS AGO.

I wish I were a boy again,  
In old camp meeting time;  
To hear old-fashioned people sing  
Their hallelujah rhyme;  
And see the mourners at the bench,  
The pilgrims kneeling round,  
Awaiting for the Holy Ghost,  
To show their Savior found.

#### Chorus—

Forty years ago, forty years ago,  
I wish I were a boy again,  
As in the long ago;  
Forty years ago, forty years ago,  
Bless God for old camp meeting time,  
Forty years ago.

I'd like to be in church once more,  
In old revival years;  
Among the folks who still believe,  
God listens to their prayers;  
With those who sang the loudest songs,  
And prayed the longest prayers;  
I'd go back with a willing heart,  
Could I once more be there.

I'd like to see the preacher's face  
Above that bench again,  
A-shining through his happy tears,  
Like sunshine after rain;  
And hear his "Glory be to God,"  
His wonderful "Amen,"  
When a half a dozen anxious souls,  
Were truly born again.

Oh, for one day of those past years,  
And of that day one hour,  
When good old mother Mary Jones,  
Was shouting with the power,  
And men and women laughed and cried,  
As she went down the aisle,  
A-praising God and shaking hands,  
In old revival style.

Well, praise the Lord, I'm glad to say,  
We're coming back again;  
The Holy Ghost is here today  
So let us say, "Amen."  
New fashioned ways we do not approve,  
Though some may call us slow,  
We like the good old-fashioned ways  
Of forty years ago.

—Unidentified.

### Ministers and Churches.

The ordination service of Brother F. T. Wright will be held at St. John at an early date, as that is the most convenient place for the committee appointed by the Alliance, Revs. W. W. Howe, S. A. Baker and G. B. Trafton.

Rev. A. H. Trafton and Mrs. Trafton are enjoying a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Foley, in St. John, N. B.

The Hartland Praying Band held a service at the home of Brother Stephen McMullen on January 15th, on his 89th birthday. Brother McMullen is getting feeble in body but is full of heavenly unction and strong in spirit. The Hartland Praying Band held service in the home of Brother and Sister Alfred Thornton on Monday evening, Feb. 8th.

At the annual meeting of the St. John church Rev. G. B. Trafton was given a call to remain pastor for another year.

It would aid in arranging for pastors with the churches for the coming year, if it was made known through the Highway what changes are being planned by pastors and churches. We do not anticipate many changes.

Rev. C. S. Hilyard says, "Meetings are going on good, and some are still getting helped. One young man intends giving himself to the ministry. The Lord's hand is on him."

Rev. A. H. Trafton preached at St. John on Sunday evening the 7th. He will preach at Clearview, Carleton County, on the 14th inst.

The St. John churches and congregations were much helped by the preaching of Brother F. W. Foster of Fort Fairfield. The pastor says, "I wish we had a car load like him."

#### THOUGHTS ON HUMILITY.

Some churches like responsive reading of scripture in their services. May we not have responsive preaching from the following text, both in and out of the church: "Be Clothed With Humility."

We have noticed among the uncivilized of Africa that when a man has been going around without clothes for some time and then becomes dressed, the clothes seems a very prominent feature of the man. We infer from this that the teaching of the above quoted scripture is, humanity should be a very prominent characteristic of the Christian.—I. F. K.

"Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation and bond of all virtue."—*Chrysostom.*

"Be sure that your soul is never so intensely alive as when in the deepest abnegation it waits hushed before God."—*MacLaren.*

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin to be little. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper the foundation. Modest humility is beauty's crown."—*St. Augustine.*

"I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility."—*John Ruskin.*

"God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."—*Paul.*

"I often pray to God that he would keep me in the hollow of his hand. The most essential point is lowliness. It is profitable for all things, for it produces a teachable spirit which makes everything easy."—*Fenelon.*

"He that is down, needs fear no fall;  
He that is low, no pride;  
He that is humble ever shall  
Have God to be his guide."

—*John Bunyan.*

Is the label on your Highway marked 15 or 16? If not, please renew now.

### W. C. T. U. Column.

#### MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

(By Rev. A. B. Simpson.)

*Am I my brother's keeper?*—*Gen. 4, 9.*

Mutual responsibility between man and man is an essential principle of human nature and the constitution of society as well as of the Word of God.

No man can live alone. We are mutually dependent upon each other and mutually responsible for each other.

"God never made an independent man,  
'Twould mar the general concord of His plan."

Aesop's little fable of the lion that spared the mouse from death and in turn was saved by the mouse, as it gnawed the meshes of its net and let him escape, illustrates how closely related every creature is to its fellow. Cain's selfishness was a crime not only against God, but against nature. We cannot be indifferent to the health, happiness or moral rightness of our brother.

If you have smallpox in the house next to you you will be very likely to have it too; and if your neighbor is left in ignorance and vice you cannot escape the contact and contagion in some form and measure. We are, therefore, bound to each other by obligations and relations as real and strong as the constitution of nature and the character of God.

What is meant by being our brother's keeper?

1. It means most obviously that we should keep from doing our brother any harm, either in his material, physical, social or spiritual interests. This is a more searching and comprehensive statement than we can imagine. To keep the sixth commandment means much more than to avoid stealing our brother's property. It also requires us to guard his interests and to promote his prosperity in every proper way. The ninth commandment is not fulfilled when we avoid slander and evil speaking, but to promote in every proper way our neighbor's good name. The seventh commandment is not fulfilled when we avoid overt acts of forbidden indulgence. It also requires us most carefully to guard by every expression the purity of others and to keep our natural heart, thought and imagination from the faintest touch of evil.

Beloved, have we kept our brother's life and interests as we would our own? A very trifling act may begin the career of the drunkard. A first glass is known to start many a soul on the road to perdition. The first dance has opened the gates of hell to many a fallen girl.

2. It means that we should do good to our brother as we have opportunity. It is not enough to avoid injuring another, but God is constantly giving us opportunities of helping and benefitting one another, and expects us "to do good unto all men as we have opportunity, especially to them that are of the household of faith."

3. Especially it requires that we shall seek to save the soul of our brother and lead him to Christ for eternal life.

It is probable that God lets every human being that crosses our path meet us in order that we may have the opportunity of leaving some blessing in his path, and drop into his heart and life some influence that will draw him nearer to God. It would be blessed indeed if we could meet every immortal soul that we have ever touched in life, and truly say, "I