

Paper read before the Fredericton W. C. T. U., November 24th, 1915 by the Editor.
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ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Madam President and Ladies of the W. C. T. U.:

In response to your request to present you with a paper on this most difficult topic, viz: "Advice to Mothers," I wish to submit the following:

Should the world for another half-century continue in the same course as it has during the past half century, the topic assigned to me would pass as a joke, for mothers in the full sense of the word will be rare, and in the present day wives (so far as the marriage ceremony is concerned) are many, mothers are comparatively few, so that a large company of women are not included in this topic.

The originator of this topic has left the writer the widest possible field from which to select the class of mothers as within the limits of the article to be submitted, for the term covers every phase of motherhood, as well as to the age of her children, from the infant to grey haired grandmothers, so the task is truly great.

And also to advise mothers will include every influence which affects her personal life, as well as the life of her home, and offspring, for there are many streams of influences which flow into the home life which demands a most wonderful being endowed with great resourcefulness and fine powers of discrimination, with almost superhuman executive ability, combined in that personality that we call mother, and that God has entrusted with the wonderful power of the reproduction of the workmanship of his own hands. Thus entrusting to her care and training beings which will live forever in the realm of eternal bliss or in the awful horrors of the lost. Can anyone measure the importance of this great mission of woman? Has woman a greater mission than this? Can those who purposely avoid this responsibility be guiltless in the great day of judgment? Will not she who murders her offspring, or submits to this form of murder be innocent of blood guiltiness?

All honor to those women who so heroically assume the full responsibility of motherhood assigned her by the Almighty Father. Being a commission from God, He alone is able to endow her who receives it with its responsibilities and labours to faithfully care for, teach, and rear and send forth for him into this world with their eyes open to the dangers and traps and pitfalls of this sin cursed world.

To begin at the right point to advise mothers would require us to speak to young women contemplating marriage and tell them of God's great mission given to women and impress her with the importance of the selection she makes of the man who is to be the father of her children. His disposition, physical life, moral character, habits and associations are of the most vital importance.

Second—The woman herself will have much to do to fit herself physically and spiritually to assume this greatest responsibility.

Third—Be just what she wishes her children to be in her devotion to God, to her home, to her husband and to her children. Make these the greatest and most important things in life.

Fourth—To have a right life it must be founded on truth. The Bible should be taught to the child as the infallible word of God. If the father and mother believe and love it, the children will accept it as truth and it will be their foundation upon which they will build.



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Fifth—To ensure this the mother at least needs to know all about her children.

(A) What they read; (B) Who and what the maid is who does the house work, the man who does the general work, that the children follow about the place. (C) The teachers in the school, what example they set and the Sunday School teacher, what he or she is teaching. What kind of ideas they hold, here is where children and young people sometimes get erroneous teaching and bad examples, for they will follow the example of a Sunday School teacher because if the Sunday School teacher can read "yellow" literature, attend the theatre, dance, smoke, gamble in stocks, dispense with all that is supernatural in the Bible, why is it no harm for them (D) We would even go so far as to know what the views of the pastor are, you should not endanger the faith of the boy or girl in the grand old book," by sending, or better, taking them to listen to higher criticism, Unitarianism, "Christian science" falsely so called, or any other false doctrine simply because the pastor of my church is the preacher.

It is a difficult thing for people to get their families through this world right, it is a constant fight against wrong of every type and character.

The natural love of the world and worldly things beside the allurements to draw them away, and should they escape to young manhood and womanhood, up to their college days, then they meet in some colleges, professors who teach the rankest infidelity.

What are we to do under present conditions as mothers, you may ask?

God is the only refuge, seek him with all the heart, obey him fully, love him supremely, serve him with perfect heart. If any man (or

FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST.

In preparation of Sunday School lesson for March 5th I have been much impressed by that well-known word of inspiration in verse 55. Stephen, "full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven and saw the glory of God." He was surrounded by those who hated him, rejected his message, and were not moved even by that face reflecting heavenly light. But with the heavenward gaze, had the vision, that amid the howling mob, that led him outside the city, could forget the death blows, and in the spirit of his Lord pray for their forgiveness.

In these times of indifference, worldliness, false teachings and Laodicean condition of churches how we need to be spirit-filled that we may keep the steadfast gaze. "Looking unto Jesus" we see the penalty of our sins met in the perfect offering of the Lamb of God, who only takes away the sin of the world. Not murdered, as is now taught from pulpits of our land, for we hear Him saying: "I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." Still gazing we see Him coming forth in resurrection power the "first fruits of them that slept." Then He becomes our ascending Lord, with outstretched hands, blessing His own, and we can with them again hear the heavenly message, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Now in this waiting time, still steadfastly gazing, we see Him on His Father's throne, our High Priest, in the holy of holies with his own blood, where "he ever liveth to make intercession for us" I find this gazing means with the word each day. Where He speaks to us, in the secret places of prayer, where we may speak to him, and going forth to service as He bids us. Still we can keep the steady looking, not to the right or left, for when "he putteth forth his own sheep he goeth before them." How blessed to find our work can be done in the light of the Throne that shines on the pathway of every trusting, obedient, heart-cleansed child of God. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. This steady gaze saves us from the wiles of the enemy, that in these last days are so subtle, so beautiful as to deceive, if possible the very elect."

Again we find it is unto the looking ones He will appear the second time. So occupying "till He comes" we are found among those looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

L. F. H.

The Canada Temperance Act is being rigidly enforced at Fredericton this week, to the discomfort of a number of hotel men. The result promises a term in jail for several of them. This comes as the result of the work of a professional detective.

Mayor Moses Mitchell the Good Government candidate, was re-elected Mayor of Fredericton on the 13th, with a majority of 83 votes. Fredericton promises to be uncomfortably warm for liquor dealers during this year.

woman) lack wisdom let him (or her) ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him (or her).