

SOULS THAT EXPLODE—LITTLE LESSONS FROM LIFE.

It was not until science discovered that an electric spark coming in contact with gasoline would cause an explosion that the automobile as a practical machine was made possible. It was the explosion, the "kick," that drove the piston and turned the wheels. The essential thing in an automobile is an engine that can explode. About this engine designers have built all styles of cars from the ten-thousand-dollar to the—well, to the cheapest sort. The body line in each differs, the hoods vary, no two interiors are duplicate. These details though costly and the subject of discriminating selection, are minor when compared with the little kicking engine. As long as that is present the car goes; when that is absent, however costly the other details, it is dead.

The Christian's power is similarly obtained. The divine spark must ignite our soul ere the power comes. What the times need are souls that explode, that have a "kick." The world designates it a "punch." We can build our faith over all sorts of creedal detail, we can choose a ritualistic form of worship, we can give ourselves to this or that particular form of Christian activity, but unless there is in the midst of all these a soul open to receive the divine spark, the power of the resultant explosion will not materialize and we will get nowhere. Modern Christianity is in need of more explosions—explosions with the expanding force practically utilized. We do not mean noise; we mean power resulting from divine contact. Our churches have too many well-meaning members who have pseudo-interest in the progress of the Kingdom, but who are no particular asset, because they have never had an explosion. Emotionalism? Sensationalism? No, no. What we plead for are more heaven-born revelations of such striking presentation that receiver is lifted out of himself and driven forward to the performance of this power is possible in every life, however humble, by the way of prayer, something positive and striking. And this kind cometh not in prayer and fasting.—Christian Advocate.

Note—Yes, but folks wouldn't know the real kind unless they had the real kind themselves. They would likely say as some said at Pentecost: "These men are full of new wine."

THE BUSY PREACHER'S CREED.

An enthusiastic preacher has embodied his zeal in the subjoined statement. It appeared in the Methodist Protestant and is typical of the spirit of many of God's noblemen in the ministry:

"I believe in the Gospel I preach; in the Church to which I belong; in the work I am doing, and in my ability to help others. I believe that honest preaching will bring honest results; I believe in doing things, not in waiting, nor boasting, nor complaining. I believe a preacher gets what he expects; I believe a kind deed done today is worth more than two left over for tomorrow; I believe in a sure reward in the future; I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer in friendship, and in honest efforts. I believe there is a place for every preacher and every preacher at his place; I believe in being ready right now; I believe no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself, and in his Christ."



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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

It is good and helpful to converse together upon religious subjects. It pleases God. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it." He not only heard it, but He called the attention of His angel scribes and told them to make record of the fact. Not only so, but He had a purpose of rich reward concerning them: "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." The Lord hearkened and heard the loving conversation of His people.

Christian fellowship increases our knowledge of spiritual things. A large part of our wisdom, and strength, and hope comes from conferring with others. It gives sympathy, and broader views, and new suggestions, and corrects our errors.—Sel.

"You can't get people into the blessing preaching about holiness."

TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH.

To live under the influence of the carnal mind is to live in the state of condemnation; and consequently, liable to death eternal; whereas, on the contrary, he who is spiritually minded, has the life and peace of God in his soul, and in full prospect of life eternal.

Because it is a carnal mind, and relishes earthly and sinful things, and lives in opposition to the pure holy law of God, therefore it is enmity against God, it is irreconcilable and implacable hatred.

It will come under no obedience, for it is sin, and the very principle of rebellion, and therefore it cannot be subject, nor subjected, for it is essential to sin to show itself in rebellion, and when it ceases to rebel, it ceases to be sin.

From this we learn that the design of God, in the economy of the Gospel, is not to weaken, curtail, or lay the carnal principle in bonds, but to destroy it. As it is not subject, and cannot be subject to the law of God, it must be destroyed else it will continue to rebel against God.

It cannot be mended, or rendered less offensive in its nature, even by the operations of God; it is ever sin, and sin is ever enmity; and enmity wherever it has power, will invariably show itself in acts of hostility and rebellion.—Dr. Adam Clark.

CIGARETTE SMOKING WOMEN.

The other day the wife of a noted banker gave a banquet at the swell hotel. The newspapers head-lined the function in big black type for its lavish display, flow of wine, and the cigarette-smoking of the "women of the younger set." "Ain't that just awful! My, my, what are we coming to?" exclaimed Aunt Sallie. "Praise the Lord!" I cried. "What!" shouted Aunt Sallie, as she glared at me over her spectacles. "Why, praise the Lord that we Americans are such good folks that a spree like that is news." Yea, verily, in Paris and other places that sort of thing is so commonplace that no newspaper would take the space to mention it. When great bankers' wives can make young folks drunken and young girls cigarette fiends, and nobody notes or cares or protests, then shed your tears. The day of wrath will have dawned. A drunken man is bad enough in all conscience. What shall we say of the tippling, cigarette woman! No wonder the sons of such women are worthless. What hope for the boy whose earliest kisses come from a champagne breath, and John Barleycorn gets his first touch through the mother?—Ridgeway, in Sunday School Times.

Andrew Murray well says in that wonderful book, With Christ in the School of Prayer, "It is one of the terrible marks of the diseased state of Christian life in these days that there are so many that rest content without the distinct experience of answer to prayer. They pray daily, they ask many things, and trust that some of them may be heard, but know but little of direct, definite answer to prayer as the rule of daily life." There are enough people in America who profess to be wholly given up to God to pray down the greatest revival since Pentecost if they would pray through, and, if it did not come at once to dig down into their own lives and see what or where was the hidden wedge of gold that prevented the answer. Pray, and pray through!—Sel.