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THERE SHOULD BE A STANDARD.

After reading statements made in several holiness papers recently regarding immorality in schools and homes and immorality of some of the present day theatres and other phases of lewdness.

The question has come to us, does the publication of these things do real good, or harm? It surely does not benefit clean people to have these things forced into their minds. These are not odors of a sweet smell. The publication of these things must be injurious to pure minded young people, and it is food for the defiled and advertisement of their existence.

Are these subjects the kind we should expect holiness papers to carry into homes?

There is but little question about the existence of these conditions, and many untoward conditions throughout the world.

But are these things helpful in the thousands of homes where they are unknown? Where the holiness paper is read by every member of the family that can read.

David said: **He brought me up also out of an horrible pit out, of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.**—Psalm 40:2-3.

The Lord brought us up out of the muck. Let us keep out.

Let there be a standard and live up to it.

Let us magnify the power of the precious blood.

WILL WE TRY A CHANGE?

For many years we have put the double office on the president of the Alliance, to preside at the sessions of the Alliance, and also to have charge of the services of the two camp meetings. While all the brethren have done well, and so far as we know without complaining, but we believe a change would be beneficial. We are sure there are some brethren who would be willing to serve as president of the Alli-

ance for the short time that it is in session, who would prefer not to have the care and responsibility of the camp meetings, and it has been suggested to us that a committee of from three to five brethren be given the care and oversight of the camp meetings, which appears to us as a good idea. The president-elect might be one of this committee. Let this committee elect their own chairman, secretary and collector for incidental expenses.

It looks to us to be worth trying. **For by wise counsel thou shalt make war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

TORONTO DOCTOR SAYS HE HAS
 FOUND ETHER TO COMPEL
 TRUTHFULNESS.

Well, we are glad if it be true. But we know of only one infallible remedy, viz., a **genuine case of full salvation** for truthfulness. Possibly we are mistaken, but the following statement by a writer regarding the present fashion in which some women dress. He said, "Do you remember when a lady would lift her skirt in crossing a street. Today she could wade the Ohio River and not get the hem wet." If rivers in Ohio compare with those in New Brunswick we would conclude that writer should go immediately to Toronto and take a dose of ether, and it would be a good thing for some to have a bottle of this "truth ether" on hand when making statements. Preachers, evangelists and religious writers should be truthful in their statements as well as other folks.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Q.—Is there danger of placing too great stress upon demonstrations in religious meetings? If so, will you point out the danger?

A.—Undoubtedly there is such danger. But before going any further in discussing this question it becomes necessary to qualify our remarks as follows: Coldness, formality and deadness characterizes religious meetings in some quarters, and we fear in some churches which have once been fervent and hot in their love for God and souls, to such an extent as to be fittingly described as religion in cold storage. The reason people are so precise and decorous in some churches is practically the same as to why quantities of meat and fruit keep so well and so long in refrigeration plants—they are frozen, or nearly so. In Christian experience there should be life and vigorous circulation, which is an assurance against putrefaction. When there is so much spiritual dearth and formality in the religious world we hesitate about an apparent criticism of the manifestations of spiritual life, lest we seem to lend sympathy and support to the cold professor to whom real religious demonstration is offensive. We love to see spiritual life properly manifested. However, it becomes necessary at times to correct excessive demonstrations which have in many instances led to harmful results. There is a highway—a way within the way—which avoids the extremes on either side. It is safe to keep in the middle of the road. It is seldom necessary to stimulate religious demonstration, because where there is life there will be a natural

manifestation of that life. Ministers sometimes unconsciously and unduly stimulate religious demonstrations on the part of those who come under their ministry by excessive physical exertion and straining of the voices while preaching. It is coming more and more to be accepted in the best spiritual as well as educational circles that a more natural and conversational style of delivery is much more effective than so much physical exertion and human effort. Noise is not spiritual power and physical contortions are no signs of deep spirituality. Then again, we sometimes see this mistaken zeal displayed at an altar service. Seekers are dealt with in a manner to work them up into a state of frenzy, in which excited state of mind they are encouraged to profess the grace they are seeking, and this excitement they mistake for a real work of the Spirit because they have been induced to shout and make more or less demonstration. The usual results of such profession without obtaining a real work of grace in the heart is that the fruits of grace do not appear in the life and those who have been thus led into a profession are either soon backslidden both in profession and practice so that the seeking is all to do over again, or the profession is kept up while an inconsistent life brings the Christian religion and the cause of holiness into reproach and often into disgrace. How much better it is to see by careful instruction that the seeker is led to meet every condition of salvation, or of entire sanctification as the case may be, and believe with all the heart, and come into an intelligent and well-balanced experience of grace. Where a real work of grace is wrought there is little danger but what there will be plenty of demonstration of a proper kind. May God help us to be wise and to avoid wild and hurtful extremes.—Wesleyan Methodist.

John Wesley, more than 150 years ago, predicted that when the power of Germany was broken then Papacy would be reasserted and become more powerful. The newspapers tell us that there are now 12 more nations represented at Rome by diplomats to the Vatican than there were in the year 1914. Torrey tells us that more than 60% of President Wilson's appointments were Roman Catholics. All the policemen in one of our own greater cities and 90% of all the school teachers in another of the greatest cities of the land are Roman Catholic. The Scripture which John Wesley was commenting on when he modestly ventured the above named prophecy gives us as our only (but sufficient) hope of the destruction of the mystery of iniquity which works with signs and lying wonders, and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped so that he as God sitteth on the temple of God showing Himself that He is God the promise of the brightness of the Lord's Coming.—Herald of Holiness.

"What right have we to ask missionaries to go to distant lands to serve Christ if we do not serve them with a sacrificial spirit equal to theirs?"

We don't want the faith that comes by seeing, but the seeing that comes by faith.—John McNeill.