

AS I WOULD LIVE.

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Not simply as a servant, Lord,
Constrained to do a Master's will,
Finding the hours of labor long
The duties irksome to fulfill.

Nor as a friend alone. O Lord,
However true that friendship be,
I could not do the work I should
If but a friend to thee.

Nor yet as lover only Lord, lest
Enamored by thy form of face
I strive to work from love alone
Without the guidance of thy grace.

Servant, friend and lover, Lord, but
more
Much more I'd be. O Saviour mild
Help me to do thy gracious will
Because "I am thy child."

Finding each day by far too short
To do tasks thou hast for me
And every duty turned to joy
Because it's done for Thee.

TOBACCO AND ITS CURSE.

We feel that we can hardly say too much in regard to the evils of the tobacco habit and its baneful effects. Below we give some statements from men who know what they are saying. We get these statements as given in one of our exchanges, The Burning Bush:

Tobacco is a curse. We say this because it degrades manhood. It undermines and weakens character and leaves its poor helpless dupes slaves. It dulls the sense and robs the student of honor. We quote the following in this connection:

Dr. Dio Lewis at Harvard College says, "During fifty years, although five out of every six students used tobacco, not one of the users of tobacco ever graduated at the head of his class."

"Admiral Albert Ross, of the U. S. Navy, said: "Recently in Boston out of 600 applicants for the navy only thirty were accepted." "The young men who were rejected," says Dr. Kress, "were not regarded as infirm by their friends. They were volunteers who considered themselves in health, unconscious of any physical infirmity. They represent America's best." Out of 117,000 enrolled this last summer for the navy in eastern, southern, central and western section of the country only 29 per cent were found fit. Out of 160,000 enlisting in eleven months of 1914 and 1915 only 22 per cent. were found fit. There are abundant statistics similar to these, and in many cases cigarettes helped to make them unfit for service."

"Not only was it found that tobacco made the young manhood of America unfit to serve their country but it proved also to be a great hindrance to the sick and wounded. We give the following conclusive evidence from the report of a London military hospital superintendent:

"A patient returning to the hospital after a day's leave is often found with an irregular pulse, due to his smoking. This interferes with sleep and leads to a gen-

eral lowering of vitality. The public should remember that a convalescent soldier is more like a young boy than a grown man in his power to resist nicotine."

"Dr. Shepard of Colorado, U. S. A., testified to the evils of tobacco in no uncertain tone when he wrote:

"In my twenty-five years of treating tuberculosis exclusively, the time came when I refused to receive a cigarette fiend in my sanitarium unless he quit tobacco. Because the constant irritation of cigarettes on mucous surfaces of the lungs neutralizes to a fatal extent any treatment that may be administered."

Again we read:

"Of sixty-seven candidates for the medical department of the United States Army during the Spanish war, forty-three were rejected because of tobacco heart, officially and medically so declared."

"Much more could be offered in evidence of the disastrous results following in the wake of the tobacco curse, but lack of space forbids. Let us say, however, that its use is overwhelmingly condemned by the military authorities, who require the best of our manhood and by the medical fraternity, and should be condemned as a whole by the religious communities."

LIBELLING CHRISTIAN LOVE.

A persistent effort is being made to make it appear that it is the part of Christian love to be tolerant of ruinous unbelief and to leave it uncombated. Those presenting this view insist that love is ever amiably passive and essentially non-resisting. This is nothing short of libelling that noble fruit of the Holy Spirit.

It was Paul, the author of that beautiful tribute to love found in the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians, who, when false teachers were trying to get in their work among the early Christians, declared, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8).

It was St. John, proverbially the apostle of love, who wrote these strong words: "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed; for he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds." (2 John, 10 and 11.)

"God is love," yet it is, He who has declared, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

A mushy namby-pambyism is not love. The mother loved her child with a measureless affection, and should you seek to injure it, the same love that croons over its cradle, will fight to the death in its defense. Love is never nobler than when it stands fearlessly for the right, and bleeds and suffers to beat back the wrong.

To try to shelter destructive skepticism, capable of wrecking immortal souls, under the banner of Christian love, is one of Satan's most subtle devices.—The Southern Methodist.

It takes both grace and grit to get along pleasantly with people who never make mistakes.

SIX TYPES OF THE SPIRIT

"I want to mention six types of the Holy Spirit which we can best understand. First, wind; second, water; third, oil; fourth, fire; fifth, intoxication; sixth, dove. Those six points apply to the unseen power of your life to make you powerful.

"The wind is a type of the Spirit because it is invisible, penetratable, and powerful. A number do not want to believe because they can not see it with their eyes.

"The water is a type because it cleanses and satisfies. The reason some people are not filled is because their lives are too filthy. You will never be satisfied in your spiritual life until you are cleansed and made pure.

The oil is a type because it gives light and soothes.

"The fire is a symbol in that when we are Spirit filled we shine for Jesus.

"Intoxication is a type because if you get intoxicated with the Holy Spirit you will not be afraid to get up and speak for God in a meeting.

"The dove is also a form of the Spirit because of the way in which He comes. Evangelist Bulgina in Exchange.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On March 31st, the church and friends at Ludlow, Me., remembering that their pastor, Rev. H. H. Cosman and Mrs. Cosman, were married 50 years ago, prepared a great wedding supper in honor of the event. They had taken charge of the parsonage and church and decorated them in gold and white paper. The night was stormy, but that did not prevent 125 guests from attending, though some 150 were invited. A most tempting and delicious supper was served by the ladies, including an abundance of cake and ice-cream. Gifts amounting to \$155, mostly in gold, as well as some other presents, were received, including a beautiful bouquet for Mrs. Cosman. After supper the company repaired to the church where an appropriate program was given. Everything was carried out in a true Christian manner.

The Editor and wife join in congratulations and best wishes for many more years of useful and happy wedded life.

It is related of the great preacher, the late Charles H. Spurgeon, that on one occasion he went down into the country to visit a friend who had built a new barn, and on the barn was a cupola, upon which they put a weather-vane with this text of Scripture on it, "God is love."

Spurgeon said to the man: "What do you mean by putting that text of Scripture on the weather-vane? Do you mean that God's love is as changeable as the wind?" "Oh, no," was the reply, "I mean to say that God is love whichever way the wind blows!" It will be well to remember this when the next gale of adversity sweeps down upon you.

A man out of harmony with God will be out of harmony with his own heart, and will surely disturb the peace of others.