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EDITORIAL.

PROHIBITION.

The temperance situation calls for serious thought on the part of everyone who is anxious for the well-being of our province. Every Christian should be aroused to see the peril of the situation. We have a good law in the present prohibition act upon the statute books of this country. The temperance people have voiced their opinion several times at the polls as to their approval. The temperance alliance with worthy representatives from all parts of the province, have been heard at different times before the house while in session, and promises were made to the temperance people, it would seem, without due regard to the fulfilling of them. It is time for temperance people to quit party politics and stand by men of principle. We commend the men in the present government who stood so nobly by the cause and these men should have our support; but those who would destroy our cause and sell us for a few paltry dollars in revenue, are not worthy of the support of God-fearing people. Let the Church of God in New Brunswick arise and so speak on the 10th of August by the ballot, that those men who will not and have not stood by the strict enforcement of the present prohibition law, shall be found left outside, that the good citizens of this country still have a conscience that cannot be stilled with the promise of revenue. We want sobriety, and then we will share prosperity. If the people of the Lord are recreant to their trust, then they must expect His judgments to overtake them. Let us show our faith by our works.

HOLINESS MISUNDERSTOOD

It is supposed by many that holiness is sweetishness. That it is too sweet to be wholesome; that it tolerates error and calls it by honeyed terms; that it never rebukes sin, but smiles complacently upon it; that it has nothing but smiles for flagrant sin.

An examination of the lives of the holiest men mentioned in the Bible show that this is a great mistake. Jesus Christ drove the traders out of the temple with a

whip. Stephen, a man full of the Holy Ghost, would have been accused of exhibiting "sour holiness" by some, when he said to the churchmen of his day, "Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do all resist the Holy Ghost." But God gave him a look into heaven at that very time. Peter would have been called by some harsh, when he told Simon Magus that his heart was not right in the sight of God, and Paul would have been considered unkind by some when he said to Elymas, "Thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness."

Holiness not only gives us shine and beauty of character but it puts iron in the blood as well. It is a rare combination to be able not only to have grace but also truth. Holiness means as truly justice, as it does mercy and love. A holy man is not a pliant willow bending to the opinions of men, but it is a stalwart oak that stands true in all the winds of sophistry and opposition that would confound moral distinctions and make no distinction between truth and error, righteousness and sin. Holiness makes us sweet as heaven and sharp as fire at the same time. We love the souls of men. At the same time we love God too much to betray his truth.—Chr. Witness.

BATTEMENTS ABOUT OUR HOMES.

In Oriental cities where streets are narrow and crowded, shops and dwellings small and poorly lighted, the people spend a great deal of time during the warm weather on the flat roofs of their homes. When the work of the day is over this is the gathering place for the family and the children have happy times playing games or talking together until the stars come out and they are ready to retire. If the night is warm, soft mattresses are spread on the cement roof and the family sleep here where they can get the benefit of the fresh breezes that blow across the city.

During Bible times when a man built a house he was required by law to put around the top of it, above the roof, a wall, known as a battlement, for the protection of those who sought the roof for its refreshing breezes. These battlements provided for the safety of a person's own children as well as those of his neighbor.

This custom among the inhabitants of the Bible lands suggests to us that we should also look well to the building of battlements about the homes we are making today.

What would the neighbors and friends have thought of a man in those days who when finishing the roof of his residence, left it with no protection whatever so that the children could step off at any time into space? He would have been considered very careless to say the least, and in the sight of the law he would have been a criminal.

How is it with us today when we neglect to provide for our homes the protecting battlements that a good wholesome religious example can give. Many children and young people are kept from falling during early life by such surroundings and later in life it does not lose its protective power. We scarcely pick up a periodical of any kind today in which we do not find some writer paying tribute to the worth of the example of Christian parents. We can make our lives as par-

ents a strong wall of protection for every member of our families. The consecrated Christian life of father or mother has often been a wall of protection to prevent some boy from stepping off into the ways of sin and a lure towards higher and nobler attainments.

Another battlement we should not neglect to place about our homes is clean, wholesome, inspiring literature. Thought and money spent for this purpose will pay large dividends in the safety it provides for our families as well as the protection it gives to other children who frequent our homes. We can scarcely overestimate the worth of good books and periodicals, in giving the right trend of thought to the young minds in the early stages of their development.

Another battlement which we are likely in these busy days to neglect is family prayers, which is one of the most important safeguards to the home. This wall of protection has saved many a person in the trials and temptations of mature life. Men and women have been kept from stepping off into the open spaces of sin by the remembrance of this substantial wall that was about them when they were enjoying the privileges of a Christian home. The best part of the matter is that these protective measures tend towards developing the highest and noblest type of character to be found in the country today.

In a recent article in one of the leading magazines, the late Gene Stratton Porter, who many of us had learned to love, because of the wholesome advice in her special articles and the splendid lessons brought out in her stories and whose messages we shall miss as we do the voice of some dear friend, has this to say regarding the value of providing walls of protection for the children in our homes:

"One thing, for which I would make my acknowledgment, is the fact that my father had a deep sense of obligation to his children. He believed that no man had a right to bring a child into the world, unless he intended to make himself responsible so far as lay in his power for its physical growth, for its mental culture and for its loving and careful rearing."

After telling how her father always took a deep interest in what they were doing in school and had time to help them with their lessons she says, "All the money he could possibly afford, he spent for books and papers. From these he read aloud at night, and the performance ended by reading and expounding a chapter from the Bible. Then all of us knelt before our chairs while father prayed not at us but for us.

"I have always thanked God that father used the Bible as a lure, as an enticement, not as a menace or a threat. When morning came before we had our breakfast, the reading of a chapter and the word of prayer were repeated and three times a day, before we ate our food he asked God's blessing."

This is a gifted writer's tribute to the walls of protection that a devoted Christian father built about his house.

It is from homes of this character that have come men and women who have been a blessing to the age in which they have lived.—Sel.