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EDITORIAL

Praise ye the Lord! O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Ps. 106-1.

How much we have to be thankful for. So many blessings come to us from the heavenly Father and so continuous, we wonder if we are not neglectful in returning thanks.

The Psalmist's heart seemed almost too full for utterance; he cries out hallelujah. That seems to be the expression we use when we cannot find language to express the gratitude of our heart to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

David felt that something was necessary in seeking to express his gratitude, and so he exclaims: What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. Ps. 116:12, 13, 14.

What if all of the Lord's people would take that position and follow it up—it would mean much for the extension of His Kingdom in the earth.

Dear ones! We feel that God does call upon us to render thanksgiving in a tangible way! What more tangible way than to feel the obligation of our consecration still upon us? We fear some time that the matter of consecration was for a limited time; but if our consecration was real as prompted by the Holy Spirit, it was-Lord, I give to Thee, my life and all, to be Thine henceforth, eternally. This to us is of tremendous importance, so much so that we feel if such vows were being kept, there would never be a lapse in our experience, and never a falling away from holiness. Our people would keep on fire for God and there would be a forward march. Let us render unto God that which is

ENOURAGING

What a victory for sobriety and good government. In the election of Herbert Hoover as the next President of the United States, a notable victory has been gained over the forces of darkness. God's people were aroused and did something. We thank God for such a victory. Let the good people of our fair Dominion of Canada be encouraged. We believe things are ripening up in this country and the time is not far distant when the hellish fiend of government control will be buried to rise no more.

WHAT THE LORD REQUIRES

By H. C. Mullen

"What does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah 6:8.

This text is the answer to the question asked in the 6th verse, "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God?" Let us notice well at the start that the question to settle is, What doth God require? It is not a question of what man requires. The world is cursed with man made religions that may satisfy the demands of a carnal heart and serve the purpose of the devil to ease the conscience and satisfy the natural religious instinct. Men have set up their own standards and made themselves religions that will suit their own taste, with little thought of what God requires. It is evident here that God is not satisfied with thousands of rams, nor with ten thousands of rivers of oil. Even the sacrifice of one's own offspring would not make an atonement for the soul.

What doth the Lord require then? Let us read and analyse.

1. To do Justly. Our Business Life.

God is just and He surely requires justice in them who profess to follow Him. There is need of a lot of old-fashioned honesty and justice in the everyday affairs of life. There can be no greater stigma upon the professed Christian than unfair dealings in business. How it cripples our arguments in favor of Christianity and the church to have someone to come back at us with some instance of injustice received from some person making a loud profession of religion. I heard of a case something like this. A certain professor of holiness was attending a meeting at another place. A man living in that place remarked to another. "What is the use of that man coming here and shouting about his religion. He has owed me a sum of money for a long time and won't either pay me or make any explanation why he has not paid me." It would be a hard matter to win this unsaved man to God while he saw the unfairness of this pro-

It would be better for the Christian to go the "second mile" and suffer real loss so as to clear himself of any semblance of injustice. There is a lot of unnecessary prejudice stirred up against the Church because of looseness in business affairs and for the lack of a simple justice.

2. To Love Mercy. Our Social Life.

This goes further than business and covers Charity, Benevolence, Brotherhood.

One may do justly as far as the letter of the law is concerned and yet be far from having mercy. Men think they are just when they take advantage of someones necessity to enrich themselves but they would fall a long ways behind mercy. Much business justice is far from being merciful. Justice might say, I am rich and well provided for and I owe no man anything, what is it to me that others are suffering. But God's requirement of bounds of justice when he insisted upon the pound of flesh which Antonio's bond had promised, but Mercy would plead for the life of Antonio. Shakespeare wonderfully illustrates justice and mercy in this famous quotation from the Merchant of Venice. Speaking of mercy Portia says, "It is an attribute to God himself:

And earthly power doth then show likest God's

When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew,

Though justice be thy plea consider this—
That in the course of justice none of us
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy.
And that same prayer doth teach us all to
render

The deeds of mercy."

Mercy will make us do works of charity. It will open our purse to the needs of the poor. It will make us a brother to all men. We will not have to join a lodge to make us love our brother or to do him good. It will put us in line to do all in our power for the social uplift of our fellow man. It will sometimes make us go further than a tenth in our giving.

3. And to walk humbly with thy God. Our Spiritual Life.

This last carries us to a higher realm and far beyond the other two requirements. Our meral friend would follow us so far. He could follow us in justice. Any man can be just. The man of the world can go a long ways toward the standard of God in showing mercy, and the popular religion of the day comprehends no more than what I have already mentioned. This is the religion of the fraternities, and the trend of modernism, but God requires one step further and lifts us into the realm of the spiritual. Man is a spirtual being with spirtual capacities. God is a Spirit and requires that we worship Him in spirit and in truth. Men may be just and that is good. Men may have a great deal of mercy and that is blessed, and yet be wholly void of real spirituality. He would come short on a personal knowledge of God.

To walk humbly with God means that we must be transformed in our natures. It will necessitate a new birth. To continually walk humbly with God will surely lead to the high altitudes of Christian fellowship. To keep humble, and to walk with God is the short cut to full deliverance from sin and entrance into the life of holiness. This experience of walking humbly with God at once puts a person on an entirely different plane from the moral man who puts his trust alone in his justice and his deeds of mercy.

The man that lives this requirement is a man of prayer. He is a man who loves the place of worship. He does justly, and loves mercy because he loves God and has fellowship with Him and these things are attributes of God.