

from purity of heart. The multitude of standards that are being raised today are trying to cleanse the stream instead of the fountain from which the stream flows. There are thousands among the great church-going multitudes that know nothing about repentance, confession of sins, regeneration, or justification by faith. They are true and faithful in church attendance. They give of their money, their time, and their talents. Many will even sacrifice for the cause of their church; yet they will confess by their words, their lives, and the expression on their countenance that they know nothing about the first principles of Christ's standard. A young lady, teaching in our city school here, on February 8 gave an address in one of the leading churches from the subject, "The Woman's Attitude Toward Religion." In the address she stated that the young folk were religious. She stated that the fundamentals of the religion taught and lived by Christ are always in the heart of the young woman, although she may be unconscious of their true significance. In her address she asked a very vital question, then gave what she believed to be the panacea to its problem. She asked, "What can the church do to help the young people—to make them feel a strong need of being bound to and being an essential part of it?" She treated the subject from the social, the physical, the religious and the educational standpoint. In considering the social and physical, she brought up the dance, bowling, billiards, basket ball and volley ball, advocating that they should be brought under the supervision of the church. She said that dancing helped to develop ease in society. She stated that in the larger cities, the dances in the vestry or school were well attended, and all who attended reported a good time. She said that the Bible has a splendid field for education, but its stories should be made modern to appeal to the young. She said, "If the young folk felt that the church stood for more than praying—the young women of today do not want to be termed 'goody-goody,' they do not want to wear their feeling on their sleeves. The activities of the church as it is seems too narrow to them." She said the leading men of our country, such as the late President Harding, ex-President Coolidge and Judge Gray, have pleaded for the return of the old-fashioned religion. "But," states she, "the young women will not accept the old-fashioned ideas." There is a great need in this age to have a line drawn, and a distinction made between religion and Christianity. A Christian or righteous man is a religious man. But a religious man may not be a Christian or righteous man. A righteous man will be a worker for Christ and His kingdom. A worker in the church, or for the interest of good, is no true evidence of Christianity. The Pharisees were a very religious people. They prayed, fasted, and gave tithes of all they possessed. They were strict on the Sabbath day. They compassed land and sea to win a soul to their faith. Yet they dogged the footsteps of Christ with murder in their hearts. Jesus told them that they were hypocrites, fools and blind; they were white sepulchres, they were serpents, they were a generation of vipers; that they were children of Satan. He said unto His disciples, "except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye can in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." Paul said, "Though I speak with the tongue of men and of angels, and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains; and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and give my body to be burned, and have not love

it profiteth me nothing." Divine love in the heart, manifested in our daily lives, is the foundation of Christ's standard. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." A lawyer asked Jesus, "Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Paul gives us a picture of what this standard does for the human life. He said, "Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; believeth all things, beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth." Such a standard as this cannot be worked into the heart and life, it must be in the heart and lived out. Neither are we born into the world with a heart in a condition to produce such a life. This standard can only be lived as we are created anew in Christ Jesus, and filled with the Spirit. To get the mass back from a broken and erroneous standard and to get them to accept this standard of Christ, it is needful that it be brought before them.

The responsibility of getting this standard before the people is upon those that have the light. God speaking through the prophet Ezekiel said, When I say to the wicked thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life; the same wicked man will die in iniquity, but his blood I will require at thy hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, he shall die, because thou has not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand. This is but a picture of the tremendous responsibility that rests upon those God has given light. We believe the outstanding needs, the one that is the hope of the church, the panacea for the ills of the world; the one that will solve the social, financial, the educational, the religious, and the industrial problem of our day, is a return of the old-fashioned mourners' bench, a revival of the old-fashioned repentance and confession of sins, and a teaching of the necessity of the new birth. I am not overlooking the fact that God requires holiness. A child must walk before it can run. The standard of Jesus Christ has been broken down. The church has discarded her mourners' bench. There is no urging the people to repent and confess their sins. Folk are as ignorant on the teaching of the new birth as was Nicodemus. Jesus said, "Not every one that said Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Jesus said in the final consummation, when all must appear before Him, many will say in that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Thy name, and in Thy name cast out devils, and in Thy name do many mighty works." But He said, "I will confess unto them that I never knew them." May God help the church to stir from her lethargy, recognize her responsibility, and according to His divine command, lift up His standard to the people.

## ALARMING FACTS ABOUT TOBACCO

Our annual tobacco expense would build four Panama Canals.

A leech is instantly killed by sucking the blood of an habitual smoker.

Insurance companies estimate one-third of all loss by fire to be due to tobacco.

The tobacco habit was begun in America and has extended to practically every nation on earth.

Two thousand American boys begin the habit every day.

Our annual tobacco bill amounts to about \$20 per capita in America.

One million nine hundred and one thousand (1,901,000) acres of American land are used to produce tobacco.

The manufacture of cigarettes increased 1,500 per cent from 1902 to 1917.

Our tobacco bill is twice what it costs to maintain the United States Government.

Dr. Clay reports the death of three children from the use of a tobacco poultice applied to the scalp for scald-head.

"Prussic acid is the only substance more poisonous than nicotine."—M. Orfla, President Paris Medical Academy.

Clark College honors were granted in athletics and scholarships to smokers and non-smokers in the ratio of 16 to 58.

Scientific experiments at Ann Arbor found 24 to 44 per cent. less work done by muscle during the smoking of a cigar.

Tobacco has been known to produce a nervous condition similar to delirium tremens. Physicians call it tobacco tremens.

The ratio of the number of cases of color blindness in men to that of women is 50 to 1. Oculists say this is due largely to tobacco.

At Columbia University 10 per cent of smokers failed to pass an examination in which 4 per cent. of the non-smokers failed.

Six Canadian insurance companies find the mortality rate of smokers to increase in about the same proportion as that of drinkers.

One person working steadily for one hundred years could not count enough silver dollars to pay America's tobacco bill for one year.

The new slogan of the Anglo-American Tobacco Company is: "A cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman and child in China."

The Indians used to poison their arrows by dipping them into nicotine, thereby causing convulsions and often death from arrow wounds.

During nine years' study of students at Yale it was found that the lung capacity of non-smokers developed 77 per cent. more than that of smokers.

Winston-Salem, a North Carolina city of about fifteen thousand, has a daily shipment of one hundred fifty thousand dollars worth of tobacco products.

Statistics give the ratio of the number of smoking students having poor memory to those having poor memory who do not smoke as 38 to 1; lack of will power, 32 to 1.—Wesleyan Methodist.

I will place no value on anything I have except in its relation to the kingdom of Christ."—David Livingstone.

A true and faithful Christian does not make holy living a mere incidental thing. It is his great concern. As the business of the soldier is to fight, so the business of the Christian is to be like Christ.—Jonathan Edwards.