

## A BITTER END

*A Dance that Never Occurred*

An ungodly young girl in Texas was getting up a dance at her father's house to counteract the influence of a revival that was being held in the community, and to keep the young people away from it. She rode from home to home, giving out the invitations, and at the last place, on leaving, she uttered in a gay, reckless way these fearful words: "I am one day nearer hell than I ever was before. Pray that I may hold out faithful." She galloped away, but in a few moments her horse came back dragging the dead body of the rider.

*My Bed in Hell*

A young man was deeply convicted of sin during a revival meeting. He was not a scoffer, or a blasphemer, but on the contrary, acknowledged the necessity of salvation by grace, and expressed his full intention of seeking the Lord at some future time, but resisted every entreaty to turn to Christ then and there. Just about the close of the meeting he was taken violently ill, grew worse rapidly, and the physicians gave him up to die. He sent for the evangelist who had been so burdened for his salvation, and said to him, "Oh, if I had taken your advice a few days ago, I should now be ready to die. God's Spirit strove with me powerfully, but I was stubborn and resisted Him. If I had yielded then I believe God would have saved me from my sins, but now, racked with pain almost unsupportable, and scorched with burning fevers, and on the very brink of an eternal world, I have no hope in the future; all is dark and gloomy. I have resisted God, His Spirit and His ministers, and now I must make my bed in hell. Lost! Lost! Forever lost!" In this condition he breathed his last.

*God Is Not Mocked*

A Christian physician on the way home from the bedside of a patient, through a sparsely settled country, was obliged to take refuge from a swiftly approaching storm in a grocery store which also contained a grog shop. Two wicked men were present, under the influence of liquor, and as the lightning flashed and the thunders rolled, they poured forth such a volley of fearful oaths that finally the storekeeper said, "Gentlemen, I am no Christian, but I want to say that your awful cursing is too much for me. God will strike you and maybe all of us dead right here with a stroke of lightning if you do not hush your blasphemous oaths." The leader of the two rolled up his sleeves, went to the door, cursed God and defied Him. At that moment a blinding flash of lightning descended on the house with a lurid flame of fire. Quickly the blinding light was gone, and only a sulphuric smoke remained from the awful blaze. In a moment that, too, had disappeared, and there lay God's defier in a heap, having sunk down on his feet just as an empty garment when let loose would fall. The physician helped the other men to lay him out, and said he did not believe that there was a bone left unbroken in his body two inches long.

*His Choice Granted*

A young man with whom the Spirit of the Lord had been striving during a revival, when earnestly solicited by his mother to accept Christ, turned with a look of fiendish hatred and defiance and said, "I would rather be damned than yield." In an instant he fell forward with the

cry, "O God! I am damned! I am damned!" And passed into eternity.

These are a few of the many well authenticated instances where sudden destruction was meted out to the perverse and stubborn sinner.

God's Word is full of loving entreaty to the sinner, and over and over again he is assured of forgiveness and salvation through the atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, the Saviour; if he will turn to God. But the bells of warning also ring in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, as to the dire consequences of continuing in sin, and neglecting God's great salvation.

Unsaved friend: You may be or you may not be desperately wicked in outbreaching sins; but away from Christ and His pardoning love and mercy you are in jeopardy every hour. Every time you resist the pleadings of the Holy Spirit your heart is becoming harder, and the probabilities of your salvation less. There are multitudes in the dark regions of despair who intended some time to find peace with God, but they put off the day of salvation until it was everlastingly too late. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.—Selected from a Tract.*

## FOR RAILROAD MEN

At the annual meeting of Conductors and Engineers some time ago, Rev. Geo. R. Stuart, one of the favorites of the railroad men of the South, was asked to open the meeting with prayer. He was loudly applauded as he entered the hall, and as he stepped upon the platform to offer prayer the railroad men, with their wives and daughters present, reverently bowed their heads, and Geo. Stewart, with trembling lips and deep emotion, offered the following prayer, and as he left the platform a dozen men gripped his hand and brushed a tear from their eyes.

At their request Mr. Stuart gave a number of the men a copy of the prayer. As an example of how a preacher may help his fellowmen by knowing their life, we give the prayer below:

"O Lord, we meet as a body of railroad men, with our wives and daughters, to consult for our interests. We are reminded that life itself is a train, and the road to heaven is a railroad; God's truth the rails! God's love the fire, and His promises the signal lights. O Lord, we recognize Thee as the General Manager of our road, the Superintendent of our train, and our Chief Despatcher. Thou didst survey the right of way, and Thy Son purchased it with His blood. Thou didst lay the track, and ballast the road; Thou hast furnished the rolling stock and art the owner and controller of it all. We look to Thee for all our orders and Thou must sign the checks for our daily bread. Be merciful in handling our human mistakes and blunders, and do not discharge Thy unworthy servants.

"We are grateful for the Bible, Thy book of rules and instructions; be merciful in our examination and look with charity upon our failures. Thy promises and warnings are our headlights and hand lanterns; help us to use them as to save our train from wreck. Deliver us from broken rails, blind switches, false signals and mistaken orders. Be with us on every high bridge of responsibility, on every sharp curve of emergency, and every weak trestle

of danger. In every dark tunnel of trouble let the light of Thy promises shine bright. Grant us passes for our wives and children and let them go with us. When the storms of temptation and trial come, save us from the fatal slide and washout that has wrecked so many trains on the road of life. Let our way—kept secure by Thy guardian care—always show the steel rail and rock ballast, and be solid and firm and free from obstruction. Deliver us from the snares of the enemy. May the headlight of Thy truth shine bright on a thrown switch, false signal or fatal obstruction placed for the wreckage of our train. May our emergency brakes, our strong will, save us.

"As we make our last run, headed homeward, if it be Thy will, order our train on time. Let every semaphore block along the line show the white signal. Let the light of Thy promises burn bright through the last dark tunnel of death; and as we run through it into the Grand Central Station of the skies, may we have the approving smile of the General Manager and Superintendent; sign with joy the pay roll, receive our wages, and have an eternal lay-off with God and the angels and our loved ones at home, and we will praise Thee forever.—Amen." *A Tract.*

EDUCATOR'S APPEAL FOR  
NATION-WIDE CO-OPERATION  
FOR 18th AMENDMENT

We clip the following statement from "The California Voice":

"The time has come for all the people in this country who appreciate the contribution which the Eighteenth Amendment has made to American life to bring to the attention of the younger generation the conditions which formerly existed, and to interpret to them the great gains that have been made in home life, in school opportunity, and in community conditions under the new policy of the outlawry of beverage alcohol," is the message received today from joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the official journal of the National Education Association, by F. L. D. Squires, secretary of the American Business Men's Prohibition Foundation.

Mr. Morgan's appeal is made in reply to the inquiry of the Foundation regarding the militant action taken by the National Education Association last week referring to National Prohibition.

"The circumstances surrounding the adoption of the statement on the Eighteenth Amendment are particularly significant," says Mr. Morgan.

"It is the strongest and most direct statement which the Association has adopted since the amendment went into effect," he continued. "The last clause, pledging the support of the association to 'an active educational campaign in the schools in behalf of habits for which the Eighteenth Amendment stands' is an addition to their original resolution as reported by the committees, and when added from the floor, the spontaneous applause left no doubt as to their firm conviction and determination to move forward.

"The marvel is not that our great Protective Amendment has created problems, but that so gigantic a reform has moved along with such remarkable success. I predict that within five years the tide will have turned and it will be difficult to understand how anyone could have believed the impression which the liquor forces have been trying to spread throughout the country during recent years."—*Gospel Banner and Church Herald.*