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EDITORIAL

This is the season when the churches meet in business session, to select their ministers for the coming year. The denominational year closes on the 15th of June. In the event of a change, the present minister usually remains till after the Alliance and camp-meeting, but some wish to move before that time. We feel that much prayer should be offered as our people come together, to do business for God, in selecting a minister. We believe it possible to find out the will of the Lord in these matters. It is not a matter of pleasing ourselves, but knowing what the will of the Lord is, and his will may be the opposite to our liking, will we then have the grace to say "Thy will be done". It has been the history of the past that some ministers have not remained long enough, while in other cases they have remained overtime.

We were struck with the expression of a minister, when he said, I am willing to go anywhere the Lord wants me. That means faith. Abraham went out on faith and we see what God did for him, God spake and he obeyed, result, success. We are sure if prayer is made and faith exercised, the work will go forward. God is not limited in his resources, He still has ravens to feed his servants if necessary, or a widow with a handful of meal and a little oil in a cruse. We feel to say, it is a fine thing to bow in submission to the will of God, and keep sweet in the midst of circumstances over which we have no control; Job did it and God made the latter end to be more prosperous than the beginning. Some in the past have had their greatest success when they stepped out on naked faith, feeling their work was done in a certain section, and the Lord had a place for them. God has a place for everyone of His chosen servants. If the mind of the spirit is sought, and the will of God obeyed, there will be blessing following and the kingdom extended. May we as ministers and people be in the will of God, and know the mind of the spirit.

THE PROMISES OF GOD

The value and importance of the Promises of God have been grasped by very few in this age of spiritual darkness and unbelief. In 2nd Peter 1:4 Peter tells us that the promises are exceeding great and precious. These words were inspired by the Holy Spirit, Who never exagger-

ates, "exceeding great" means that they represent the Omnipotent Power of the ever living God. "Exceeding precious" means they represent His exhaustless wealth. The promises represent the blood of Jesus Christ in the same sense that bank notes represent the gold and silver that is deposited in the bank. Any one that ever got under the blood of Jesus Christ were delivered from all their sins and out of sorrows and difficulties and were made righteous, happy, well, and prosperous in all things. To apply the promises exactly as they read, places us under the blood and brings an immediate manifestation of God's power in delivering us. Naaman, the Syrian is an example of this. He was a great man that knew not God, nor His healing power, and was afflicted with leprosy. He was advised to go to the prophet in Samaria, who told him to dip seven times in Jordan and his body would be healed. At first he refused, but later he accepted the advice of his servants and did exactly what God had directed, through the prophet, and received exactly what God had promised; and also great spiritual enlightenment and strength, which enabled him to become a true follower of God.

You will notice the promises all have "yes" to them. For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him, Amen". (2nd Cor. 1:20). This means that we do not have to wait for any special revelation of sight or feeling to know whether our prayers have been heard. The promises assure us that our prayers have been both heard and answered at the time of prayer, and we can accept it as a fact, without further questioning of any kind. They also have "yes" on the face of them and there is not any room for the slightest doubt in any of the promises of God. In Isaiah 55:7 and 1 John 1:9, we have the promises for pardon and cleansing of sin. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him; and to Our God, for He will abundantly pardon". "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

These promises declare three facts; that God will have mercy upon us; abundantly pardon and forgive us, and cleanse us from all sin. If we accept these promises at their face value, we can be absolutely certain that we are pardoned and cleansed the moment we have prayed, as these promises direct. If we meet the conditions of these promises, we are to look for and believe for the promised blessing, which will enable God to exactly fulfil His unchangeable Word. If we apply and use the promises exactly as God has given them, it will cause a death to self, as there is no room for the plans and power of the self-Life in any of the promises of God. That is the reason Satan tries so hard to get us to discount, ignore and neglect, "the exceeding great and precious promises of God."

REV. G. W. HENDERSON.

BETTER ENFORCEMENT

The *Congregationalist* gives two items showing better enforcement of the prohibition laws. The testimony of Commander Booth is particularly to the point:

Some of the "drys" who have severely criticized President Hoover concerning the enforcement of the Volstead Act admit that prohibition laws are better enforced now than at any time since the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted. There are incidents that seem to harmonize with this view. It is reported that two years ago a noted German journalist made a lecture tour in

this country. At the close of the tour he reported that he was practically unable to find prohibition—that liquor was always available when he wished it. He made another tour this year, and at the end visited the office of a friend in Chicago. He begged his friend to tell him where he could get a drink, and admitted that the American people were beginning to obey the prohibition law.

The testimony of Commander Evangeline Booth as given in an issue of the *Christian Herald* agrees with that of the German. She reminds us that before prohibition was voted the Salvation Army would often collect as many as 1,200 drunken men and women in one night on the Bowery in New York—men and women too drunk to take care of themselves. Now she says that the average is not more than seven a night. She also indicates that in the Memorial Home they house 4,800 men a week and the average is about one drunken man in a thousand. She claims that drinking has dropped sixty per cent. We suspect that Evangeline Booth knows what she is talking about, and we also trust her to tell the truth.—*The Free Methodist*.

LIVING UP TO HIS OBITUARY

I knew a ship captain who, as a boy, began his career by running away from home and going to sea. His ship was wrecked, and most of the crew were lost. He was picked up by a sailing vessel and went around the Horn. It was more than a year before he saw his home in New England. His shipmates had reported him as dead and they told the best story they could about his courage and his character. A memorial service was held in the local church, and the minister said all the comforting things his conscience would permit. The local paper printed the sermon almost in full. The mother of the supposed lost boy clipped all the good things that were said about her son and pasted them into her scrapbook.

One day the man turned up. The memories of his shipwreck had grown very dim with him. If at the time they had touched him with solemnity, that feeling was gone. He had come back in anticipation of a high old time.

He read his mother's scrapbook and thought the matter over. He determined to be as good a man living as people had believed him dead. And he did.

Most obituaries come too late to lead their subjects to live up to them. One thing all can do, live now worthy of a good obituary—*Ex.*

CHRISTIAN GIVING (Continued from Page One)

"I thought the preacher trusted God for his support". That is exactly what a whole multitude think and what they want it to be.

In any other profession the workman can strike and bring his employer to terms, but with the poor preacher he cannot do this for if he did there would not be enough people to care whether he preached or not or whether the church would sink or swim, to give him any leverage upon them to bring them to terms.

The entire face of this whole condition could be immediately changed by going back to the Bible, and by a little system and thought on the part of professing Christians.

(To be Continued)

The joy that you seemed to surrender is multiplied ten-fold when you begin to seek not yourself, but other men.—*Phillips Brooks*.