

and even college, go out to drift along with the tide and accomplish nothing. They do not know what they educated themselves for. They feel too much their importance to get down to hard, common, every day labor and toil, and they cannot get some big, money making job to suit their education, their dignity, their fancy and their taste; consequently they drift along, idle their precious time away and get nothing worth while done. They just waste life. No doubt many of them are parasites. They go home to live off the hard labor and toil of parents, or loaf about, and live off the labor of somebody else. They live for nothing, accomplish nothing, die and are soon forgotten.

To live and die in sin is to waste life. That is exactly what we see all about us every day. You see it in the home, on the streets, on the highways, in our mills, shops and factories. You see it in the ball parks, in the pool rooms, at the card tables, around the drink stands, at the beer decoys, in the parks of our towns and cities, at the pleasure resorts, at summer resorts, at swimming pools, at the country clubs, and thousands of places where time is idled away, money spent foolishly, lust gratified, the devil pleased and tickled, and the lives and souls of our people squandered. Just wasting life. Multitudes of people seem not to be satisfied with just merely idling life and time away, so they get out and ride at a wild and senseless rate of speed for the thrill, and thus hurl themselves into eternity ahead of time. God pity such deluded souls. Well, when you go out to waste life you will soon get it done. We can live nobly and sublimely, or we can live foolishly and destructively. Which is it? Which shall it be?—Christian Witness.

#### DO YOU KNOW?

Under this question we print the answer from a card issued by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America:

1. That 9,998,771 soldiers were killed or died in the World War? And that another 20,297,551 were wounded?
2. That in 1918 the daily cost of war was \$224,000,000?
3. That the nations are this year spending more than \$10,000,000 a day for war preparations?
4. That the United States expends approximately \$83,333 per hour or \$2,000,000 each day on its army and navy?
5. That the world's expenditures for armaments for one year would pay the expenses of the League of Nations, including the World Court and the International Labor Office, for six hundred years?
6. That only \$545,000,000 out of a total United States budget of \$3,500,000,000 will be expended on civil functions of government during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1933? And that virtually all of this \$545,000,000 will consist of taxes collected on sales of cigars, cigarettes and miscellaneous fees, while all income taxes and revenues from imports and other sources go to pay for past and future wars?
7. That the cost of the battleship "Colorado" was \$27,000,000? And that this sum is only \$3,000,000 less than the total endowment which John Hopkins University has accumulated since it was founded in 1876?—Our Dumb Animals.

#### THE WEALTH OF OLD MAN JONES

"There is one thing that I can't understand," said my friend with a questioning mind.

"What is that, Hanson?" I asked.

"About old man Jones, down there at the foot of the hill. If there are any Christians in this country, he is one. He has prayed twice a day for forty years, and proved his faith by his works. He has worked hard, and has been ambitious to lay up something for his family, yet he is exceedingly poor, has always been poor—often his family lack the bare necessities of life. That little cabin with the rocky patch of ground around it is all he has to show for a life of drudgery. Yet the Bible says that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord, and to him that asketh it shall be given. How do you explain it?"

"Let us go down and talk with him about it," I replied.

The old man warmly welcomed us into his simple cabin, and set chairs for us by the open fireplace, for it was a frosty November day.

"I'm glad to see you, Will." He always called me Will. "I have been wanting to tell you about a letter I got two weeks ago from Dave. Dave has professed religion, and joined the church." The old man's eyes grew bright, but his voice shook a little. "I've been praying for that boy for many years, and I knew the Lord would save him." The light on the face furrowed by care and toil and age was good to see. "I'm perfectly happy now," he continued. "Mary married a good man, and they have a good home. Sam is preaching the Gospel, and now Dave has chosen that better part. The Lord is wondrous good to his servants, and I can say with David, 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' " And he repeated the whole Psalm.

"But haven't you often needed things that you did not get?" inquired my friend.

"Oh, yes! certainly, there have been many times in our lives when we did not have all the worldly goods we wanted, but some way we pllied through," replied the old man cheerfully. "Perhaps it was the result of bad management, perhaps it was best so, but that matters little. The Lord has made us so rich in everything else we do not mind a little poverty."

As we climbed the hill my friend was silent. When we reached the summit we looked back at the little cabin at the foot.

"I understand now," said my friend.—William H. Hambly.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

#### WHAT SHALL WE HAVE?

"We have forsaken all, \* \* \* what shall we have" (Matt. 19:27)?

It seems to be the nature of men to consider only temporal things as remuneration for service to God. While men need that which keeps them in this life, the final reward will not be in temporal things.

The disciples seemed to fear that they would be left without house and home if they left all to follow Jesus. The same fear is common today. Persons look too much to the things which are seen. The Scriptures tell us that these are temporal. If all reward came to us in temporal things, we would have nothing to enjoy in the life to come; and, too, we would be loath to leave this world because of the temporal blessings bestowed upon us which we would have to leave behind.

The paramount reason for Christ's coming to earth was the saving of lost men and

women. The cost of the project was not considered—at least we have no Scripture to indicate it was. Thinking folk realize this. The other day when talking with a physician about the sacrifice men make one for another, he closed the conversation by saying, "Real life, after all, is made up of sacrifice. Life would not be worth while without it."

The mother who flies to the rescue of her child in the burning building is not concerned about the reward in money she will get for saving her child—the life of the child is at stake. Her reward is the child—alive. She endangers her life, in spite of the fact that this very child may possibly break her heart in years to come. Behind the sacrifice, greater than any price which could be paid in dollars and cents, is love.

Not only is the mother concerned about the welfare of her offspring, but brothers and sisters, yea, and all other sober folk, are interested in the welfare of one whose life is in danger. Some little children were playing on the roof of a building when one little girl cut her foot on the sharp edge of some sheet iron. Upon seeing the blood her little sister began to scream terribly. What was the reason? Life was at stake. Let us get a lesson from the way people act when the physical life is involved. If ordinary persons will sacrifice for the sake of saving human life, what should those do who profess to have the love of God in their hearts?

In our world today we are confronted with a far more serious situation than danger to physical life. Our brothers and sisters in all parts of the world are face to face with eternal death, and many of God's professed children do not feel as much sense of responsibility as did the child who screamed because her sister's foot was cut and bleeding. This indifference shows a lack of obedience to Divine command and is serious. Compare it with carelessness in those whose duty it is to save physical life. For more than forty years I have thought with disgust of a man who was asked to come to the help of a neighbor whose house was afire; in one of the rooms a lady was trapped. The man replied: "I have not had my breakfast yet!" Many spiritually are in the same condition.

For the reward promised to faithful servants who do not consider temporal things sufficient to keep them from fighting against sin, turn to Matt. 10:28, 29—Houses, lands, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, and in one end eternal life, with the privilege of judging the twelve tribes of Israel. These are promised to the faithful. We may add that the salvation of many of our brothers and sisters who are now away from God will be given us. Let us again ask God to open our spiritual eyes, that we may see the fields as they are, and the danger of ripened grain going to waste, if we sit idly by. Let us not ask, "What shall we get out of it?"

Love cannot be purchased with money, or anything of earthly value. Love is born. Love that is born from above is the need of the hour. When one becomes indifferent concerning his calling, it is time to take invoice of his stock. It is dangerous to allow the supply of love to run low. When the first love is gone, Christians become idle, lazy, fault-finding, critical, and care more for the "bag" than for lost souls. Love is the only thing that will brave the obstacles which hinder the bringing of the Gospel to the lost across the waters.—Fred Rosentrater—Good Tidings.