

We can only say thank you one and all. We appreciate what you have been and are doing for the Lord's servant and handmaiden. May He bless your hearts abundantly as you continue to do your best for the upkeep of His cause.

We have accepted a call to remain with the church for another year. Beloved followers of Christ, pray for us that God may give us wisdom to know how to lead His children aright. We are glad to report victory through the precious blood of Christ.

Yours for His will,
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Temperance Column

WHY NOT ANSWER OUR OWN PRAYERS?

A Truro correspondent writes: "You suggest prayer. I ask you, do we Christian people dare to ask God's blessing on an industry that can succeed only by ruining the real wealth of our country, our manhood and womanhood? 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' How long will Canada continue to undermine the health, morals and spirituality of our country by deliberately dealing out to her citizens what science emphatically tells us will lead, through crime, (which we are now experiencing) disease, and disaster to the extermination of the race?"

"Instead of blaming unemployment and numerous other reasons for depression why not do what surgeons do when in doubt about a baffling case? Perform an exploratory operation. What do we find? Millions of dollars being spent annually for a poison that not only paralyzes the judgment, but is the acknowledged source of more disease and crime than any other known cause. In proportion as it is taken it anaesthetizes God-given mental, moral and spiritual power and awakens the beast in human beings. Could a Just God permit this to continue indefinitely? Is not this depression? the Handwriting of Divine Displeasure saying to all of us—'Sons and Daughters, Stop! Look! Listen!'"

"You suggest prayer. But experience has taught that Our Loving Father does everything in His Power only when His children are obedient to His will.

"This being the case is it not time for us, individually and collectively to seek forgiveness for the deadly sin we are daily committing in poisoning God's children—making drug addicts of our citizens for the sake of revenue? When we have sought forgiveness shall we not seek to make restitution to Our Loving Father by Helping Him to answer our Prayers? Shall we accept Christ's supreme sacrifice by praying and doing nothing? Or, shall we thank the Giver of all good gifts by a coast to coast crusade to cleanse Canada?"

"Will not the clergy of Canada, the officers in the front ranks of the King's Army, lead this Crusade? Can we not make this year an historic one when Canadian Christians 'Turned the Tide Against Alcohol,' when we honor our Crucified Christ by resurrecting Him as our Saviour—King of Canada and Emperor of the World? In order to do this we must ask the Great Surgeon to perform the major operation of removing the deadly disease—Government Sale of Alcohol. The clergy and Christians are the doctors and nurses in sick Canada. Will the church continue to be weak, impotent, helpless, or will the clergy

put previous promises to the test by rising in revolt against alcohol and leading their congregations to do the same? With the clergy of Canada leading, who could doubt the issue? Let us 'Get Busy,' not next week or next month, but now.

"Behold NOW is the accepted time. NOW is the day of salvation."

"A little child shall lead them. P. E. Island, the smallest province in the Dominion, but the only province that has a soul too big, too high to stoop to barter the souls of God's children for money.

"May God help us all to make this year one of crucifixion of self for the sake of present, and future generations—For God, and Home and Every Land."

To the above a Halifax correspondent adds:

"Why can we not do what one of your Ontario women suggested through the columns of 'The White Ribbon Tidings,' make a moral and spiritual issue and appeal to Canada to choose as a nation between right and wrong—God and His Satanic Majesty? A preparatory step would be to ask the people of the provinces to prepare petitions to all Governments to discontinue the sale of alcohol during depression. It will never be stopped until we abolish Canadian manufacture and prevent importation. Could we as Christians make a more appropriate Thank You Gift to God than to dethrone wrong and enthrone right?"

"I like to think that the Church will, through clergy and Christians, re-establish faith in God by performing the task He has given us—a definite objective 'beginning at Jerusalem.'"

"If we all ask God's help and do what as Christians we know should be done we will clean up Canada from coast to coast."

Yours in the Master's work,

BESSIE M. MILLER

P. S.—Immediate action from platform and pulpit is urged.

—Canadian White Ribbon Tidings

A FEW WORDS ON A GREAT SUBJECT: REPENTANCE

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Direct reference to the above caption is found about seventy-seven times in the Old Testament, beginning with Leviticus 26:40-42 and ending with Malachi 3:7-10; and approximately forty-five times in the New Testament, beginning with Matt. 3:2 and winding up with Rev. 2:21, 22. It appears to the writer that, with one hundred twenty-two direct texts in Holy Writ there would be more preaching on this all-important question. When men decide on the erection of an earthly structure, the very first thought and action is on the foundation. Why not as much or more wisdom in preaching the everlasting Gospel?

Webster's definition of repentance, I believe, is "to renounce the love and practice of sin," or, if you please, turn away from it, and quit.

Well, since the Word says it is not in man to direct his ways, we must of necessity have divine help, which God alone can give, and which He will freely do if we can be persuaded to call on Him. But, sad to say, men are taught in every nation to follow and seek after the rudiments and traditions of men. You say, No? Then why do Baptists rear Baptist children? Methodists, Methodists? Democrats, Democrats? Republicans, Republicans? Is not one as much tradition as the other? Now not so in real conversion, for by this method, and by

it alone, men are born into the Kingdom and are made new creatures in Christ Jesus, whereby they get their spiritual eyes open, and for the first time in their natural lives begin to see things as they really are. And if he or she will truly walk in the light, turning neither to the right nor the left, but go straight forward, they will walk right into the second blessing; or, if you please, they will become wholly sanctified, thereby becoming of full age, no more needing the milk, but able to digest strong meat, not having to pick around in the Book for something to suit them. But thank God, you will be able to say, Amen, and live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

Now through tradition you may uncertainly receive something from others, not being able yourself to tell what it is. But through repentance you receive something yourself, personally, thrilling you, soul and body beyond all you could ask or think. O Lord, encourage your called help to lay great stress on the preaching that men everywhere must repent or all likewise perish.

Reader, if you are under conviction, may the Spirit encourage you to seek the Lord while He is striving with you. If you will repent, God in His goodness has arranged with the Holy Spirit to become your teacher and take the things of His and show them unto you. Could you ask more? He is all-sufficient so long as you are worthy.

Without repentance man is an alien to the commonwealth of Israel, and the Holy Spirit would be guilty of high treason to reveal anything to him concerning the Kingdom of God. Now I imagine I hear someone say, "If a person repents and is born again, made a new creature in Christ Jesus, can he afterwards commit sin?" Well, let us use something that is common to all; for instance, if you steal a pig and are taken into court and pay the penalty, you are free, aren't you? But suppose on your way home you steal another pig. Are you yet free?

O Lord, how long will Thy patience last, with men who have learned in all lines but the truth. Pray for us—*The Church Herald and Holiness Banner*.

WHAT MATTERS

Say, it's not the hardships you have to bear, Nor the losses, nor worries, nor troubles, nor care;

It's just how you fight and carry the strain, And just how you smile through trouble and pain.

And it's not the money that matters so much, But a home, and peace, and friends, and such; They all have their place, yet it's hard to tell Just how they serve us and just how well.

Men may have all that money can get, Power and show, even comfort, and yet They would part with it all, their mistakes to mend;

And to have the comfort of one true friend.

So it doesn't matter how big the plan, How rich the nation, how poor the man; There's nothing that matters on top of this sod,

But home, and friends and peace and God.

—R. T. SMALL

Those that keep themselves in the fear and favor of God may say with triumph, "What can the greatest of men do against us?" But those who throw themselves out of His protection must say with despair, "What can the greatest of men do for us?"—*Matthew Henry*.