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EDITORIAL

THE RESTRAINING POWER OF THE BIBLE.

Perhaps there is no greater demonstration of the beneficial effects, and power of the Word of God on men's lives generally, than is shown in the way that nations and countries, where the Bible is in the hands of the common people, are able to settle their economic problems. It is true that England, Canada and the United States, have their labor and unemployment problems, strikes and political squabbles etc., but they are able to settle all these without bloodshed or loss of life. When we contrast our way of settling disputes with those of France, Austria, Germany, Spain, Cuba and parts of Ireland and Russia, China and India, where there is so much of internal strife and bloodshed loss of life and property and civil war, we can get some idea of the beneficial effects of the Word of God on humanity, where the common people are allowed to have it, and urged to study, and read it, in their homes and Sunday Schools and churches. God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which he doth please, etc. And again, "Great peace have they which love thy law", the psalmist has said, And our peace of heart and mind and also national peace and prosperity, will be enjoyed in proportion to our love for and obedience to the word of God.

Although the majority of people in our country are not deeply spiritual or true Christians, yet the Bible has its influence on them, through the lives and teaching of those who are true Christians. And because people generally do have a wholesome respect for the Bible as God's inspired word and message to man, and know something of its teachings, of the golden rule, and brotherly love, etc. It is not easy for a fanatic to come along and whip the masses in a mad frenzy and to incite them to mob violence and bloodshed like they do in those countries where the common people are denied the privileges of reading and hearing, the teachings of Jesus, from the sermon on the Mount, where he forbids war, strife and bloodshed, and enjoins upon us love for each other, and forbearance toward all men. So we would say to these so-called modernists who are constantly tinkering at the Bible and denying the inspiration of many portions of it, and thereby destroying the foundation of the peoples faith in God: you would better stop, and consider what you are doing. Because when you

have destroyed men's faith in the Bible, you have taken away God's message with its wholesome restraining power from them, and you have left them to follow the bent of their depraved hearts, which will lead to sin, immorality, strife and bloodshed, and you are thereby paving the way for what is going on now in Europe and other countries, to take place in these countries of ours, in the generations to come. It is generally conceded that it was the faithful preaching of the word of God, by John Wesley and his associates, and the revivals that took place on holiness lines in old England, that saved that country in the days of the French revolution. Perhaps the great apostle's words to Timothy were never more timely than now. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine". "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, etc. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth" I am inclined to think that "the time" to come that the apostle speaks of in the above Scripture is here now. So let us who have the word believe it, live by it, and let all preachers mightily preach it, with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven. And thus, save our own country from the ravages of war and hell.

NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL

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animal life) by his thunderous roar. Those who have heard it know how the very ground is made to tremble when the king of the forest lifts his voice. The enemy knows our weakness and some can be easily tempted to do wrong or be kept from doing what is right, while others submit only when alarmed. The devil is the adversary (enemy-opposer in suit of law) of the Christian, therefore he is called our accuser. He will accuse us of many things which God does not, and perhaps say, "Now if you are what you thought you were, you would have more feeling, have more joy, etc." Oh, how he will try to brow-beat the poor trusting soul that is tested and burdened by many household duties and it may be a sick body too. He seeks to tempt the Christian to believe that because of suffering or hardship God is unfaithful, untrue or unjust. Doubt is the devil's chief weapon. Thus when we hear the devil howling let us not get scared and think that we will starve to death, nor flee as Nehemiah was urged to do, but remember that God still lives and will succour all who are tempted. To such we would say: Remember that the devil is a liar and that Jesus is your Saviour and that if you resist him steadfastly in His name he must flee from you, and that our Heavenly Father always provides a way of escape. Dear ones, how careful we must be lest Satan get an advantage of us. If he could succeed in deceiving many of the great and noble of earth, let us beware. May we keep off the Devil's territory and by God's grace keep him off ours.

PASTOR

BUDDHISM'S IMITATIONS

World Evangelization calls attention to the profound influence of Christianity in Japan, although only 300,000 Japanese have accepted it after seventy years of missionary work. Christianity is one of the three recognized religions of Japan. It is stimulating deep reforms in Buddhism, which is imitating its Sunday-schools, adapting its hymnology, and training its Salvation Army by the Army's Officers' Instruction Manual.—Alliance Weekly.

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Who-soever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Proverbs 1-20.

"The last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." Matt. 12-45.

In the above words Jesus is reproofing the Jewish nation because while they professed to be God's people and law-abiding citizens, they were indwelt by a spirit so wicked, that it was typified by the number seven, wicked spirits entering into the man out of whom previously the unclean spirit had departed. The number seven indicated completeness or full. Hence the iniquity of the Jewish nation was full or complete and ready for judgment which came to it a few years later when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans. Notice how this reproof in the words of Jesus applies to the countries which once had a license liquor law permitting certain individuals to sell liquor in the old bar-rooms, but later voted the licensed saloon out of existence, because the people regarded it as an undesirable, a menace to society, an unclean thing. So it, like the unclean spirit, went out. And Jesus said this unclean spirit walked through dry places seeking rest, or a place of permanent abode and findeth none.

As long as we had a dry law on our statute books the old saloon with its display of liquors in the windows, and wretched looking bums and loafers hanging around its unclean, foul-smelling quarters, could find no place to rest or settle again and do business. It is true there were blind pigs and boot leggers doing some business, but they had to keep out of sight. Hence were not a constant source of temptation to thirsty travelers like the saloon was that had its goods on display before their eyes. So the result of the dry law was, that very many men gave up their drinking habits and saved their money and bought respectable homes and supported their families and educated their children, and young men and women who were not addicted to the drink habit were growing up to be sober men and women because they would not take the trouble to hunt out a bootlegger; and many were also afraid to drink the stuff that he sold. Now notice the next move of this unclean spirit "He said I will return into my house from whence I came out," and when he is come he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Verse 44. The towns and cities and streets where the old unclean saloon stood were swept and cleaned, and garnished with respectable business houses, with nicely decorated windows, where good food was displayed for sale instead of the bottles of liquid damnation displayed by the tavern keeper. He found also homes with evidences of prosperity and comfort and happiness where, when he went out he had left squallor, poverty and wretchedness. Next step. He sees that he is not wanted back and cannot get in again under the old management known as the licensed saloon. No, the people all say we do not want the old grog-shop with its attendant evils back again. But he finds the place is empty, that is the people who voted him out have gone, many have died and others are away seeking pleasure or business for themselves and there is nobody in sight, not even preachers or so-called temperance organizations who are watching, or lifting