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15: 28, 29. Blessed is the church that finds God's order on these issues and keeps spiritual!

The church that wins is the church with a holy passion. Dr. Jowett has said, "A passionless church makes an indifferent world". Is this so? Is the church really to blame for a great deal of the indifference in the world? We are inclined to believe that this is so. God have mercy on the church! Dr. Jowett also speaks about "bloodless intercession." The church that wins is the church with a holy passion, the passion of Calvary, passion to suffer with Him, a passion to please Christ in everything, a passion to win the world to Him, a passion to bleed in order to bless. Blessed is the church with this holy passion!

The church that wins is the church whose ministry is God-called, God-ordained, God-qualified, and God-sent. They have a natural care for souls. "I have no man like-minded", said Paul, "who would naturally care for your state". They are not self-willed (Tit. 1:7). They do not lord it over God's heritage but are servants for Jesus' sake. They labour under the gracious anointing that abideth (1 John 2:27). They preach under "the unction of the Holy One" (1 John 2:20), which Spurgeon called, "An indescribable and inimitable something better understood than named"; that which Mr. Finney meant when he said concerning his own message, "I tell you this, not boastfully, but because it is a fact and to give the praise to God, and not to any talent of my own. Let no man think that those sermons which have been called so powerful were productions of my own brain or of my own heart unassisted by the Holy Ghost. They were not mine, but from the Holy Spirit in me. I believe that all ministers called by Christ to preach the gospel ought to be, and may be, in such a sense inspired as to 'preach the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven'. All ministers may be, and ought to be, filled with the Holy Ghost that all who hear them shall be impressed with the conviction that 'God is in them of a truth'". Was it not this unction that made John Wesley Redfield the mighty power that he was? Hear him: "An earthly power lifted me. . . The thrills of heavenly power which I then felt I can never describe. It was a power given me for the occasion, and it seemed to me it would move a nation or shake a world. Before the sermon was finished the people uninvited, rose to their feet screaming for mercy. After the altar space was filled, five hundred more rose as seekers. Hundreds were converted and for many years that occasion was referred to as the 'great night'. . . In the first service I felt an unearthly thrill charging me from head to foot while the place was filled with the awful presence of God. In a few minutes the power of God broke like a thunder clap upon the people, and such falling, shouting, screaming, and crying for mercy I had no thought of seeing in that place". Her ministers are "a flame of fire" (Heb. 1:7). They labour with God's approbation; souls are saved and believers sanctified, and the work of God advances under their care. They do not empty churches but rather fill them. They do not drive. They draw. They win men. Blessed is that church for her ministry is blameless!

The church that wins is the church that finds among her members, men, women, and young people, "filled with the Holy Ghost", "wisdom", "faith", whom they may select for certain offices and work, and whom the officials may appoint to look after the widows and such like work in order that the ministry may be free to give them-

selves" to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:1-5). Blessed is that church with such a laity!

THE CHURCH WITH THESE MARKS WINS AND WILL WIN!

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RELIGIOUS NEWS AND REVIEWS

The British and Foreign Bible Society issued 10,935,203 Bibles during the year 1933 and translated the Bible into eleven additional languages.

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The average American family today is twenty-five per cent smaller than the average family in colonial days.

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In this fair land of ours 12,000 persons are murdered (1,000 a month), 100,000 assaulted, 50,000 robbed and 3,000 kidnapped every year.—War cry.

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There are 93,000 church attendants among the 350,000 Indians in the United States. These Indians have about 1,000 meeting houses and 630 pastors and missionaries are at work among them.

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At Tampa, Florida, Jesse Jackson drove a truck into a crowd and killed two. "The Tampa Tribune" protests, "All drunken drivers are potential killers."

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Egypt grows apace. Less than 50 years ago its population was 4,000,000; today it is nearly 15,000,000, an increase probably unique in modern days.—October (1934) Dawn.

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Lewis R. Thompson, M. D., gives the following results of moderate drinking:

"1. The moderate drinker is threatening the structure of his stomach, liver, kidneys, blood vessels, brain and nerves. 2. He is decreasing his capacity for work, physical, mental, artistic and creative. 3. He is lowering the grade of his mind. 4. He is lessening his chances of longevity. 5. He is entailing upon his descendants an unknown and incalculable bond of misery."—The Woman's Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian Church.—From The Wesleyan Methodist.

THE BIBLE IN KOREA

The Dawn (August, 1934) prints an interesting historical incident. "In 1866 Mr. R. J. Thomas, of the Bible Society of Scotland, was on board the General Sherman when it grounded in the Taidong river. The Koreans lit a fire-raft and sent it down upon the doomed ship. Mr. Thomas, on the deck of the schooner opened his case of Bibles and with all his might flung the Scriptures to the armed men on both banks of the river, who were ready to put to death any who escaped from the burning vessel. Holding a Bible aloft, he prayed that the Word of God might find access into Korea, then leaping overboard he met his death on a mud-bank where a Korean ran him through with a long lance. His last act was to hand a Bible to his murderer. Most of the old people who saw him being killed and received his Bibles became the first Christians in Korea." God's Word is indeed living seed. Many times it has been planted and grew in soil red with martyr blood.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

THE MUSIC OF SORROW

It is often in sorrow that our lives are taught the sweetest songs. There are human lives that never in the calm of quiet days yield the music that is in them. It is only when the breezes of care and trouble sweep over them that they give out soft musings of song.

God never sends a sorrow

Without the healing balm,  
And bids us fight no battles

But for the victor's palm.

Yet we by earth's mists blinded

Know not His holy will,  
Till o'er the troubled waters

His voice said, "Peace be, still."

We will go forth to conquer,

Depending on His grace;  
The lowliest station near Him

Must be an honored place.

And after battle, victory;

And after victory, rest,

Like the beloved Apostle,

Upon the Master's breast.

—From the "Lyra Anglicana."

LATENT POWERS

The desperate struggle to do something worth while is the very thing which draws out our reserve forces and develops latent power. Without this struggle, many people would never have discovered their real selves. Napoleon was never so resourceful, never so level-headed, never had that vigorous mental grasp or was able to make such powerful combinations as when he was driven to desperation. It was when all bridges were burned behind him, and there was no possibility of retreat, that the possible Napoleon came to the rescue. Napoleon said of his great general, Massena, that he never showed his mettle until he saw the wounded and dead falling all around him in battle; then the lion in him was aroused, and he fought like a demon.—O. S. M.

GREAT HATREDS

It has ever been the characteristic of great souls that they have not only had great loves, but great hatreds. As one calls the roll of the distinguished men and women of history who have made definite contributions to human welfare he finds that they burned with anger against forms of evil which oppressed humanity and hindered the happiness and the progress of the race.

A recent writer has declared: "There will be more and more need of great hatreds. . . The Christian of the twentieth century will know how to feel contempt as well as admiration, and detestation as well as love." That lines up pretty well with, but is not nearly as strong as, those fiery words of the Psalmist: "Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee? . . . I hate them with perfect hatred. I count them mine enemies." Paul also comes along with one of his uncompromising phrases when he advises: "Abhor that which is evil." That word "abhor," in the original notes a writer, calls up the image of a hedgehog with its quills all out.

All great reforms and revivals of religion have been preceded and accompanied by great hatreds. No man or woman will amount to much in the world of reform and of religion until his life flames out against evil. From Dr. N. M. Caie we quote:

"You have no enemies, you say.

Alas, my friend, the beast is poor.

He who has mingled in the fray

Of duty that the brave endure

Must have made foes! If you have none,

You've hit no traitor on the hip;