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EDITORIAL

HELPERS

This topic is suggested to us by words found in Paul's letter to the Romans where he exhorts those to whom he is writing to "Greet Priscilla and Aquila," whom he calls his helpers in Christ Jesus. Rom. 16-3. Some one has said that all the people in all the churches may be divided into just two classes, namely, helpers and hinderers, and this statement seems to agree with the words of our Lord in Mat. 12-30, which read, He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. According to this saying there is no neutral position that one can take on the question of salvation, notwithstanding many would say, I am not particularly interested in religion myself; but I would not do anything to hinder anyone else who wanted to be religious. The fact is, according to the words of Jesus, all of us are either helping others to Jesus or hindering them. We belong to one of the two classes.

Now the questions which ought to concern each of us are: Am I a helper or a hinderer? And how can I be a helper? And whom can I help? There are of course many opportunities to help people in many ways these days. There are so many in need of material help, but I think the apostle is speaking more especially here of those who are helpers in spiritual things for he says they are helpers in Christ Jesus. I would speak first of the preachers. I am sure that the object of all our pastors is to help all the people to whom they minister, but they don't always seem to be able to do so. Sometimes the fault may be with the pastor. He may lack ability even when he does his best, or he may lack patience, and when he has done his best, and he thinks the people are not making progress as they should, he may give way to impatience and become hard in his spirit, and preach the truth in an unkind way, which will be sure to wound and hurt souls rather than to help. Or perhaps the fault may be with the people, for even when he preaches the truth in love they may resist it, and harden their hearts as many did under the ministry of Jesus and the apostles which brought death unto death to those who rejected.

Then people always can be helpers of the pastor, not only in material things, but also in spiritual things. It is always quite safe to follow your pastor's advice. I am speaking now of pastors of our churches, even though you may think he does not always practice

what he preaches, yet you will always find, I think, that the advice he gives in his preaching is founded on the word of God, and will help you spiritually if you follow it. The apostle admonishes the churches to remember them who have spoken unto you the word of God whose faith follows, and again obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Heb. 13:7-17. The people may help their pastors much in his work by speaking kindly of him to others; by magnifying his virtues, his good qualities, for he surely has some. They can help him by speaking encouragingly to him of his work and efforts in preaching. And if the people should want a change of pastors they would get rid of the one they have much easier if they tell other people of his virtues rather than his faults, for if they give other people the impression that their pastor is not profitable, or successful, it is not very likely that other churches will want to take a chance on calling him to be their pastor. Hence, if you should want a change of pastors, boost the one you have; then others will want him. Then we can help our brothers and sisters in the churches by speaking kindly to them, and especially of them in their absence. We must refrain from all unkind remarks or criticisms of our brethren and sisters in their absence as we promise to do in our church covenant if we would have the blessing of God on our own souls, or be helpers of others. Then if we would be helpers in the work of God in our holiness churches, helping to get others into the experience of holiness as well as getting sinners converted, we must obtain the blessing of a clean heart ourselves, and enjoy the victory in our own souls, and in times of testing such as we all have, if we manifest a kindly forgiving spirit toward others, even our enemies, we can do much to convince them of the reality of the experience that the so-called holiness people profess and are preaching to others. Let us look at Paul's Helpers, Priscilla and Aquila, and see why he called them Helpers. We read that when they heard Apollos preach who, notwithstanding being such an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures, and instructed in the way of the Lord, and fervent in spirit; but knowing only the baptism of John, that Aquila and Priscilla discerned his lack and need of a deeper work of grace, and instead of criticising him unkindly, "They took Him unto them." What a beautiful way to express their kindness, and greatness of soul, little souls would have gone out and whispered, or blazed abroad their impressions of this young preacher, and thereby weakened his influence on others; but Aquila and Priscilla were too big to stoop to such a mean thing as gossip. No marvel that Paul calls them Helpers, for "they took Apollos unto them, and instructed him in the way of God more perfectly." And when Apollos passed on into Achaia they followed him with their letters and wrote exhorting the disciples to receive him, and the result was when he came he helped other disciples much which had believed through grace. Acts 18:24 to 27. There are far too many people hindering the work of God by their lack of interest, lack of sympathy, unkind criticism, etc. We are in need of more helpers in the Lord's work. Let all our members get the blessing of a clean heart, and join the big soul class and be "Helpers in Christ Jesus." Let all the people say Amen!

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

A WORLD-WIDE BIG BLUNDER

The world has been laboring under what has most conveniently been dubbed "a general financial depression" This idea has been well cultivated by those who are interested in making gain hand over fist in such doubtful financial enterprises as the liquor traffic and its allies.

It is simply bosh to cover the real issue which is the ever-increasing moneyed interest and influence of the liquor traffic. Not long ago, a pamphlet written and published by the Right Hon. Viscount Snowden, in which he deals with the British financial spendings, speaking of this "colossal waste" gives figures taken from "Britain's Drink Bill," which figures are reliable and which show that the individual expenditure of five dollars in our money in liquor is necessary to bring into the Government a revenue of eight shillings. The National Drink Bill for 1935 ran over one billion, one hundred and eighty-eight million. It is staggering when we consider this is nearly approaching two billion yearly for drink.

The world could not have a colossal waste if it did not have a great plenty. Take Canada for instance. This country can feed itself and do more than a fair share toward helping feed the sparse places of earth, but one of the troubles is, as it is pointed out by Viscount Snowden, three-quarters of the population are wage earners, and their earnings should be invested in the necessities such as food, clothing, and the shelter of a comfortable roof over their heads. These investments mean real prosperity and every cent spent for drink is more than loss, as it deprives the worker of his best working industrial efficiency and leaves him a drag on home resources and the social organization.

In Great Britain the experiment was tried of reducing the duty on beer in 1933. The public, under the impression that it was receiving something like a gift from the brewers, who passed on the reduction to the consumer, began to drink, as the saying is—"like a fish"—and the consumption went up enormously and the shares in seven brewery companies have since risen to over thirty-seven per cent. So much for less taxation!

This trading on the "vices" of humanity is thriving in Canada likewise. A November report states that Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Limited, and its subsidiary companies for the year ending August 31, 1936, had this company's best year since organization, sales being increased about Nine Million Dollars. Talk about depression in Canada, is merely a reflection of the prosperity of the liquor traffic.—White Ribbon Tidings.

POSTPONEMENT

Why let today pass its load of postponements and incompletions over into tomorrow? Why not do the thing that should be done when it ought to be done? Why burden tomorrow with the non-performances of today?

ALL-IMPORTANT VALUES

The all-important part for you is to find out as early in life as possible who you are, what you are, and where you are going. So many men are on their way, but the way is in the wrong direction. So many men are in the right barn but the wrong stall! So many men are in the right position, but are not receiving the right pay.—Van Amburgh.