

drinking. He began as a boy drinking hard cider. Now he could not let go. I have seen men fly into a passion of rage over little things. Years ago they had not tried to control their tempers. Now their tempers controlled them. They could not let go. Boys learn to smoke cigarettes. It seems manly. After a while those boys find they can't stop smoking. It hurts them, but they must go on. Instead of being men they are slaves. They can't let go.

A bad habit is very hard to get rid of. We make it. It would never exist if we had not permitted it.

Write the word habit. Now strike off the first letter and you will have a bit left. Strike off the next letter and still a bit is there. Strike off the next letter and still it is there. Strike off the next and yet it is not totally gone.

If habits are so strong, we want them our friends and not our enemies. And if someone who is older and who knows says to you: "Be careful; if you touch that you won't be able to let go," you listen and do what he says.—Selected.

#### FORGIVENESS AND FRIENDSHIP

A man was severely attacked by another, who thought to kill him. The face of the injured man was badly scarred for the rest of his life. He cherished no enmity, however, against the person who made the attack, and later sought to have him pardoned. Then he asked the privilege of taking the pardon down to Joliet himself. But the criminal, as he took the pardon in his hands, said: "I want something more than pardon, sir; I want friendship." "What kind of friendship do you want?" asked the other. The prisoner replied, "I can do without anybody else's friendship but that of the man I injured." The man with the scars on his face, which he bore for life, made the pardoned prisoner happy by assuring him both of forgiveness and friendship. And that is exactly what our wounded Christ offers to us.—The Sky Pilot.

#### GLEANINGS FOR PREACHERS

L. B. Reese

"What merchant would place a man in charge of important trusts whose reason and discretion were at fault? who lacked a ready perception of the fitness of things, and whose judgment was erratic? The man who can be depended upon to do about the right thing in the right way, and at the right time, is the one that wise employers select to manage and guard large interests.

"A work of such delicacy and responsibility requires the exercise of such wisdom and skill as only sound common sense can supply. Extraordinary piety and devotion, even, cannot compensate for the want of this. A man may be truly good, and thoroughly in earnest to do good, but if he lack wisdom he cannot be relied upon as a safe guide. I do not mean by wisdom, wide knowledge of the world, of books, or of men, though this is desirable. Without such knowledge a man may be a useful Class Leader; but without the wisdom which is born of good sense he cannot be, because he cannot wisely counsel, admonish, reprove, encourage, and otherwise edify the members of a class.

"Many a Leader has allowed a class intrusted to him to dwindle to extinction, because he did not possess the tact to place himself in communication with and bring back to the classroom his absenting members.

"Captain Bilderback, who was a very success-

ful Class Leader for many years in Salem, New Jersey, when some one had recited in his class-meeting a story of Satanic assault, instead of replying by a discourse on the philosophy of temptation and giving minute directions for overcoming the tempter, in his peculiar manner, said, 'Brother, the next time the devil comes to you take a big club to him.'

"Now the kind of skill, which, I repeat, is the product of good sense, will enable the Leader to successfully dispose of the numerous cases of doubt, temptation, sorrow, inexperience, folly, and backsliding that will every now and then call for his treatment. No rules can be laid down to meet these ever-varying cases. The Leader must rely upon his judgment, aided by experience, such knowledge as he may be able to acquire, and the wisdom that is from above."

—Good Tidings.

#### "AS YE WOULD"

Anna L. Dreyer

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

James, the Apostle, wrote about ships, "which though they are so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, withersoever the governor listeth" (3-4). As the helm to the ship so is the rule of love to the Christian life. By that principle, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" are right decisions made.

To walk in the way thus defined requires Divine grace. There must be no blurring of perceptions by prejudice, no dimming of the vision by selfishness, no searing of the conscience by angry passions. "As ye would \* \* do ye" calls for a heart filled with love Divine that longs to see the good craved for itself bestowed upon his neighbor.

It is natural for mankind to want good things. Even the innocent babe snatches the toys which have been given to his little neighbor. Everywhere the ability to "look out for number one" is lauded. Men and women seek benefits for themselves and loved ones, without regard to their less fortunate neighbors. Even Christians, who are exhorted to be like Christ are apt to bound their prayers by the needs of "me and my wife and my son John and his wife."

God would enlarge the hearts of His children. He would have them desire earnestly the best gifts for themselves, and also for their neighbors. He would have them walk in the "more excellent way" of love themselves, and lead their neighbors to walk in it also.

Desire that does not impel to labor for its fulfillment, is too weak to acquire any good thing.

"As ye would that men should do"—people are hungry for friendliness, kindness, love. They long for appreciation and encouragement. They need the light of God's truth, assurance of Divine forgiveness and the hope of eternal life. These are the things which the average, right-thinking person "would mean that men should do to" him. Every one who would live by the "law of love," must in a measure at least, render these to others.—Good Tidings.

He is truly great that is great in charity. He is truly great that is little in himself, and marketh no account of any height of honor. And he is truly learned that doeth the will of God, and forsaketh his own will.—Thomas a Kempis.

## Temperance Column

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

### FOUND—THE REALLY "FORGOTTEN MAN!"

By Georgia Robertson

What a pity the discovery of the really "forgotten man"—including women and children—was not made until thousands of them had been laid in their graves during the last four years! What an appalling sight if their graves were side by side. Would it arouse us to do something really effective to save other "forgotten" ones who will otherwise be in their graves before the dawn of another year?

How useless it is to repeat day after day that "recklessness and speed cause more automobile accidents and deaths than anything else," and then to continue the legalized sale of the very thing which, more than anything else, makes people drive recklessly and at high speed. The alcohol in a bottle of beer or in one or two cocktails not only makes one reckless, but also unconscious of his high speed, and the danger from it; while at the same time it increases by a split second the time it takes him to stop his car, during which it will travel several feet. Scientific tests prove this to be true, but the Government wants the liquor revenue though IT IS soaked in blood and death!

Where is the justice in letting our people be maimed for life, doomed to racking pain, or killed outright because the Government wants the liquor revenue for lavish spending, and partisan patronage for votes; and also for selfish persons to demand liquor as their right; also in letting liquor dealers thickly dot our cities, towns, villages, and even highways with drinking places, and allowing alcoholic beverages to be sold at all eating places, drug and grocery stores; and also in allowing advertising of liquor over the radio, the press, and on billboards, and even mailing appeals to us personally, and thrusting them also under our doors to create new customers who do not NOW want alcoholic drinks, as well as to increase the drinking of those already addicted to it.

Where is the justice in taking about \$2,500,000 of the tax-payers' money to establish in the Virgin Islands a Government distillery to flood the United States with "Government House Rum" to debauch and destroy our people for revenue? Now we know this to be true. How much longer are we going to submit to this terrible killing, and also the moral degradation of young womanhood and manhood, and the mental, physical and also financial ruin of multitudes of our people through legalized liquor for revenue?

Protestants, Catholics and Jews all know God has not repealed the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." They also know repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment has caused, is causing, and will continue to cause thousands to be killed by automobile drivers who have taken only a small amount of alcoholic liquor, or those crossing the street after they themselves have been drinking. Alcohol mixed with gasoline has filled our streets with death cars!

Are not the voters in our country responsible for deaths resulting from the legalized sale of intoxicants? How much longer are we going to submit to being partners in this crime which is staining our souls also with the blood of our fellowmen?—Pentecostal Herald.

Hundreds would never have known want if they had not first known waste.—Spurgeon.