

THE AUTHORIZED VERSION
COMMENDED.

Writing on the question of various translations of the Bible into English, Dr. A. Gordon MacLannan says:

"Some time ago, after I had been stressing the need of Bible reading, a man asked this question: 'I have been confused with the number of different versions of the Bible; the Authorized, the Revision, the Shorter Bible, the Bible in Modern speech, Moffatt, and a host of others; which do you advise for daily and public reading? The question was not hard to answer for without hesitation, I replied, 'By all means read the Authorized. Use the others, if you like, for critical study and reference, but for devotional and public reading use the King James.'

"I am not alone in that opinion. Dr. Charles L. Goodall said: 'While other versions will be helpful in the pastor's study, or as commentaries in the hands of the people, the great critics of America and Europe insist that no other version can be compared with the Authorized Version. Three hundred years ago it fought its way to supremacy and it holds its proud position today. Critics are saying it is the most beautiful monument ever erected with the English alphabet as its foundation. It is from this Bible that the quotations in all our literature for three hundred years were made. It embalms the record of those spacious masterful days when Shakespeare, Ben Johnson and all the glorious writers of the Elizabethan age were at their best.'

"It is well to remember that the English language of 1611 did not make the Authorized Version but the King James' Version made the English language what it was in all its classic purity and beauty."

In our opinion the three versions commonly called the Authorized, or King James' Version, the English Revised and the American Revised stand in an approved class by themselves, as compared with such translations as Dr. Moffatt's, or any other product in the labors of translation by a single individual. The three versions mentioned were produced as the composite judgment and labor of several scores of the best scholars of their day in languages, while the production of a single individual represents the labors of one man, and as in the case of Dr. Moffatt, one who is all too much disposed to the critical attitude of modern, liberal views on the Scriptures.

It is almost a half a century since the first Revised Version made its appearance. While it has made some progress in the favor of religious circles it is a question as to how far it may advance in popular use as compared with the Authorized Version. For devotional and public reading, as Dr. MacLannan says, it seems to be incomparable and satisfying.—Wesleyan Methodist.

ONE GOOD REASON FOR
SOUL WINNING

Even if I were utterly selfish, and had no care for anything but my own happiness, I would choose if I might, under God, to be a soul winner; for never did I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most ennobling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found the Saviour through my means. No young mother ever rejoiced more over her first-born child, no warrior was so exultant over a hard-won victory.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Temperance Column

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

DRINK CHIEF CAUSE OF DIVORCE NOW

Drunkenness has become the chief complaint in district court divorce cases in Des Moines, Iowa, according to judges on the bench of that city. Judge Joseph Meyer, long-time head of the Court of Domestic Relations, said there had been a marked increase yearly since the end of prohibition, with this year exceeding previous years, and that habitual drunkenness was the principal grounds for separation.

HUMANE SOCIETY REPORTS
PROBLEMS

Excessive use of liquor since repeal was blamed by Wm. I. Lacy, director of the Cleveland Humane Society, for an increased demand on the services of that organization, in his annual report. He asserted that drunken mothers were a greater problem than drunken fathers. He further states, "Drink is playing havoc with homes. In 12% of the general cases presented to our intake committee in the past five months, there was indication of increased use of alcohol."

LIQUOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Methodists in conference session at Gardner, Mass., are interested in adopting a resolution criticising "the serving of liquor in the White House," as follows:

"We note with sincere and profound regret that liquor is served within the home of the President of the United States, and that it was even served at a New Year's reception to young people within the White House. We note also that the government has recently dispatched its first shipment of rum from the Virgin Islands, where it was made as a WPA project."

LIQUOR INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

One of the most amazing exposes of liquor and its effect on American life since repeal, is on file today from the county grand jury in Cleveland, Ohio:

"In every one of the distressing cases of death caused by a motor vehicle which came to our attention," said the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury, "liquor was an important element, if not the chief factor, leading to the accident."

"The jury is strongly of the opinion that a lethargic public opinion with respect to criminal potentialities in the mixture of gasoline, alcohol, and emotional excitement, is largely responsible for the tragic situation today."

"The jury finds that liquor is an important factor in many cases of arson, burglary, sex offenses, stabbing, robbery, assault and other crimes."—The Church Herald.

WHAT SALVATION DID

Augustine was a great sinner before his conversion. He says of his conversion, "How sweet did it seem to me in a moment to taste no more the sweetness of folly; it was joy to cast away what I had feared to lose. For Thou didst cast it out, Thou true and Sovereign sweetness . . . Henceforth my soul was delivered from the gnawing anxieties of ambition and gain, from wallowing in the mud and scratching the swinish itch of lust; O Lord, my God; my light, my wealth, my Salvation."—Ex.

MY CHURCH

My Church is where the Word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the love of God is revealed and the unity of God is perceived.

It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotions, the hearth of my faith, the centre of my affections, and the foretaste of heaven.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support, and to obey its laws.

It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace and progress concern my life in this world and in that which is to come.

I owe it my zeal, my benevolence and my prayers. When I neglect its services, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members, and I chill my own soul.

I have solemnly promised in the sight of God and men to advance its interests by faithful attendance, by reading the Holy Bible, by never neglecting its ordinances, by contributing to its support, by meeting with my fellow members, by watching over their welfare, and by joining with them in prayer, praise and service, and that promise I this day renew, before God my Father, Christ my Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost my Sanctifier.

—John Bunyan Smith

SERMONETTES

Collected by J. G. K.
(Similes)

Better be right with God and wrong with the world than be right with the world and wrong with God.

God's ways are behind the scenes; but He moves all the scenes which He is behind.

Now the world judges the godly, but hereafter the godly shall judge the world.

The true measure of loving God is to love Him without measure.

A man has no business with religion who has no religion in his business.

It often takes more effort to refuse to be used than it takes to let yourself be used.

None was ever pulled down by lifting others up.

The garb does not make the Christian, but the Christian makes the garb.

Life's darkest roads have many times been the means of leading to its brightest prospects.

The Son of God became the Son of man that the sons of men might become the sons of God.

Consecration begins when self-interest ceases, and ends when self-interest begins.

It is not of so much importance as to how one dies as it is to how he lives.

A loose tongue oftentimes gets into a tight place.

Give according to your means, or God may make your means according to your giving.

Treasures in heaven are laid up only as treasures on earth are laid down.

—The Canadian Free Methodist

Slander is a poison which extinguishes charity, both in the slanderer and in the person who listens to it; so that a single calumny may prove fatal to an infinite number of souls, since it kills not only those who circulate it, but also all those who do not reject it.