The King's Wighway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holine

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness-Isa. 35.

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WE JOIN with our friends of the great United States in offering thanks to Almighty God for His mercies and blessings of the past and present. Thanks be to God "who giveth us all things richly to enjoy."

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and of nations, has by a resolution requested the President to designate and set apart a day for national prayer and humiliation; and

Whereas, It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;

And, in so much as we know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this, my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the thirtieth day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the people to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite at their several places of public worship and their respective homes in keeping the day holy to the Lord and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope author-

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God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominions over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire:
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish word—
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!

Lest we forget—lest we forget!

-Rudyard Kipling

ized by the divine teachings that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1863.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IS—

A spirit of forgiveness.

A spirit of humility.

A spirit of ministry.

A spirit of self-sacrifice.

A spirit of zeal.

A spirit of evangelism.

A spirit of missions.

A spirit of giving.

A spirit of victory.

—Free Methodist.

THE MEASURE OF THE MAN

Someone has said that the measure of a man (or a woman) may be obtained by watching his handling of the newspaper and by his selection of other reading. If so, what a revelation!

There are those who grab for the funnies. More know all the sport news and sport heroes. (One great city daily places its sport news on page one and outstanding news of a national and international character on page one, Part II .- a thing a little humiliating to record, for it says so much about the people.) Some want the "social" or "society" page, and others want to study the ads for the revelations of spring or fall fashions. Some gloat over the latest scandal and avidly read to the last word of crime, especially if there are smut and sex involved. Some read about the movie stars, their successes and husbands and divorces (and admire and talk about these). Some follow the financial page. Some seek a hidden corner where may be tucked a piece of valuable information about a new discovery or a great achievement. Some are interested in civil, industrial and political affairs. A very few seek to know what useful lecture or sermon may be delivered in the city. Some want the religious news.

Well, perhaps a hint is enough. Buzzards feed on carrion; goats like coarse eating, as weeds, and it is said they like the taste of the grease in discarded rags; sheep eat grass; babies use milk only. Strong men and women make use of a variety of food, but always of a wholesome kind.

As to Daniel Webster, it was said of him that when asked at that famous banquet, "What is the greatest thought that ever entered your mind?" he answered, "The thought of mw responsibility to my God." One said, "The mind's the measure of the man." But note, the attention we give and the things we pursue are the measure of the mind and the soul.—Wesleyan Methodist.

A BAD BUSINESS

We were given to understand that with the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment we would go a long way toward a law-abiding citizenship. The prohibition laws provoked general lawlessness according to the arguments of the wets and the politicians.

But now comes an interesting bit of news. According to the San Francisco Examiner, among the applicants for liquor licenses in southern California, 1,027 were found to be men with criminal records. Forty kinds of crimes are listed. Among the applicants were "wanted" felons. Perhaps even in license times there is something about this business which draws the underworld.