

happy days. In spite of all my blunders, mistakes and failures, I would choose to live!

If I had my life to live over again, I would want the same mother. She gave me a rich heritage. She led me to Christ when I was nine years of age, after having kept me in Sunday School since I was but three weeks old. I would choose the same father. My parents gave me a good birth. I was not damned before I was born. I was wanted. They were able to feed and clothe me properly. They were church-going people. They loved God, and provided a comfortable home for their children. My mother was pleasing. My father was kind. They were tender and virtuous. I do not believe that even slander could have dishonored them. Death only bore them from our presence to the bosom of God. They summoned me in the closing days of their earthly pilgrimage, and asked me to meet them in the City of God.

If I had my life to live over again, I would become a Christian at the age of nine, or earlier, consecrate my life to Christ in my teen-age, as I did, start in the work of Christian education immediately, become a close student of the Word of God, be faithful in Sunday School attendance, and, if possible, break my own record in not missing more than twelve Sundays in Sunday School in forty-seven years.

If I had my life to live over again, I would secure the best Christian education possible, apply myself diligently, associate with the highest type of Christian characters, and strive for the highest and noblest in life. I would marry the same girl, have a home, rear a family, keep out of debt if possible, live within my means, love God supremely, and love my neighbor as myself. I would never utter bad language, nor a statement I would be ashamed to use in a mixed audience. I would never use tobacco or liquor, and shun the movies, cheap literature, bad associates, and never know by experience the tragedy of wrong-doing.

If I had my life to live over again, I would cultivate true friendships, and personal affection. I would put God and character-building first. I would live carefully, remembering that I pass this way **but once**. I would permit no grudges to come into my life. As Booker T. Washington said, "I will permit no man to drag me down, by causing me to hate him." I would cultivate the love life, and try to make a contribution that would make the world better than I found it. I would do unto others as I would that others should do unto me. I would follow my same policy, and speak evil of no man. I would speak out against every evil, and not be a mere speck in a civilization where suffering, sorrowing human beings need my influence, and vote for right and against the wrong.

If I had my life to live over again, I would not spend my energies over regrets of the past. I would learn early that "All things work together for good to them that love God." I would not pull the sorrows of yesterday over into the present. I would learn the lesson that sorrow and trouble are given to discipline the life, and that there can be no strength of character without them. I would not whine or complain of my lot in life. I would be a cheerful, happy Christian in a world of sorrow. I would be kind to my inferiors, or those who have not been blessed or favored as I have been. I would respect and follow my superiors, as they follow Christ.

If I had my life to live over again, I would be good to my own loved ones. I would be kind, tender, patient and gentle with my wife and children. I would never speak unkindly to my parents or brothers or sisters. I have learned that it is much easier to be good to those on the street than it is to those who are of your own household. I would know that a man is just what he is at home, whether he shows it or not, or whether the public knows it or not. I am no better when on a camp meeting platform, than when under test with those who are under my own roof.

If I had my life to live over again, I would know that adversity helps one to "find himself." It is best to bring out real manhood. It reveals ourselves when we are tried. There is an old Greek story of a soldier under Antigonus, who had a disease, likely at any time to destroy him. In every battle he was at the front line, ready to meet death. The general thought so much of him that he put him under the care of a specialist for treatment. He was cured of his disease. From that time on, the soldier was seen no more at the front line. He was always trying to protect himself. He avoided all kinds of danger. His health and comfort destroyed his usefulness as a soldier. Man was not made for ease. It takes the rugged, suffering life, filled with its sorrows to bring out the sweetest fragrance and blessing. It is the man who has suffered who becomes attractive to others.

I would count nothing too heavy, nothing too sharp, that shall at last bring us into the presence of our Christ, to be partakers of Him immortality.

I cannot live my life over again. "What is written, is written." But by God's help and grace I shall put these principles into practice, and follow on, in the years to come, whether they be many or few. As Lincoln said, "I will do the best I can, and keep on doing so unto the end."

I will trust Christ in the darkest hour. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." I will do justly, live uprightly, and walk humbly with my God. I will stake all in the future, as I have in the past, upon Jesus Christ.—A. S. London, in Exchange.

A WORLD SYSTEM

The reader of the prophetic scriptures relating to the future will be impressed with the similarity between the spirit of world empire in the days of old and in the present time. There is no essential difference between the ambition of the Caesars to rule the world in the days of the Roman Empire at the beginning of the Christian era and a similar ambition in our day.

It is reported that the late Sun-Yat-Sen, creator of the Chinese republic, once made the following statement regarding Japan's ambitions:

"With 70 millions of the Japanese leading 450 millions of China they would wish to convert China into a recruiting ground for man power like the Germans treated Austria during the War; and then exploit our large coal and iron mines, which are amongst the greatest in the world; and then appeal to India with its 350,000,000 people, and make a slogan to India of 'Asia for the Asiatics,' or if you wish, the conquest of the world.

"China's 450 millions led by Japan's 70 millions and India's 350 millions, besides the support of the semi-free States of India—such a combination properly organized could fight and lose 10 millions of men a year and go on forever."—Wesleyan Methodist.

Temperance Column

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

"REPEAL IN ACTION"

Some interesting data regarding conditions at the Bluffton, Indiana, street fair is given by the News-Banner of that city, from which we quote in part:

"At 10.45 Saturday night when police informed Mayor Buckner of the serious accidents and number of arrests they had made for public intoxication, he immediately ordered all places selling intoxicants to close."

"The mayor called his city officers, state patrolmen and state excise officers into his office and issued the order. He explained that while the law does permit such places to remain open longer, he felt that an emergency existed and therefore issued the order on his own authority." . . .

The Wells county jail was so congested with prisoners, the mayor came to his office Sunday morning and cleared the docket of a number of minor cases involving public intoxication."

The writer has been in Bluffton on business on several occasions at the time of the street fair during prohibition days and never saw a drunk.

Bluffton is no exception to other cities where crowds assemble. Public intoxication is growing at a rapid pace throughout the entire country, although many well meaning citizens have failed to realize the enormous price being paid for such conditions.—American Issue.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION BANS LIQUOR ADVERTISING ON NATIONAL NETWORK

L'Action Catholique, a Canadian magazine, issue of August 10, 1937, reports a significant change of policy by the governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, which will do much to check the efforts of the liquor interests to make all people liquor conscious. No station of the national network in Canada will be permitted to advertise spirituous liquors, wine or beer.

How long will it take the broadcasting corporations of the United States to realize that the advertising of liquor is offensive to thousands of people, and is especially a positive menace to the youth of our country.—The American Issue.

TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of character.
- The power of kindness.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.

—Marshall Field

We are escorted on every hand through life by spiritual agents, and a beneficial purpose lies in wait for us.—Emerson.