

## QUESTION BOX

Will you please answer these questions through the King's Highway. Hungry soul.

Ques.—Can a truly sanctified person work on Sunday and keep blessed.

Ans.—That depends on the motive back of the act. The Scribes and Pharisees found much fault with our Lord because he healed on the Sabbath day and because his disciples plucked corn and ate it to satisfy their hunger while they were passing through the corn field on the Sabbath.

Jesus said in reply that man is not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath is for man. He taught that it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath day. That is as we all know; there is a certain amount of work which must be done on the Lord's day. The wife and mother in the home finds it necessary to do much work in caring for her family, getting their meals, etc. Likewise the father on a farm must care for, feed and water his animals, etc. Sick ones in homes and hospitals must be cared for, which involves work. These are works of necessity and mercy, and are lawful.

But if one hires to work on Sunday just to earn money when he could get on without doing so, he will deprive himself of the privilege of a place of worship on the Lord's day and thus rob his soul of God's blessing. He would better find a job that would allow him to have his Sundays to rest and worship.

Ques.—Can or will God bless a soul while he is breaking God's laws?

Ans.—No. Not if that soul knows he is transgressing God's laws, and does it intentionally.

Ques.—Should sanctified parents let their children attend worldly amusements while they are under their care.

Ans.—If you mean sinful amusements or amusements that are detrimental to the spiritual or moral welfare of their children, we say, No.

Ques.—Can such people as that pray down a revival?

Ans.—No person who is knowingly violating God's laws, or is failing to do God's will, or is doing questionable things which might cause a weak brother to stumble will have much power with God in prayer.

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## THE WORK GOES ON

The English bulletin of the National Committee for Christian Religious Education in China is being continued regularly, and the latest issue sets forth the situation regarding religious education in that troubled land. The Religious Education Fellowship is proving especially helpful at this time to all, both Chinese and missionaries. Workers are scattered and many of them have undergone serious privations. One of the workers living in Nanking lost everything in the way of worldly possessions, and he and his wife and seven little sons walked over five hundred miles to a place of refuge. But instead of being cast down he wrote Dr. Miao: "Everlasting spiritual values have come to us. Our hearts are full of praise and thankfulness. Please keep the religious education materials coming to me for while I have lost all of mine in Nanking I mean to continue the work wherever I am."—Sel.

Forgive thyself little, others much.—Leighton.

## WHAT IS WAR?

The late General Sherman, one of the leaders of the northern army in the American civil war, answered the above question in blunt fashion by declaring that "War is hell." Wars which have taken place since the great fratricidal struggle which almost wrecked the American union have greatly strengthened the belief that his definition was a correct one. Here is some corroborative testimony from others familiar with the terrible scourge of war which should make timely reading in view of what has happened in Europe:

"Most of the debts of Europe represent condensed drops of blood."—Beecher.

"The bodies of men, munitions and money may justly be called the sinews of war."—Raleigh.

"The decision will come only from God, from the God of Battles, when He lets fall from His hand the iron dice of destiny."—Bismarck.

"The sight of a battlefield after the fight is enough to inspire princes with a love of peace and a horror of war."—Napoleon I.

"Take my word for it, if you had seen one day of war, you would pray to Almighty God that you might never see such a thing again."—Wellington.

"Every war involves a greater or less relapse into barbarism. War, indeed, in its details is the essence in inhumanity. It dehumanizes. It may save the state, but it destroys the citizen."—Bovee.

"If war has its chivalry and its pageantry; it has also its hideousness and its demoniac woe. Bullets respect not beauty. They tear out the eye, and shatter the jaw, and rend the cheek."—Abbott.

"A wise minister would rather preserve peace than gain a victory, because he knows that even the most successful war leaves nations generally more poorer, always more profligate, than it found them."—Colton.

"War is one of the greatest plagues that can afflict humanity; it destroys religion, it destroys states, it destroys families. Any scourge, in fact, is preferable to it. Famine and pestilence become as nothing in comparison with it."—Martin Luther—Hartland Observer.

## PLAIN DRESSING

A young Christian woman awhile ago started to go to Kansas. On the way the conductor of the train sat down opposite her and politely asked, "Why do you dress so plainly?" She inquired what his motive was in asking that question. He replied that his wife always talked about the necessity of women dressing plainly, while he did not see any reason for doing so.

The young lady looked at him and said, "Why do you wear this special uniform?" He replied, "Because I serve the Rock Island Company, and comply with its orders in wearing it."

"So do I," was her quick reply. "I have joined the Church of Christ, and am in the service of my Master, whose orders I must obey in my dress, according to I. Tim. 2:9, where He states that women shall adorn themselves in modern apparel."

Let Christian women put on this uniform and save time, money, labor, strength, and even life itself.—Selected.

Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
Yet seen too often, familiar with her face,  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

—Alexander Pope

## THE BIBLE AND CONSCIENCE

It is necessary that there shall be for us a correct standard for determining what is right and what is wrong. For Christian people that standard is the Word of God as found in the Holy Scriptures, and we ought to accept its guidance. There is a majesty about the word "ought." The apostles, when they were commanded by the ecclesiastical authorities to preach no more, said they ought to obey God. How that answer of the apostles rings down through the centuries! Yes, "we ought to obey God!" If we are filled with the sense of these uncompromising words, we shall be carried safely through many a time of moral peril.—The Presbyterian.

## THE BIBLE

An old professor of biology used to hold a little brown seed in his hand. "I know just exactly the composition of this seed. It has nitrogen, hydrogen and carbon. I know the exact proportions. I can make a seed that will look exactly like it. But if I plant my seed it will come to naught; its elements will simply be absorbed in the soil. If I plant the seed that God made, it will become a plant, because it contains the mysterious principle which we call the life principle."

This Bible looks like other books. We cannot understand altogether its marvelous power. Planted in good ground, it shows that it has the life principle in itself; it brings forth spiritual life; it bears fruitage.—Sel.

## HOW TO DETERMINE THE WILL OF GOD: ASK YOURSELF:

1. Is it Biblically correct? Isa. 8:20.
2. Is it morally right? Psa. 19:8, 9.
3. Is it ethically true? Luke 6:45.
4. Is it domestically proper? Prov. 4:23.
5. Is it good, helpful, kind? Eph. 4:30-32.
6. Is it glorifying to God? I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17.
7. Is it Christlike? Luke 9:23; Phil. 1:21.
8. Is it polite—or courteous? I. Pet. 3:8.
9. Is it brotherly? Heb. 13:1.
10. Is it doing good for evil? Rom. 12:21; Matt. 6:34.
11. Is it Christian friendship? John 15:12-14.
12. Is it according to:  
THE GOLDEN RULE? Matt. 7:12.  
THE DIAMOND RULE? Matt. 22:36-40.  
THE ROYAL RULE? James 2:8.
13. Is it loyalty to principle or friends? 2 Tim. 4:17.
14. Is it done from highest and purest motives? Matt. 5:8; John 1:47.—Joseph T. Larson.

## CONSCIENCE

How beautifully was its office set forth in the ring which, according to an Eastern tale, a great magician presented to his prince! The gift was of inestimable value, not for the diamonds and rubies and pearls that gemmed it, but for a rare and mystic property in the metal. It sat easily enough in ordinary circumstances; but as soon as the wearer formed a bad thought or wish, designed or concocted a bad action, the ring became a monitor. Suddenly contracting, it pressed painfully on the finger, warning him of sin. The ring of that fable is just that conscience which is the voice of God within us, which is His law written on the fleshy tablets of the heart.—Dr. Guthrie.