

## SURE REMEDY FOR WORLD DISORDER

"If my people, which are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."—II. Chron. 7:14.

We wish to narrow this message to the individual. A nation is an organization of individuals; rules and commandments which apply to the nation also apply to the individual. A nation cannot repent, reform and seek God's grace for deliverance unless the individuals of that nation do the repenting. The old adage,—“What is everybody's business is nobody's business” is being evidenced in this big question before us.

If we should reduce all that is in our text to its lowest terms, as God's remedy for our deliverance, it would be—REPENT. This was the burden of John the Baptist as he preached up and down the banks of Jordan. With stentorian power his messages caused the trembling multitudes to repent. His message was a highway clearance for greater things to follow. It was cutting down and moving away the rubbish of sin in high places and low; no one escaped, from the peasant to the king. The tremendous revolutionary Gospel struck terror to their hearts. There must be a recurrence of this dramatic chapter in our life as a nation, and as individuals. The Augean stables of the upper bracket of social, commercial, political and religious life must be cleaned; we face this challenge. It also means that men and women called Christians,—whose names are on the roster of God's Church—must dig into the heart life, and allow the illumination of the Holy Ghost to penetrate and reveal to themselves just what they are. Not only must sin be confessed and put away by our big organized institutions, but sin must be confessed and put away by us all.

Few people, and fewer great parliaments and corporations, have the remotest conception of what it means to repent. It cannot mean a sorrow and a fear because a Hitler or a Mussolini is about to invade us, and destroy our great heritage—fear because I'm caught, and will suffer the penalty; but it means a godly sorrow because we have sinned against His holy laws and will affecting the whole personality.

This and this only can work true repentance. You may say, “How can a congress or a corporation, or any kind of organization, repent?” Such combines have on soul—a soul-less corporation, as we have heard; but he mass is composed of units, and the directors of a million dollar corporation are exactly what the individual members are. The responsibility of an act or an attitude of the corpus, or body, cannot be shifted from the act of each individual. Dear friends, whether ye be big business leaders or sellers of peanuts and popcorn, we cannot overestimate the perils of this hour. A man high up in the army said the other day, “We need not fool ourselves any longer: we are in this war right now; we have been enjoying a fool's paradise already too long.” This man has just seen the tragedy of war first-hand. Yes, we are not only approaching war, but we are involved right now; we are facing grim realities! The low rumblings of destroying forces can be heard in the not-very-far distance. Man's genius has been turned into devilish

machinations; the Red Horse of Revelation is galloping throughout the world. But we recall old Nineveh was doomed; the curse of God was pronounced upon that sinful city; but the whole city repented in sackcloth and ashes and God's wrath was turned away.

And remember, that was a city of dense ignorance; they did not know the right hand from the left,—but their destruction was scheduled. Will God overlook our sins as a nation, our sins as individuals, in the blazing civilization we enjoy? Will God pass over us in His sore displeasure as we neglect our sanctuaries of worship,—desecrate His Sabbath into a riot of pleasure and mad indulgence? Nay, verily! “Where much is given, much will be required.” “He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.” Too long have we presumed and sheltered under His compassion and love. So the Gospel of this hour that should be shouted from the rooftops is, REPENT. Hear the voice from the far distant yesterdays!

“Therefore, also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and read your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him. \* \* \* Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, and call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore they say among the people, Where is their God?” (Joel 2:12-17). Yes, our cry is to be the same.—Sel.

## TWO GREAT PASTORS

We think of Phillips Brooks as a great preacher, but those fortunate enough to be in his church knew him as a great pastor. He said one time, “I wish that I could devote every hour of the day to calling on my people. I know of no happier or more helpful work a pastor can do, and I call as much as I can. How is it possible for one to preach to his people if he does not know them, their doubts, sorrows and ambitions?”

Dr. J. H. Jowett, like Paul, possessed rare powers of sympathy, for which he paid a high price, literally wearing himself out in the ministry. He once said, “At first I could not conduct a funeral without tears. I could not read the burial service without my speech being choked; but now I have so many funerals, have seen so much suffering, that I can read the burial service without tears. Well, perhaps this is part of the gracious providence of God that the burden should be eased, but I don't want the ease if it be at the cost of losing the compassion with my fellow men. I would rather have the tears, I would prefer the choking speech, I would prefer that my not-too-strong body should be tired out, drained out twice or thrice a week, if I might keep my compassion with my fellow men.”—Selected.

## Temperance Column

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

## BOOZE OR BOMBERS?

In this time of our National emergency we are asked to take care of all our resources, and avoid all waste or unnecessary expenditures.

People are urged to buy war savings stamps, and many societies have done so and destroyed them, so that the Government will not be called upon to redeem them.

Children are opening their penny and dime saving banks, to buy these stamps, and are asking that instead of having picnics or prizes, the money be used to buy stamps.

If you want to go to the U. S., for a vacation or to visit your friends or relatives, the banks are not allowed to let you have American funds; we must conserve our expenditures!

If you owe a dollar debt in the U. S. and have an American bill and sent in a payment in a letter, the censor will return it to you and you must send it through the channels by which the Government will get the 10% exchange on it. The country needs the money!

•We are warned on every side, against unnecessary expenditure, and rightly so, but how about an item of expenditure which seems to be ignored so far?

In the last year of which we have record, the Canadian people spent in the Government Liquor stores, about \$174,000,000 in round figures.

Let us do a little arithmetic: a few months ago the Daughters of the Empire in Canada from coast to coast, raised the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to give the Government to purchase a bomber, which will give Hitler the only kind of an answer the Nazis seem to understand.

If \$100,000 would purchase 1 bomber, 10 times 100,000 or \$1,000,000 would buy 10 bombers, and \$174,000,000 would buy 1740 bombers.

In other words, the people spent last year in the Government liquor stores, money enough to pay for 1740 bombers, which would be a tremendous asset to the Empire just now.

This takes no account of the money spent for liquor in other places, and says nothing of the results of the liquor, and the loss of efficiency it causes which is another story.

We also know it may be said that these purchases help to keep Canadian breweries and distilleries going. True, but this does not alter the fact that the purchase and use of this booze is an economic waste, and the cause of a great amount of trouble, which the country might well be spared.

Booze swallowed the price of 1740 bombers in one year.

Can we afford it? Think it over.—Forward.  
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The greatest and only real soul-saving institution in the world is God's Church. It is composed of all truly saved people, and other, and no truly regenerate soul on this side. We cannot help being inside or outside. Of course, no really saved soul can be elsewhere. Real church membership is dependent not upon uniting with some group but being born again.—W.