

from the CHILDREN, for otherwise when all the present members die the Denomination will die too. Yes, our hope for tomorrow is the children today, let us prove we love our Master by "feeding His Lambs."

Sincerely yours,
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BLESSINGS ON THE TITHER

Bishop J. W. Bashford once said, "It is plain to all that, had not the early Christians set aside one day in seven for the worship and service of God and resolutely abstained from their ordinary work upon that day, Christianity would never have become one of the great world religions. It grows clear to me that where the Christians, along with the devotion of one-seventh of their time to the Lord, set aside also one-tenth of their net income for His service, the world would be steadily evangelized."

The experience of others proves that tithing is blessed of God to those who practice it. One of America's leading laymen inquired of a thousand individuals of all kinds and circumstances who had tithed what their experience and testimony was as to tithing. All but three or four testified that they had prospered both spiritually and temporally since from spiritual motives and in loving obedience to God they had set aside for Him the first tenth of their salary or income.

The largest bequest which the Board of Foreign Missions of our Presbyterian Church has received for its worldwide work was that of Mr. John Stewart Kennedy, a New York banker. During his lifetime he gave away \$30,000,000 to various causes. He had been a tither from his youth. Before he amassed his fortune and was just starting in business he became a tither. At the time of his death a memorandum book was found by his family containing a list of his benefactions. At the head of the list were these words: "Behold, a tenth of all I give unto thee."

A few years ago there was a layman in South Carolina who was secretary and treasurer of a large cotton mill corporation. One day he said to a friend, "Years ago when my children were small, my salary was too small for my actual needs. Strive as I could, I could not keep out of debt. This became a heavy cross to me, and one night I was unable to sleep. I arose and went to my desk and spent a season in prayer to God for help and guidance. Then I took a pen and wrote out a solemn contract with my heavenly Father. I promised Him that no matter what testings or trials came I would never turn back. Also, that no matter how pressing were my obligations I would scrupulously tithe my income. Next, I promised the Lord that if He would let me make a certain salary, I would pay two-tenths, then if I made a certain larger salary I would pay three-tenths. Finally I named a larger salary, which was far beyond anything I had ever hoped to earn, and told the Lord that if I ever reached such a salary I would give Him one-half of my income." Having said this to his friend, the old layman smiled and tears came into his eyes as he said, "My brother, for many years it has been my privilege to give one-half of my income to the Lord."—Francis Shunk Downs, in Religious Digest.

The first great gift we can bestow on another is a good example.—Morell.

Temperance Column

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

DRUNKEN MEN WITH TORCHES

The danger created by drunken people during air raids goes farther than that which has been described by "Artifex." I was on duty recently about midnight as an A. R. P. warden and was patrolling a short section of a main road in our town. The sirens had gone and there was a distant noise of a plane. Coming up the road were two drunken men. They had undimmed torches in their hands, and the strong beams as they lurched to and fro presented a glorious illumination to the enemy.

I stopped them, of course, and requested them to put out their torches, but they were too fuddled to understand, and lurched on. No policeman was near and I was helpless to do anything.—"A. R. P. Warden."—Everybody's Monthly.

BREWERS BEFORE BABIES

It was stated in the House of Commons that a law had been passed to limit brewers to 70 p.c. of normal sugar supplies, and that this decision had been reached "after consultation with the brewers, and with their approval!"

How gracious and considerate of the brewers! Whether anyone consulted the babies, and whether the reduced sugar ration of 40 per cent for "infants' food and medicines" met with the babies' approval, we know not.—Clarion Call, Melbourne.

A TESTING OF CHARACTER

Viscountess Snowden, in an address at the Annual Convention of the British Temperance League, spoke these ringing words:—"I never was afraid of anything that might come from Germany until I heard they were going tee-total. Then I thought, 'If their brains are clear of the fumes of drink, if their judgment is not disturbed and in battle they have to meet people full of rum, justifying the use of strong drink, our danger is to that extent increased. . . Is it not possible that if war does come, drink may be a greater enemy than the enemy in the field?' . . . I issue a challenge to all men and women of Great Britain, and to girls and boys who love their country, to test their patriotism, to test their character, to test if they really are capable of making sacrifices and give up drinking."—Exchange.

RELIGIOUS NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Alcoholism is the greatest public health problem at the present time which is not being systematically attacked, says Winfred Overholser, M. D., Superintendent of Saint Elizabeth Hospital of Washington, D. C. The reason, we would say, is that liquor has too many influential friends in government.—Selected.

Speaking in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1937, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, well known director of the Federal Bureau of Crime Investigation, said, "Today, there are in America over 4,300,000 criminals actively at work plundering, marauding, and murdering with an aggregate of over 1,330,000 serious crimes . . . and a national crime bill estimated at fifteen billion dollars each year." This is indeed a serious indictment of the morals of a nation by one whose office enables him to know the facts.

One factor in this situation is so plain that all may see, namely, the return of the legalized liquor trade has given a mighty impetus to all kinds of crime.—Selected.

Employees in the Navy Department in Washington find a new feature in the new telephone directory. At the bottom of each page is a warning, such as "Careless talk costs lives," "Beware of inquisitive friends," "Walls have ears," "Do not repeat rumors," "This would be good advice for church members as well as servants of the navy.—Selected.

Of four-year colleges in the United States, 278 of them are affiliated with or are owned and operated by some Protestant denomination. This is approximately one half the number of four-year schools. Ten years ago their physical properties were appraised at \$400,000,000; their productive endowment at approximately \$500,000,000; and they had a student enrollment of nearly 200,000. These figures are sufficient to indicate the influence and importance of the denominational college in American education.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The richest family in the world is not the Rothschild, Rockefeller, Morgan, or other familiar houses, but that of Emperor Hirohito of Japan. In 1927 the royal domain of Japan consisted of 3,800,000 acres valued at 637,234,000 yen. Appurtenances on these lands equalled 83,000,000 yen. In addition, the imperial family holds a large block of stock in the Bank of Japan, the South Manchurian Railway, the Yokohama Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Imperial Specie Bank, the Formosan Bank, the Hotel in Tokyo, all estimated at 300,000,000 yen. Added to this the emperor enjoys an annual civil list of 4,500,000 yen.—The Watchman-Examiner.

Prof. E. J. Chave, of the University of Chicago, opposes the plan of the Superintendent of Schools of Chicago whereby school credit would be given for religious instruction. Professor Chave claims that the churches should utilize their own opportunities more completely before they seek school time and credit. He claims that the plan tends to secularize religious education, and throw the burden more and more on the civil authorities, which will ultimately be detrimental to the Church.—The Presbyterian.

SINCERITY

True worth is in being, not seeming;
In doing each day that goes by
Some little act, not in dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.

We get back our mete as we measure
We can not do wrong and feel right,
Nor can we give pain and feel pleasure
For justice avenges each slight.

For whatever men say in blindness
In spite of the fancies of youth,
There is nothing so kingly as kindness;
There is nothing so royal as truth.

The air for the wing of the sparrow
The bush for the robin and wren;
But always the path that is narrow
And straight for the children of men.

—Alice Carey