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ANNUAL CONVENTION

The tenth annual Convention of the Reform-
 ed Baptist Young People's Association will
 be held, D. V., at Beulah Camp July 10th, at
 2.30 p. m. All societies of the Association are
 requested to have delegates present at this
 meeting. This is the tenth anniversary of the
 organization of our Y. P. Association and
 we are expecting to have a great convention!

WHO KILLS THE CHURCH?

Are you guilty? Don't come. If you do
 come, come late. When you do come, come
 with a grouch. At every service ask yourself,
 "What do I get out of this."

Never accept office. It is better to stay out
 side and criticise, or on the way home.

Visit other churches about half the time
 to show your pastor that you are not tied
 down to him. There is nothing like independ-
 ence. Let the pastor earn his money; let him
 do all the work. Sit pretty well back and
 never sing; if you have to sing, sing out of
 time and behind everybody else.

Never pay in advance, especially for reli-
 gion. Wait until you get your money's worth
 and then wait a bit longer. Never encourage
 the preacher. If you like a sermon, keep mum
 about it. Many a preacher has been ruined
 by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your
 head. It is good to tell your pastor's failings
 to any strangers that may happen in; they
 might be a long time finding them out. Of
 course you can't be expected to get new
 members for the church with a pastor as he is.

Chew gum and whisper when he is preach-
 ing. When meeting other members of the
 church, be sure to say we need a new pastor.
 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to
 have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet
 ye have not because ye ask not. James 4:2.

ANOTHER WAY

Hold a grudge against someone. Pray for
 everything but a revival. Attend only once or
 twice a week. Shake hands as if it were an
 awful cross to do so. Look so solemn in ser-
 vices that people will think it is a terrible
 thing to have religion.

When God speaks, do not obey. Do not invite
 your friends to attend the meetings.

Get mad when you are told your faults.

Dear reader, if you feel condemned as you
 read this tract, read I. John 1:9. St. John 5:14.
 If not condemned, read Matt. 24:45.

The Bible.—A Book that exposes me to my-
 self, that tells me all that is in my heart, that
 lays bare the very deepest moral springs of
 my nature, that judges me thoroughly, and at
 the same time reveals to me One who meets
 my every need—such a Book carries its own
 credentials with it. It craves not, and needs
 not, letters of commendation from man. It
 stands in no need of his favor, in no dread of
 his wrath.—The British Evangelist.

DISTRESSING SITUATION

(Continued from last issue)

In view of the situation which has arisen
 and which this Ministerial Association believes
 to be one in which Canada's War effort is being
 adversely affected, appeal is made to all
 classes of citizens to arouse themselves and
 to assert every influence that some measure
 of relief may be found. The members of this
 Ministerial Association have not hesitated for
 a moment to support every regulation of the
 Government toward a total War effort. They
 will continue, to the best of their endeavours,
 to give this loyal support. But while taking
 this attitude they reserve the right to raise
 the question as to where consistency and
 fair play are to be found in rationing and
 regulating the necessities of life, while all the
 time indulgence is permitted in a luxury like
 strong drink which makes serious inroads on
 the well-being of the country's manhood and
 womanhood.

The State has asked co-operation of the
 Church; has not the Church a right to ask
 co-operation of the State?

Very respectfully this Ministerial Associa-
 tion of Saint John and District makes these
 appeals:

1. For the duration of the War, at least, let
 all classes of citizens turn aside from their
 liquor glasses and practise whatever self-
 denial is necessary! Men and women of high
 rank have set an example in this respect and
 their example is worthy of being followed.

Before a glass of liquor is lifted, let every
 good citizen ask the question: By this act I
 aid my country or aid the enemy? If the Can-
 adian soldiers who made such valiant sacri-
 fices at Hong Kong had been given the
 privilege of having machine guns to beat off
 the enemy or having the 600,000 bottles of
 whiskey which were stored there and which
 it was necessary to destroy, there is no doubt
 regarding the choice they would have made.
 What kind of choices are loyal citizens mak-
 ing on the liquor question? A wonderful
 opportunity is given to leaders in our civic
 and social life to set an example in this matter.

2. In the City of Saint John the demands
 upon the police force are very heavy, and
 enforcement of the Liquor Act cannot be made
 their sole official activity. Request is hereby
 made of the Provincial Government that they
 restore the Liquor Squad of the R. C. M. P.,
 which formerly operated, so that an attack
 may be made upon the dwellings, clubs and
 other hell holes where law is being violated.

3. While not departing from its position
 that the sale of liquor ought to be prohibited
 as a war measure, this Association has a fear
 that this Province is so involved financially
 in the traffic that this objective does not
 seem practicable at present. It is therefore
 recommended that measures be taken by the
 Provincial authorities to so ration strong
 liquor that one person may make but one
 purchase for a stated period. As it is now,
 the regulation in the Act regarding limited
 sale is a dead letter, with no attempt made
 toward enforcement, so that a purchaser may
 go from store to store and from time to time,
 and make purchases almost beyond limit. By
 the use of coupons, a system could easily be
 devised which would eliminate these prac-
 tices and so restrict the sale of hard liquor,
 that there would be some hope of sobriety in
 the community being restored.

4. Appeal is being made to parents and
 Christian teachers that a younger generation

be taught by precept and example the prin-
 ciples of temperance and the ruinous effects,
 which always follow indulgence in strong
 drink, to body, mind and soul.

5. Above all: Let prayer be offered to Al-
 mighty God by every true Christian that His
 soldiers upon earth in their moral warfare
 may be courageous and loyal, and that in His
 Name, an evil which curses the land, may be
 removed.

God Bless Canada!

God Bless Britain and her Allies!

GOD SAVE THE KING!

MINISTER OF CHRIST FOR THE TIMES

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"With all purity."—1 Tim. v 2

The minister for the times is a pure man. He
 has sought and obtained the cleansing grace
 of Christ. Confessing his sins, God is faithful
 and just to forgive him his sins, and to cleanse
 him from all unrighteousness. His heart has
 become the habitation of the Spirit. God dwells
 with him and in him, ever creating him anew,
 and transforming him after the image of the
 heavenly. By infinite grace all carnal affections
 die in him, and all things belonging to the
 Spirit live and grow in him. He is a garden
 sealed. He turns away his eye from beholding
 vanity, and is deaf to the fascinating song of
 sin. He tastes not—handles not—touches not.
 He leans each moment upon boundless grace,
 to avert from him every whisper, every breath
 of corruption. With all his might he flies after
 God, and after good. He gives place to evil—
 no, not for a moment; while he solicits to his
 mind all beautiful and holy associations. His
 heart is pre-occupied with whatsoever things
 are honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good re-
 port. On these he thinks. These are the themes
 of his meditations when he rises at early morn-
 ing—when he acts, studies, converses. All day
 long, and upon his couch in the night-watches,
 he is still with Christ. He is ever walking and
 conversing with Him who is infinite purity
 and excellence; while every day witnesses in
 him a nearer assimilation to the Holy One.
 Thus he "sees God;"—sees him in air, earth,
 and sky;—see him in all the Scriptures;—
 sees him in every providential event, whether
 great or small, whether joyous or sad. Mov-
 ing hither and thither among men, he breathes
 a sacred influence on all, and his savour is
 that of righteousness and goodness.

THE PASTOR DID NOT CALL

There was serious illness in one of the
 families of the church. The members notified
 the employer that the sick one could not get
 to the office. They phoned the druggist about
 the medicine. They called the doctor, and he
 came over on the way back from the hospital.
 They even told the newspaper, and had a
 little news item published. But they did not
 call the preacher. He was supposed to get his
 information by some means of divination.
 They expected someone to tell him, but no
 one did.

When he did not call, the members of that
 family became very much hurt. In fact, they
 complained that the pastor did not call, and
 some even suggested that "all he is interested
 in is your money."

Now, the moral of this little tale is that,
 if the doctor is supposed to be notified, and if
 the nurse is supposed to be called, and if other
 people are to be told, it is only fair that the
 pastor be treated in the same way.—The
 Christian Advocate.