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EDITORIAL

Have Faith in God.—Mark 11-22.

The foregoing words were spoken by our Lord to his disciples, after he had cursed the fruitless fig tree, which dried up, or withered away. He seemed to be giving his disciples, and us, an object lesson on the danger of fruitlessness, and the need of having an active and continuous faith on God for our preservation.

Perhaps there never was a time since the world began when men's faith in God was more severely tried than now. Almost the entire world is involved in war, and words cannot describe the disastrous effects that it is having on humanity in general.

Of course the first thing that we think about, and greatly deplore is the awful loss of life: For the lives of so many of our noble boys and men, the strongest of our country, to be sacrificed as they are in this present war, is too sad for words, and we know that the faith of the bereaved families is being severely tried. Again we think of the wanton waste of billions of dollars worth of property: Enough money is being wasted in the destruction of property, and used for the general up-keep of the war—to feed and clothe and house every family, to educate every child in the world, and to build and equip a first class hospital for every town, and to send missionaries with the gospel to every country and people under the sun: But, what to this writer seems worse than all this, waste, and will prove to be more fatal to Christian civilization in general, is the apparent breaking down of faith in the goodness and justice of God.

People are saying, if there is a God and He is good, why does He permit this awful war to go on? When people's faith in God is shattered, some things are sure to follow; there is a corresponding disregard for the best and highest things in life. Men may not have saving faith in God, but as long as they believe that there is a Just God, who will one day judge the world in righteousness, that faith though it be only a mental faith, will have a restraining effect upon the actions of sinners. Any thinking person who travels at all these days on trains or boats, or who is much in public places, cannot help but observe the growing disregard for law, not only for the laws of our country, but also for common decency. Multitudes of women and girls have so lost their sense of modesty, and self respect, that men have lost their respect for them.

In spite of our present liquor law which its advocates said was going to promote true temperance and sobriety, we have seen more

than a score of men and women of various ages, under the influence of strong drink, and all smoking cigarettes, on one train. Some standing in the aisles drinking from their bottles and passing them to others, some were stretched out dead drunk. Others were laughing, shouting, swearing and using unclean talk, and women who should be ashamed of them, were laughing at them.

There is a looseness between young men and women in conversation and action these days in public places which is disgusting and deplorable, and what is worse is, so few people seem to care, or blush for shame.

We hear and read a great deal these days about the Democracies fighting in defence of freedom, and Christian civilization. And we believe that they are sincere in their claim, and are doing what many of our leaders think is the best means to that end. And yet with all their sincerity, it seems that the whole war program is derogatory to the promotion of godly piety, and freedom from the bondage of sin, which is man's enemy number one.

We are reminded of the charge that the apostle Peter made against some folk. He said, while they promise men liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption.

The influences that many boys come under while in training, is positively detrimental to good morals, and this comes sometimes from sources where we expect better things.

The wet canteen is teaching them the drink habit. The Salvation Army canteens are selling cigarettes to the boys. And much of the entertainment that many societies are providing, such as dancing till late hours in the night, is corrupting to the morals of both girls and boys. This article may sound pessimistic to our readers, but we may as well face facts as they are, and then seek a remedy.

The masses have lost their respect for the church and holy things, and to induce them to come to church Sunday evenings, the women of many of the societies are carrying cakes and sandwiches to church with them, and are giving them a lunch after service. One reason that many have lost their faith in God and the church, and are full of unbelief and skepticism is because there is so little of spiritual life, so little manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and so much of mere human program in our religious services that there is no appeal to needy souls, and many thinking men are disgusted with the whole affair. Oh, that God could open the spiritual eyes of the leaders in our religious bodies, so that they could see that our greatest need is a mighty manifestation of God's presence and power among us, that will again convince the world of sinners that God is among us in deed. A manifestation of God that will scatter unbelief and skepticism, and again restore to men, faith in God.

Without such a revelation, it will still be the blind leading the blind and all falling into the ditch. "Where no vision is the people perish." Such a vision can only come as God's people lay themselves out in mighty prevailing prayer and supplication before Him. We would again urge all our people to have faith in God." He can do more to cause right to triumph and make wars to cease than all our armies and navies, etc. "This is the victory that overcometh the world even your faith."

"Build," says the apostle, "but build thoughtfully, build carefully, build with your eye upon the fire that shall try your work."—G. H. C. Macgregor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Millville

Dear Highway Friends: :
We feel this morning a report from this part of God's Vineyard would be in order.

After Beulah we moved to Millville. On our arrival we were more than pleased to find the parsonage already for us ("set to rights") Through the efforts of Sister Greenlaw money was raised (from the circuit as a whole) to buy paper and paint, and the ladies of Millville put it on.

On another occasion Sister Greenlaw presented us with cash enough to buy five cords of wood. This was also a gift from the circuit, and again the latter part of October a goodly number of the folk in Millville gathered at the parsonage and spent a pleasant evening in song and social chat. Before leaving, Brother Harry Greenlaw on behalf of the gathering presented us with a fine donation of cash (upwards of fifty dollars, \$50.00).

On another occasion Sister Tompkins on behalf of the circuit, presented Mrs. Watson with an envelope (with thirty-five dollars in it) to buy her a winter coat (a Christmas present). In October we were invited to Sister Jewett's at Lower Hainesville to spend the evening with the folk of that village. Brother Douglas Webb on behalf of that gathering presented us with a donation of cash. In November the people from Maple Ridge visited the parsonage. We spent an enjoyable evening in song and recitations by the Graham kiddies, Joyce Fox and Sister Gordon Graham. Sister Barbour on behalf of that gathering presented us with a gift of money. We also received donations of produce.

Nortondale and Hawkins Corner have also remembered us. We tried on these different occasions to thank these good folk for their kindness to us and as we write this morning our hearts are saying "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." And our earnest prayer is that as these dear folk look after our physical needs, that we will be used in God's hands to feed them with the Bread of Life.

Glad to report victory (through the precious blood) in our own souls and in our services in each village we are privileged to hold services in.

We spent a very pleasant Christmas in Millville. We were well remembered by the folk throughout the circuit. Ariel was home for Christmas. Just recently enjoyed a short visit from our son, Harlie (who is stationed in Newfoundland). He has gone back and we received a cable from him yesterday of his safe arrival.

We wish to thank all for the lovely greeting cards we received and trust 1942 will be a year of victory and blessing to one and all. Kind wishes to you, Brother Dow, and yours.

Yours in His service,

E. R. AND MRS. WATSON

Hassett

Dear Brother Dow:

I here enclose \$2.00 for my Highway. 50 cents of it to go toward the Supplementary Fund. We sure enjoy reading it, the editorials are wonderful and a real inspiration. We have been shut in all winter, and miss getting to church, but we are trusting in His word, and leaning on the promises, praise Him, he has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Yes, Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and I am glad we have the blessed Holy Spirit to make him real to us. May the