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## EDITORIAL

FIRST, BE SURE THAT YOU ARE RIGHT,  
THEN GO AHEAD.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man: but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 14-12.

We don't know who is the author of the caption of this article, but we do know that it is a mighty good bit of advice. And the foregoing verse of scripture which we quote from Prov. also reminds us that very serious results might follow if we act upon what seems to be right, instead of first being SURE. If we begin with a wrong premise, we are about sure to arrive at wrong conclusions, form wrong opinions, and do the wrong thing. The scriptures as well as the events of every day life teach us that it is not safe to act upon mere supposition: Besides the warning we quote from Proverbs, we also have the case of Joseph and Mary losing their beloved son Jesus, when twelve years old, because they supposed that he was in the company without first being sure.

We have this truth demonstrated in a very forceful way at this season of the year, when the time comes for men to go in the woods and hunt game. I picked up a paper a few days ago, and read: "The first hunting casualty of the season." Then followed the account; two men went into the woods to hunt deer, got separated, and one saw what he supposed was a deer some distance away, so, without first being SURE, he lifted his rifle, fired a shot, and hit the object, which fell, but instead of it being a deer as he supposed, the object proved to be his companion hunter. Everyone who reads the secular papers knows how often this same fatal mistake is made every fall, by careless hunters who shoot without first making sure what they are shooting at.

Some one has made the statement that, it does not matter what one believes about religion, if he is sincere; but the events of life as well as the sacred scriptures prove the fallacy of that statement. Those erring hunters who shot their companions by mistake, for a wild animal were doubtless sincere. Sincerity in ignorance never saved anyone from often fatal consequences. For this reason men ought to be sure about their spiritual condition. Instead of risking their soul's welfare on a mere supposition, a guess so, hope so experience as so many seem to be doing. The scriptures teach us that we ought to be sure about

our relationship with our God, and have the witness of the Spirit that we are His saved by His grace. The apostle Paul says: The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Rom. 8-16. John also in his epistle writes: These things write we unto you that ye may KNOW that we have eternal life.

The thought of this article also applies in our dealings with one another. This writer has positive knowledge of great harm being done by people who told things about others, without first being sure they were right: Innocent persons were misjudged, reputations were seriously injured, sacred ties of friendship were severed, rents were made in churches, which never have been healed; revival work has been greatly hindered, which means the loss of immortal souls: because some evil minded persons who are always looking for faults in others instead of virtues, misconstrued their motives. And, without knowing the facts concerned in the case, told things for truth which upon investigation proved to be false. And because of these evil reports the confidence and faith that some people had in religion was so shattered, that they probably cannot be reached again by the gospel. In view of these things, no marvel that the scriptures strongly condemn evil-speaking, gossiping and back-biting, and declare that all liars, and all that loveth and maketh a lie will have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

The apostle Paul in his teachings has very clearly set forth our duty as Christians, and teaches us that there is a complete cure for not only evil speaking but for evil thinking. He declares that love thinketh no evil. Only the sanctifying grace of God can save some people from that depraved nature, the carnal mind, which makes them delight in thinking, speaking and hearing evil. It will make them right in their own heart, and make them treat others right, according to the Golden Rule.

Let us pray.—H. S. D.

## NOTICE TO REPORTERS OF WEDDINGS, OBITUARIES AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

Please make them brief, for as a rule, they are of interest to only a few readers of the Highway. So many things which are written can be left out, such as who the pallbearers were and who sang at funerals, and how the bride or groom was dressed or the decorations at weddings, etc., and who were the delegates, or appointed on committees at quarterly meetings. I think by observing some of these small matters we can all help to make our paper a better one. Thanks!

H. S. DOW, Editor

## A CORRECTION

In our last editorial on "The Abnormalities of War," a misprint made us say that some of the works of the devil, such as the liquor business, and other forms of amusement are damning immortal souls and polluting hell. What we did say was "Populating hell." When we saw this typographical error, we thought, well, that may be a truth written by mistake. It may be that those things are so vile, and demoralizing that they would even pollute a place, as bad as hell itself. And yet many professing christians patronize them.—H. S. D.

## A MODERN MIRACLE

In 1832 Charles Darwin, the advocate of evolution and opposer of Biblical creation, went around the world hunting for "The Missing Link" in humanity which would justify his doctrine of evolution. At Terra Del Fuego he came across a heathen savage nation, so ignorant and vicious that he never entered their land. He was sure that he had found the link between the animal and human. But God had other plans in mind.

In Bristol, England, an abandoned boy was found. It was taken to a Children's Home and raised on the bounty of charity. He was found on St. Thomas' Day. Hence, they named him Thomas. That street was connected by two bridges, so they named the foundling, Thomas Bridges. When the child became a young man he became an earnest Christian and longed to be a missionary. The Church accepted him and sent him to Terra Del Fuego to save its natives. Thomas Bridges was fearless and true. He succeeded in living among them, translated the Word into their natives language and taught them about Jesus. God used him. In 1870 Charles Darwin wrote about the marvelous transformation of the natives and said that it was most marvelous. How true that "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings God hath ordained strength." A study of history in the application of the gospel will reveal other phenomenal charges wrought by insignificant instrumentalities, to humble lovers and believers in the divine supernatural kingdom of our Lord Jesus.—E. S. D. in *The Christian Witness*.

## A LOVE FOR SOULS

It is a marvel to me how men continue at ease in preaching year after year without conversions. Have they no bowels of compassion for others? No sense of responsibility upon themselves? Dare they, by a vain misrepresentation of divine sovereignty, cast the blame on their Master? Or is it their belief that Paul plants and Apollos waters, and that God gives no increase? Vain are their talents, their philosophy, their rhetoric, and even their orthodoxy without the signs following. How are they sent of God who bring no men to God? Prophets whose words are powerless, sowers whose seed all wither, fishers who take no fish, soldiers who give no wounds.—Spurgeon.

## HOLY GHOST POWER

It costs much to obtain the power of the Spirit. It costs self-surrender and humiliation and the yielding up of the most precious things to God. It costs the perseverance of long waiting and the faith of strong trust. But when we are really in that power we shall find this difference, that whereas before it was hard for us to do the easiest things, now it is easy for us to do the hardest things.

James Hervey, the friend of the Wesleys at Oxford, describes the change which took place in him through his anointing by the Spirit: that while his preaching was once like the firing of an arrow, all the speed and force thereof depending on the strength of his arm in bending the bow, now it was like firing a rifle-ball, the whole force depending upon the power back of the ball, and needing only a finger-touch to let it off.—A. J. Gordon.