

believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. For in the Bible you have profound thought beautifully expressed; we have the nature of boys and girls, of men and women, more accurately charted than in the works of any modern novelist or playwright. You can learn more about human nature by reading the Bible than by living in New York."

He intimates that more people would continue to read the Bible if it were printed, as a rule, in better type.

In the closing paragraph Professor Phelps says: "The characters in the Bible are just as real to me as Theodore Roosevelt." And in his book he helps to make them real to others. But this chapter is a notable tribute to the Bible, and indicates the views of an authority in literature concerning the value of the Book of books in modern education.—Sel.

#### SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING

1. The Careless Way: To give something to every cause that is presented, without inquiring into its merits.

2. The Impulsive Way: To give from impulse—as much and as often as love and piety and sensibility prompt.

3. The Lazy Way: To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.

5. The Systematic Way: To lay aside as cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity. This may lead to asceticism and self-complacency.

5. The Ssystematic Way: To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains—one-tenth, one-fifth, or one-third, or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether rich or poor, and gifts would be largely increased if it were generally practiced. (I. Cor. 16:2).

6. The Equal Way: To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing all our personal expenditures by our gifts.

7. The Heroic Way: To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum and give away all the rest of our income. This was John Wesley's way—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

Love must have some form of adequate expression. The giving of money is very significant, for money is a vital part of our life. Love is not satisfied with that alone. Other forms of service are necessary, but this is important. Love speaks of the objects of its affections, love communes with its Lord, love sacrifices. Love observes the law of tithes and offerings without feeling the presence of legal obligation. It is the very nature of love to give, and the law of proportionate giving presents a convenient method for its expression.—Rev. E. E. Purner.

#### THE WITNESS OF WALL STREET

Wall Street, New York, the money center of the world, recently published in the Journal a strong endorsement of Christianity. "What America needs more than railway extension, western irrigation, a low tariff, a bigger cotton crop, and a larger wheat crop is a revival of religion. The kind that father and mother used to have. A religion that counted it good business to take time for family worship each morning right in the middle of wheat harvest. A religion that prompted them to quit work a half hour earlier on Wednesday so the whole family could get ready to go to prayer meeting."

## Temperance Column

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

### THE BLIGHTING CURSE AND DISGRACE OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Think of the criminal disgrace: 40,000 innocent victims—men, women and children—will fall a prey to traffic accidents, at the present rate of killings, in the United States this year, the most of whom are sacrificed under the wheels of this modern juggernaut, the liquor traffic. A large per cent of the above death rate can be traced directly and indirectly to drunken drivers.

If everybody viewed this great heart and home and happiness wrecking institution as he should, every brewery and saloon, and all other business which has for its object the manufacture and sale of liquor, would be put out of business. There is no intelligent, humane, or sensible reason why such an order should not be put into effect.

Not only inestimable suffering, heartaches and an indescribable amount of moral, social and physical wreckage flow down on the bosom of this great tide of liquor every year, but at least 200,000,000 bushels of grain are turned from legitimate channels of commerce into the hoppers of this gigantic liquor brewing business each year, adding to the high cost of living, and the aggregation of broken hearts, tears, and ruined homes. A great blessing is thus turned into an inestimable and appalling curse.

The beer and whiskey business does not only waste 200,000,000 bushels of grain by thus taking this amount of bread stuff from the legitimate food markets and robbing the poor by increasing the cost of living, but these legitimate articles of food are turned into a commodity which brings a curse, a blight, and a blasting mildew to every class and grade of society into which it flows. It would be better for our country if 200,000,000 bushels of grain were carried to the seacoast and dumped into the sea each year, than to allow it to be manufactured into an article which produces nothing in turn but crimes, cruelty, and crushing heart-aches. It is changed into avenues which turn blessings into curses, homes into hells, sensible loving fathers into fools, industrious husbands into vagabonds, loving children into pitiful orphans, and devoted and tenderhearted wives into sorrowing, suffering victims of shame, poverty and disgrace. Farmers who grow grain and vote for the liquor traffic may not realize that they thus become a party to this great and deplorable system of trafficking in the souls and bodies of men, and are helping to feed a system which is responsible for all the blackest records of moral and social sins of our land.

The following are a few statistical facts taken from an annual report of the ruins wrought by rum: 40,000 widowed mothers, 100,000 orphan children, 100,000 insane persons, 100,000 criminals, 100,000 drunkards who die yearly, and then add to the above untold crime, misery, woe, want, weeping, wailing, shame, disgrace, disease, degradation, debauchery, immorality, death, riot, revelry, ruin, besides the untabulated millions squandered in cash.

Reader, you should read and ponder the above, and then ask yourself solemnly: Am I doing anything to help or hinder this great bloody social vampire system that is sucking

the moral, social and spiritual life-blood out of society? You may not realize it, but all who vote for the licensed liquor system, vote for all the above conditions. It is all right to vote for the saloon, if one votes right. The way to do this is to vote to kill it. A saloon, a venomous reptile, and a mad dog are three deadly menaces to society. Absolute extermination is the only practical remedy to be applied to them all.—Selected.

#### WHAT HAVE I DONE?

Jer. 8:6

The Lord in this text seems to be complaining that no one has a sense of guilt for sin or a conscious need for repentance in any way.

It might be construed as doing violence to the text, and yet to utilize the question of this text in the various phases of our religious life will not be amiss in results achieved. It would be good if our church people could pause long enough to ask themselves this same question—What have I done?

I. With God?—He is the author and preserver of life, and the giver of every good and perfect gift which we receive. Are we treating Him with that loving reverence and loyalty that we should?

II. With Christ?—He who allowed His head to be crowned with thorns for my unbelief, and who allowed himself the torturous death of the cross for my salvation? Am I treating Him right?

III. With the Holy Spirit—The invisible third person of the holy trinity, who seeks daily recognition and His place as our leader? Have I grieved or done despite to the spirit of grace?

IV. With my Bible? Am I ignoring God's eternal message for my soul?

V. With my church, that God-appointed organization which is the pillar and ground of the truth, and to which has been committed God's sacred ministry of reconciliation to a lost world?

VI. With my talents and opportunities of Christian service? Have I grown in grace?

VII. With my neighbors? Have I taken advantage of them, cheated them, or left aught but a Christlike impression upon them?

#### OUR PRESENT NEED

By Charles Iden

If we could sing one thousand songs tonight,  
And save one thousand souls; we still  
would be

So much in need of mercy and the light  
From Him who suffered on dark Calvary.

If we could preach to multitudes the truth  
As Peter gave it forth on Pentecost;  
There would be still, among the aged and the  
youth,  
A multitude to be redeemed—or lost.

We need just now, as in the days of Paul,  
The boldly preach-ed Word, the songs of  
praise,  
To keep our faith in God high over all,  
And hold us to the Way through troubled  
days.

Lord, give us more the preaching ones who  
dare

Cling close to Thee and what Thou bade  
us do;

Who see Thee crucified and have a zealous care  
For truth that saves and brings the sinner  
thru.