

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Highway:

We would like to say through your columns that we are enjoying our ministry at Amherst. We are having very good crowds and a good spirit prevails. We are looking for greater things ahead.

Last evening wife and I were out calling and when we got home the parsonage was just about filled with members of our church and congregation. The evening was spent in social chat and a real good sing-song. Our souls were blessed as we sang the praises of God. About ten o'clock the dishes began to rattle and the sisters served us with their good cooking which proved very satisfying, and we felt like saying, "be sure and come again." Before they began to go we tried to thank them for their coming and for that which we knew they were leaving behind, and then bowed in prayer together and gave thanks to God for all His goodness to us. Our larder is well supplied for some time. We do thank them for this kindness and thoughtfulness of their pastor. They certainly plan to look after their pastor and family.

Now please note, **all Highway readers.** We feel we must have a different place here in this town of Amherst, in which to hold our services. Some of you know what a small place we have. We are praying and looking and making inquiry right along and we feel surely God will answer prayer and open up a place somewhere.

Now I'll tell you what I'd like you Highway readers to do. Don't send me any money but write me and tell me how much I can depend on you for when I do need it. I hope we can have a couple of five hundred dollar pledges and then some two hundred and one hundred dollar pledges, then those who can't give the large amounts send in your small amounts—they'll all count. God bless you and I know He will as you give to assist in His work in this needy town. Please write right away.

May God bless you all. Please pray for us and the work here.

Yours for souls,

H. S. MULLEN

SOUND THE SIREN

The tide is coming in. The tide is strong. It is against God; it is against the Church; it is against morality; it is against civilization. The sweep of this tide in our land is tremendous. It has gathered force so rapidly that it almost staggers one to contemplate the power of its surging waves.

What can we do? The shores are lined with children—innocent, unaware. Young people are playing their games. Students are pleasantly picnicking on the sand. Men and women are occupied in the pursuit of pleasure. Even the Church is there—feeding, feasting, having a good time, selfishly rejoicing in her safety. But the tide is coming in! We can see it! We have been up in the watchtower, with God's glasses, and looking out! We can see it! We had read a prophecy of such a tide. We believed it would come some time, but not in our day. But there it is—a great tidal wave!

The Church must be warned. It seems a pity to break in upon their delightful, self-satisfied, selfish pleasure, but we must remind them that

they are God's watchmen, His life-guards, and it is their business to warn of danger. We must sound the alarm along the shore! We must urge all of God's Prophets and preachers to lay off with the fairy tales and pretty poems, and sound out the story of the Cross.

We must recognize fully that every man and woman who denies God's Word—whether in **the Church or in the world**—is an enemy, and we must reprove, rebuke, and warn, as we see the day approaching. We must put our hearts, our souls, our means into this work. The tide is on! The night comes! May God hear our cry and help us to DO IT NOW.—The Alliance Weekly.

REDEEMING THE TIME

Too often it is considered an indifferent matter as to how one spends his leisure time. All are agreed that every one ought to work, but many seem to get the idea that odd days and hours may be spent in lounging, sporting, gaming or visiting. While we need some relaxation and diversion from the daily duties that wear on mind and body, we must also remember that misspent time is the cause of much backsliding among the people of God.

If thoughtfully considered from a merely worldly point of view, there are convincing reasons why it is far from the best for a person to waste his time. Success even in worldly or financial matters is not accidental. Men succeed, as a rule, only as they most diligently employ their time and energy. Who can imagine an idler becoming a successful business man? Who can think of a lounge becoming a scholar, a scientist, a statesman? Who can suppose that an idler can be and continue to be a Christian? None who thinks candidly and Scripturally.

It is a sin against God, ourselves, and humanity for us to be unemployed or unprofitably employed. Of the many profitable things that we might be doing at any given time we should do the most profitable for time and eternity. "Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger." (Prov. 19:15).—Herald of Light.

CONSECRATED POSSESSIONS

Walter E. Isenhour

It is an impossibility, so far as we are able to understand the Scriptures, for a man to consecrate his life completely to God and withhold his means from God. All that a man possesses must be consecrated unto God if he himself is absolutely and unreservedly consecrated unto Him. Many people desire to be the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, live godly, and get to heaven when this life is over, but in the meantime they do not consecrate their possessions to God. They want to hold them in reserve. Just here is where many people fail of the rich, wonderful, glorious grace of God.

There are more close, stingy, selfish professed Christians than one might think if he has never observed the way of their means to God's cause. People can never please God, have His rich, sweet, marvelous blessings upon their souls and lives, and feel the blessed Holy Spirit within, as long as they are close and stingy. If the "tight wads" of every church today would loosen up, quit robbing God, but give their tithes and offerings fully, freely and cheerfully, what a great difference there would be in their Christian experience and in the church! They could enjoy their religion, whereas many only endure it. They could be happy in the service and worship of God whereas they have but enough religion to make them miserable. They are mis-

erable because they don't exactly go with the sinful world, and don't give themselves and their possessions completely unto God.

God loves and blesses cheerful givers. His financial plan for our lives is the tithe, or one-tenth of our earnings. This is the teaching of the Old Testament, and we find that Jesus approved of it Himself when He said: "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." He was pronouncing woes upon the Pharisees because they "passed over the judgment and love of God," and not because they tithed. He said they ought to give tithes but not fail of the love of God, or fail in vital Christianity. And out of the remaining nine-tenths God would have us give offerings. Read Malachi, the third chapter. God certainly blesses the Christian tither. He enriches his soul and supplies his temporal need. This is life's better way.

THE BIBLE IN MODERN EDUCATION

Priests, atheists, skeptics, devotees, agnostics, and evangelists are generally agreed that the Authorized Version of the English Bible is the best example of English literature that the world has ever seen. "It combines the noblest elevations of thought, aspiration, imagination, passion, and religion with simplicity of diction." This is the opening statement in the Introduction to "Human Nature and the Bible," which is itself a most delightful book to read. Much may be gained by every reader from this introductory chapter of four pages. Professor William Lyon Phelps, formerly Yale's popular professor of English literature, continues:

"Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated; and no other learning or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant, can, among Europeans and Americas, form a proper substitute.... I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I 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.

CHANGELESS

God will not change. The restless years may bring

Sunlight and shadow, the glories of the spring,
And silent gloom of sunless winter hours,
Joy mixed with grief, sharp thorns with fragrant flowers.

Earth lights may shine awhile, and then grow dim.

But God is true, there is no change in Him
—Unknown.

"Rejoice evermore"—take everything from God. "Pray without ceasing"—take everything to God.—Selected.