

rather than squelch it, sang it at midnight, converted jailers with it, prayed for their murderers because of it, bowed their dying heads in the power of it, and turned persecutors into preachers by the very triumph of their home-going.

I am afraid that Satan has deceived many into believing that a Sunday-morning testimony is the witnessing of Acts 1:8. Acts 1:8 may include that, but certainly it goes infinitely beyond that. The witnessing of the apostles is the witnessing of Acts 1:8. And they became so many puzzles to the devil. If he ignored them, they spread the gospel; if he persecuted them, they converted their tormentors; if he killed them, "the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church." They had "power over all the power of the enemy." That was Pentecost! That is it!

Well, we profess to have this experience, but I am reminded of Paul who said: "The kingdom of God is not in word (a matter of mere words), but of power (dynamic)." Now must be added to the words of our testimony the fruits of our lives. Let us believe as they did, enjoy what they did, exercise ourselves to follow Christ as they did, serve under the power of the Spirit as they did, and to us will be added the blessing of God upon our labors, and we shall not labor in vain any more than they did.—The Free Methodist.

TOO BUSY FOR WORTHWHILE THINGS

(By R. Barclay Warren)

We often hear from farmers, executives, social workers, salesmen, professional men, etc., the expression, "I'm too busy." Sometimes the statement is simply an excuse for not assuming responsibility for some task,—particularly one which does not offer much by the way of financial remuneration. If you want something done, ask a busy man.

On the other hand, many people are too busy. Often it is due to a faulty organization.

The same results could be achieved in half the time if proper system and equipment were used. It may be that the individual is unsuited for the task. Edison, Madame Curie, and others were busy. But being intensely interested in their work they did not complain.

It is man's lot to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Paul said, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Col. 3:17.)

We ought to rejoice in work. But there is a limit to one's capacity. We need to beware that the care of this world does not choke the word so that we become unfruitful. (Matt. 13:22.)

If we are too busy to read God's word each day and pray, we are too busy. Let us give God first place in our program.

REST A WHILE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY

(By R. Barclay Warren)

Many tired executives in the forties and fifties are being warned by their physicians, "Take it easy". Men who have passed the peak of their physical strength face increasing demands from their growing business. The public is asking more of them in social service at this stage of life. It takes resolution to obey the doctor's orders. The recommended holiday is frequently cut short.

In Mark, Chapter 6, verses 30-34 we have an account of a holiday which Jesus planned

with his disciples. It was cut short. The twelve disciples had returned from their tour of preaching repentance, casting out devils and healing the sick. They were greeted with the tragic news of the beheading of that faithful servant of God, John the Baptist.

But Jesus was busy. "He said to them, 'Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while'; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." They got a boat and quietly slipped away. But people saw them departing, and many knew Him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and out went them, and came together unto Him. And Jesus, when He came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things."

The holiday was cut short. Jesus Christ was thirty-two years of age. His ministry only lasted three years. But He did more good in three years than anyone else ever did in a life time. It is not too important to live long as it is to live well. Nevertheless the instinct of self-preservation urges us to take proper care of these mortal bodies that we may live as long as we possibly can. Let us also live well, after the pattern given us by Jesus Christ.

HE THAT SHOWED MERCY ON HIM

(By R. Barclay Warren)

Despite the advances of education, the efforts of various societies and of the United Nations Assembly, there still exists a great deal of racial prejudice in the world.

Each race feels itself to be superior to the rest. Pride and prejudice are closely allied.

Many of us have missed a point in the parable of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37.) A lawyer had asked, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" The lawyer answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself". Jesus replied, "Thou has answered right: this do, and thou shalt live". But the lawyer, willing to justify himself, said, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus then told the story of the Good Samaritan and asked, "Which now—thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?" The lawyer answered, "He that showed mercy on him."

We have heard many times that our neighbour is anyone in need. But the parable emphasizes the fact that the despised Samaritan dog was the neighbour.

The Jewish lawyer had asked, "Who is my neighbour?" To his surprise he saw that it was a man outside of his own race whom he despised. The negro, the foreigner in our midst, is our neighbour. Let us acknowledge him as such.

ONE BAD TOOTH

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A man was having a bout with rheumatism. X-ray of the teeth showed no source of infection. True, there was one devitalized tooth but he had been assured that it might serve him for years. Finally, he bade farewell to that tooth. There was no sign of pus but the dentist said, "It is questionable". His rheuma-

tism is disappearing. No more dead teeth for him.

How much discomfort, inconvenience and expense can be caused by a tiny source of infection under pressure. It reminds one of the references to leaven in the Scriptures. Paul said, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." 1 Cor. 5:6. Jesus said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees," Matt. 16:6. He referred to their teaching. In the letter to the Hebrews we read, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." (12:14,15). A little root of bitterness, whether in the home, the factory, the church—indeed, anywhere in society—can defile many.

But there is good leaven, too. Jesus taught, "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." Matt. 13:33. The sure and ultimate triumph of the Kingdom is pictured.

Each of us is quietly influencing the people we meet. Is it for worse or for better? Are we poisoning the life of others because of our own sinful nature? Or have we become Christ's through faith? If so, we are the leaven of the Kingdom.

BY CLAY A. COOPER

Do we really want to go on living? If so, how bad? Time is short say the scientists and survival is at stake.

That the hour of destiny has struck few, if any, people doubt. It's time we rally to the call of the great soldier-statesman of our generation, General Eisenhower, who has challenged the American people to rise to greatness in the words, "Unless there is a moral regeneration throughout the world, there's no hope for mankind and we'll all disappear in the dust of an atomic explosion."

The forces of righteousness must unite to put a soul under the ribs of the present civilization. Materialism cannot save us, it can only lead us closer to communism. Hope lies not in a larger stockpile of atomic bombs than Russia possesses. Relying upon pacts and charters, we sit on a volcano to swat a fly. These are but a popgun to slay a dragon. There is no justification—moral or intellectual—for failing to act to avert the doom to which we steadily move. A false sense of security or direction could prove fatal.

Wouldn't it be a grand thing if the moving hand of history were to write into the record of civilization this memorandum: "In the year 1950 a great Christian President of the United States averted world disaster and brought his war-threatened, communistic-riddled generation to the feet of Christ the Redeemer, by an official proclamation calling for repentance and prayer among his fellow citizens."

When no one else even professes to have an answer, is it not worth trying?—Sel.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Annie Holmes, aged 73 years, passed away very suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Viola Chalmers, Newburg, N. B.

The funeral was held from her late home to the United Baptist Church, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, of Millville. Interment was made in the Pembroke cemetery.