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EDITORIAL

"FIRST OF ALL PRAYERS"

"Prayer is not a last resort, but a first resource." That statement seen outside of a church reminded me of Paul's words to Timothy, "I exhort therefore, that first of all prayers, supplications, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men." It is true that the American Standard Version reads, "I exhort, therefore, first of all," thus making the "first of all" to refer to the exhortation, yet since the appeal for prayer is first in Paul's list of exhortations, the demand is still that prayer be given first place.

Prayer, then, is not something to be added at the end. It is the thing with which to begin. "First of all, prayers." Let that practice be applied to all matters pertaining to our lives and labours and what mistakes would be avoided, what benefits would be gained, and what success would attend our efforts.

I recall reading of a man who was quite hastily making a business deal. A Christian friend advised him to take time to pray about it, but he said he might miss the opportunity if he waited. He made the deal but it turned out to be a bad one. He would have been wiser to have prayed first. Prayer might have been a preventive.

Another man, discouraged with his business troubles, saw the two words, "Pray through," and said, "That is the very message I need. I will pray through. I have tried in my own strength to worry through." Prayer helps when worry doesn't.

When Paul made his appeal, his concern was for the salvation of men's souls and the blessing of their lives. Thus he wrote of God's saving purpose concerning them, and of His provision through the "one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." He also referred to his own responsibility as a preacher and teacher. But in his words, "first of all, prayers," he showed the importance and the place of prayer in all man's efforts to bless men.

This is hardly an enlightening word to any of us. Our need is not light but practice. We need to put prayer "first of all." Of God's saving purpose and provision, and of the importance of preaching and teaching we are sure. Man greatly needs the first, and God has chosen to use the second, but for the effectual working of both in the saving of men, prayer is basic. "First of all, prayers," is God's order as well as Paul's. Let us make and keep it ours—E. W. T.

AN IMPORTANT TIME

For our pastors and churches this is an important time. Some pastors have resigned and are seeking new fields of labour, and all churches are, by vote, calling pastors for the coming church year. These are most important matters, not to be treated lightly by any, calling for prayer and God's direction. They are important to the pastors, to the churches, and to the Denomination.

Let the prayer responsibility be accepted by us all.
E. W. T.

PERFECT LOVE

The Lord's people in general and the holiness folk in particular need to cultivate a spirit of brotherly love. There are many differences of opinion, varied ideas and notions, in the many non-essentials, yet we can surely be tolerant though our opinions differ.

A spirit of charity with our brethren does not mean compromise. We can be charitable and allow others the privilege of personal views and yet have our own views and be firm in them. The spirit of intolerance, the desire to make everybody look through our religious spectacles is far from the spirit of Jesus. We certainly do not desire to have rights we would not grant others.

Perfect love will not only do all this but will put the best construction possible on another's words and actions, granting them credit for honesty of conviction. It is not hard to get narrow and dogmatic and do it even in the name of holiness. Such appears about the narrowest of narrowness. How easy it is to feel one is exactly right and want every other person to view things the same way. If we are not very careful we will find it easier to love those who agree with us on mere opinions than those who differ from us. How narrow such a course is. And further, it is but a step from such to feel that folk are not just what they should be if they take the right to differ from us.

What need there is for love perfected in all the details of our lives, showing its fruitage by our conduct!

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SONGS IN THE CABIN

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the Indian Ocean. All but me died. It's a wonder I'm alive."

"Thank Him who saved you. He had His reasons. God protected you that you might glorify Him."

"Do you really think so?" asked the mate, awestruck. "Do you believe He takes notice of me?"

"And I've done that all my life," said the sailor brokenly. "But it's too late now. You've opened an old wound, sir. This isn't the first time I've wished I was at peace with God. I can't be easy in calm or storm. Often when I am telling some jolly yarns and am swearing, something comes over me. I'll turn cold and shuddering as if I must hide from something."

"The 'old wound' you speak of is conscience. The unseen Presence that appalls you when you are lightly using His name is God himself. Be at peace with Him at once, through the Saviour. Do not delay longer! This is a turning point in your history. He sent me here to help you. Let us pray."

Prayer, pleading and importunate, mingled with the groans of the repentant man, and He, for whom the waves made a pathway of old, entered the ship, bringing peace. The good work went on in Joe. He became captain of a coaster, and would gladly tell again of the "songs in the cabin."—Unknown.

LINCICOME SAYS

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Then there is another way you can look, and that is to Jesus. Looking to Jesus will do more to make you feel like you ought to than most anything I could tell you to do. The Christian religion is a state, a relationship, and as such is not dependent upon fluctuating emotions and joys. You don't wake up in the morning and try to feel you are a citizen of the United States—your birthplace settles that. I do not know why we have made so little of faith and so much of feeling, for the word feeling occurs only twice in the Bible while the word faith occurs 300 times.

—American Holiness Journal

SERMONS IN A NUTSHELL

Some people want to go to heaven for the same reason they want to go to California . . . their relatives are there!

It was when Israel was going forward that they found giants. When they returned into the wilderness they found none.

In lovers' quarrels, the one who loves most is always willing to acknowledge the greater fault.

Some people stretch the truth . . . others mutilate it.

Liars are verbal forgers.

Failure is more frequently due to lack of energy than to lack of ability.

Experience is something you get when you are after something else.

He who has no mind to trade with the devil should be wise enough to keep away from his shop.

Troubles you borrow soon become your own.

The world is full of people who are hurrying up . . . and breaking down.—Raymond Becker in Gospel Music Presbyterian.