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— Editorials —

Few men have served their Church with greater distinction than has the retiring editor of The King's Highway, Rev. B. C. Cochrane. Only one of his several Church interests has been The Highway. Starting in 1936 as editor of the Y.P. page, Bro. Cochrane has been directly associated with the publication of The Highway for twenty years—1936-1943 (Y.P. Page editor), 1943-1950 (Highway editor), 1955-1961 (Highway editor). In that time he has written a thousand editorials and almost countless articles and notes. One volume could not contain all of them. No one has been a stronger supporter or promoter of its pages than he.

It is an editors privilege and responsibility to speak for his Church. He must ever seek to speak for the whole Church, not just a segment, and to promote with sincere fervor every denominational undertaking. In this, Bro. Cochrane has excelled. He has spoken faithfully for the entire Church. When he has spoken for Bethany Bible College the reader has been made to feel that here was the most important part of God's work. The same has been true also of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Youth Work, Sunday Schools, Riverside Camp, Beulah Camp. Such a record in itself commends a man far better than words one might say about him.

In laying down the reins of this particular phase of denominational service, Bro. Cochrane leaves a record of which he may justly be proud.

Following a man who has been outstanding in his service may have certain disadvantages. But there are advantages also. In this instance, the advantages predominate. The Highway has earned a reputation for carrying high quality material, editorially and otherwise. Editors of other periodicals value its pages enough to quote from them frequently. Furthermore, The Highway rates high in the minds of our own people. They look to The Highway for spiritual guidance as well as for guidance in the conduct of the local Church. Again, The Highway enjoys the present luxury of being solvent. This is so because our people want The Highway and the impact of its message upon their hearts and homes.

These are some advantages, by no means all of them, that come by following a good leader. As your new editor, I pray for the same support that has been given in the past.

In joining The Highway staff as its editor, I anticipate the privilege of working in close association with at least

two other men, Rev. E. W. Tokley and Rev. W. E. Green. Bro. Tokley is Associate Editor and Business Manager of The Highway Without his able assistance the work would be all but impossible. Bro. Tokley handles the money for The Highway as well as the work of proof-reading and make-up. The Y.P. page, whose ministry has increased in recent years, is edited capably by Rev. W. E. Green.

A PLEA FOR INTOLERANCE:

That sounds ridiculous in the face of the hue and cry from every direction for tolerance and more tolerance. But something should be said on the other side of the question. In the name of tolerance we are asked to compromise our ideals, water down our standards, and ignore our convictions. We are asked to be patient with violence and kind to the violators—whether it involves the desecration of graveyards or the destruction of school property. "Let's be tolerant" has become a stock phrase in dealing with anyone who inclines to pass judgment on the conduct of others.

There is a healthy tolerance. We do not wish to destroy it. But there is an unhealthy tolerance. Tolerance may mean simply godless indifference. The Church must not become prey to this another false dogma—the dogma of tolerance.

When truth is at stake, when morality is at stake, when justice and honesty are at stake, when honor and freedom are at stake, when virtue is at stake—forget about tolerance! The pharmacist cannot be tolerant about mixing prescriptions; the jet-liner pilot cannot be tolerant about his position; the surgeon cannot be tolerant about sterile equipment. Nor can the Church be tolerant.

We have been entrusted with fearful responsibilities. Men's souls are involved. Our Christian heritage is involved. The vitality and the integrity of the Church are under question. If then to fulfil our sacred duties and obligations we must cut across popular notions and trends, let us do it and do it without apology.

It has been pointed out that the civilizations of both Rome and Greece were totally tolerant and totally godless, and totally depraved. God save us from a fate similar to that of those nations. Godly intolerance, not prejudice, is the backbone of a strong, healthy civilization.

One word of caution. We are not appealing for wholesale condemnation of those who do not agree with us. We are not encouraging narrow dogmatism in non-essentials. We are not asking for unreasoned judgment without the facts. We are asking for some rugged convictions and the will to stand by them. For we are at war! Satan knows his time is short. His sword has been drawn. Let us throw away the scabbard. The plea we are making, thus, is for a healthy intolerance that scorns a policy of appeasement or compromise and stands with fearless certainty for that which is holy, wholesome, and truly Christian.

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God is the Owner of all we possess. We are but stewards, and temporarily entrusted with things. What we do with them measures us, and either blesses or harms others. A real sense of stewardship rests upon a recognition of the true relationship between God and ourselves, and the response of grateful and obedient hearts. The more we love Him and His Cause, the more we will give; and the more we give, the more we will love. When we have learned the lesson of stewardship, we will have discovered the joy of giving.

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