

- Editorial -

Committed Men

Dr. Elton Trueblood, who has been a leading Christian writer in America for over twenty-five years, has written a penetrating review of the Church and its role in contemporary society in the book, "The Company of the Committed." Dr. Trueblood issues a clarion call for "committed men" who will face the unbelieving world with reckless abandon, without fear and without apology. Without such commitment, Dr. Trueblood says, the cause of civilization is lost. In his words, "What reason is there to suppose that our civilization, in contrast to civilizations which have preceded it, will endure? . . . There is no high probability that the fate of our civilization will be different—UNLESS."

On this "UNLESS" hangs the world's destiny. Unless we can find committed men, our cause is lost. First, this fact presents to Christian men a stinging rebuke in that after 2000 years so few know Christ intimately, and so many do not know Him at all. The Church is weak just when the world prays silently for a strong voice to lead it away from the brink of chaos. In the words of Karl Heim, "The Church is like a ship on whose deck festivities are still kept up and glorious music is heard, while deep below the water line a leak has been sprung and masses of water are pouring in, so that the vessel is settling hourly lower though the pumps are manned day and night."

Secondly, the fact of our peril ought to shake us into some kind of dynamic action. "Holding our own," "Getting by," "Just paying our bills" does not suggest the kind of action we have in mind. Our present peril calls for some desperate measures, some deeper heart-searching, and some honest crying to God for assistance.

Where begin? Begin with yourself, pastor. Begin with yourself, deacon. Begin with yourself, Sunday School teacher. Begin with yourself, Church member. Begin to be honest with God and honest with others. Begin to repent of your sins, your indifference and your coldness, and ask the Holy Ghost to fill your soul. Begin to humble yourself and to admit your emptiness. Begin to seek the Lord. He will be found. Hallelujah!

Many are waiting for our message. All the doors have not been closed. And while it is day we must work. The task calls for committed men, Holy Ghost filled and motivated. Let such come forth in our time. Here lies our hope.

THE DEVIL'S BEST TOOL

A familiar story needs repeating in these days. It concerns the announcement that the devil was going out of business and would offer all tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad-looking lot they were—hatred, envy, jealousy, malice, sensuality, deceit, and all other implements of evil. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking, wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of the others.

Someone asked the devil what it was? "That's discouragement," he said.

"Why do you have it priced so high?"

"Because," replied the devil, "It is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's conscience with that when I could never get near him with any others. Once inside I can use him with my discouragement in any way that suits me best. It is much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as few people yet know that it belongs to me and that I use it to achieve my ends."

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for discouragement was so high that it was never sold.

—Roger Jamieson

NEW TEMPERANCE DIRECTOR FOR N. S.

Rev. R. H. MacFarlane of Concord, New Hampshire, has been appointed General Secretary of the Nova Scotia Temperance Federation to succeed Dr. Ross C. Eaton, who retired some time ago. Mr. MacFarlane has been Superintendent of the New Hampshire Christian Civic League for the past fourteen years. This is a Church-related, good citizen organization and works primarily in the fields of alcohol education and control, education and enforcement relative to gambling, crime, and youth delinquency. It is also associated with the New England Lord's Day League.

Mr. MacFarlane is a native of Woodstock, N. B., and received his B.A., M.A., and B.D. degrees from Acadia University, and his STM degree from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, Mass. He served various pastorates in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia before going to the States.

He is married to the former Marie W. Patterson of Southampton, N. B. They have two sons, both married. Russell lives in New Rochelle, N. Y., and Morris is in Paris, France.

Mr. MacFarlane will work in the educational field among young people, and in the Churches. He will also be concerned with the legislative aspects of the alcohol problems, and work toward greater control.

REV. A. W. TOZER, EDITOR, DEAD

Toronto (The New York Times)—The Rev. A. W. Tozer, pastor of the Avenue Road Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and editor of *The Alliance Witness*, the magazine of the denomination, died May 13, 1963, in a hospital. He was 66 years old.

In the thirteen years of Dr. Tozer's editorship, the magazine almost doubled its circulation, to the present 60,000. For years he had also been a speaker at Bible conferences and conventions.

Dr. Tozer, a native of Newburg, Pennsylvania, held honorary degrees from Wheaton (Ill.) College and Houghton (N.Y.) College. Before going to Toronto in 1959, he was a pastor in Morgantown, West Virginia; Indianapolis, Indiana; Toledo, Ohio; and Chicago.

He was vice president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance from 1946 to 1950 and had been a member of the board of managers since 1941.

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