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**After
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Comes Spring,**

and you are thinking:

Christian Life in the Present Age.

These three words, "soberly," "righteously," "godly," sum up the New Testament statement of a well-rounded life. Soberly as regards one's self, righteously as regards one's fellow-men, godly as regards one's religion—that is the complete description of the Christian life. But the apostle goes on to say that this well-rounded life is to be lived in this present age, under the conditions and with the environment of the world as it is. To him an essential part of the Christian life is its relation to its

battle, but of a flight. These people were simply afraid of their own time; and they ran away and tried to save themselves, while the great body of men had to fight the battle without them. It was a flight based not on faith, but on faithlessness, on the doctrine that God had deserted his world, and that, to find him, they must desert it also; and it was a fruitless flight. Fleeing from the world, they fled from all the chance they had to make it better. I stood once on a little point of the upper Nile, where the first Christian hermit gathered His disciples. Among those drifting sand-hills, in rude caves and dens, once lived a thousand holy men and women, drawn from the wealth, beauty and learning of the world; and now, as one stands there, what is there left to see of all their Christian impulses and dreams? No monument of charity, no contribution to learning, no noble church or hospital or school—nothing done to redeem the time in which they lived remains for their memorial. The traveler stands there in a vast solitude, and sees across the ocean of sand nothing but the rippled surface of their unnumbered graves.

If, then, the sober, righteous, and godly man is not to yield himself to the present age, nor yet to flee from it, what is he to do? Why, he is to use it—to take it just as it is, as the God-given material out of which the Christian character fit for the present time is to be wrought. Here is a potter

OUR WORST ENEMY.

Saloon.

The saloon is responsible for seven eighths of all the devilment of this country, therefore we demand this one thing—that the saloon must go. The need for its departure is as great as it ever was, and growing more imperative every hour. Destroy the saloon and you destroy most of the ills that confront society and destroy human happiness today. Settle that and you settle about everything. Sweep away intemperance and you have secured municipal reform, and cleansed our cities of most of their moral rottenness.

Look at Chicago today, where one man—a saloonkeeper, gambler, captain, and associate of criminals—is alderman and chairman of the finance committee which enables him to hold by the throat the school board, department of health, police department, and the department of public works, and his pals affectionately denominate him "the biggest man in Chicago;" and all that power and political rottenness fed, fostered and made possible only by the saloon. Sweep away the saloon and what an ocean of moral filth and political outrage go with it. Sweep away the saloon and with it go seven eighths of the crime that curses and saddens our world, and poverty becomes almost an impossibility. Instead of industrial strife and warfare, you have given labor clear

No More Beer for the Navy.

This order on the bulletin board at the navy yard caused much discussion the other day among officers and men:

After mature deliberation the department has decided that it is for the best interests of the service that the sale or issue to enlisted men of malt or other alcoholic liquors on board ships of the navy, or within the limits of naval stations, be prohibited. Therefore, after the receipt of this order, commanding officers and commandants are forbidden to allow any malt or alcoholic liquor to be sold or issued to enlisted men, either on board ships or within the limits of navy yards, naval stations, and marine barracks, except in the medical department.

And yet, some folks think prohibition is losing ground. No, we are gaining all round. It takes time and yet, according to the logic of some, this is a bad law. Some argue as soon as you make a law and say I can't drink, then I am going to have it. Don't tell that man we have a law against theft, he will steal something sure. So with all other laws. Others say it is a failure because the law is violated, then do away with all law, for they are all violated. Lets do away with the law against theft and safe blowing, for they cracked a safe in Amarillo the other night. No, let's enforce the law and talk like men with reason on this, as well as any other subject.

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THE church member that can listen to some old vulture run down the church and the pastor and never enter a word of protest, cares but little for either.

WE wonder what some congregations would think to hear an old-fashioned, gospel, Holy Ghost sermon on Sunday instead of a little sermonett, as usual?

WE are very thankful to our brethren for their kind words. We can't answer their many letters, only through this means, but it does us good and we feel that every article we write is as a letter to more than a thousand readers.

Quanah did not get the round-house or Rock Island railroad, but they have the smallpox if all reports are true, and unless this place should prevent these idle negroes from gathering here from every quarter, Clarendon is in danger. We understand a negro attended the dance here last week that has since taken down with smallpox at Quanah. The officers should see to this at once.

LAST week we sent out one thousand copies of the AGITATOR. This is very gratifying to us and far in advance of our expectations, and at the present rate, we will get at least one hundred more subscribers during this month, which will be far in advance of one thousand copies. We want

The Two-Faced Man.

We know of no man that is more dangerous to society than the man with two faces under one hat, that is when you are in his presence he is for you, when your back is turned he is against you. Such a man is not to be trusted. His warfare is like the Indian's, to hide in ambush and under cover do you harm. He is like Judas Iscariot, while he kisses you he is plotting your betrayal. Such a character is base in the extreme and hypocrisy is scarcely the word to represent his case. We admire a man that will take a stand openly and above board, not sneak around. If you are ashamed of your crowd then you are in the wrong crowd. Sometimes we see men that will not speak out or take a stand for fear it will injure their business. Such men sacrifice principle for policy and a truly policy man is not to be trusted in an emergency.

WE have received twenty-two members in our church here in the last few weeks. This shows the people are being drawn to Clarendon by our splendid school advantages.

You had better be careful to whom you speak in confidence in Clarendon, or that you have known them at least for the last twenty-five years, or else like ourselves talk for the paper and the public, not caring who hears. We tell you this confidentially but don't say anything about it.

My Dream.

"As the twilight slowly faded I had a dream. I was standing in thought on a small new-made island, in the swollen and devastating Ohio. A few families were there. Around the death dealing waters were rising higher and higher. And now a boatman with strong arms, and tender, loving face rowed up alongside of

Finding the Remedy.

Perhaps you are permitting some known evil, which spoils the joy of your Christian experiences, but do not know how to overcome the fault. Perhaps you have so long despaired of rooting out the evil from your heart that you have covered it up, and almost forgotten its presence. When briny water is allowed to stand, the particles of salt betray themselves as they fall one by one to the bottom. So, if your soul is quiet, you may become aware of the presence of permitted evil. Dare to consider it. Do not avoid the sight of it as the bankrupt avoids his tell-tale ledgers. Compel yourself quietly to consider whatever of evil the Spirit of God discovers in your soul.

Is it a practice or habit which is alien to the will of God?

Do your affections roam unrestrained by forbidden objects?

Is it some wrong which you refuse to confess, some debt you refuse to pay?

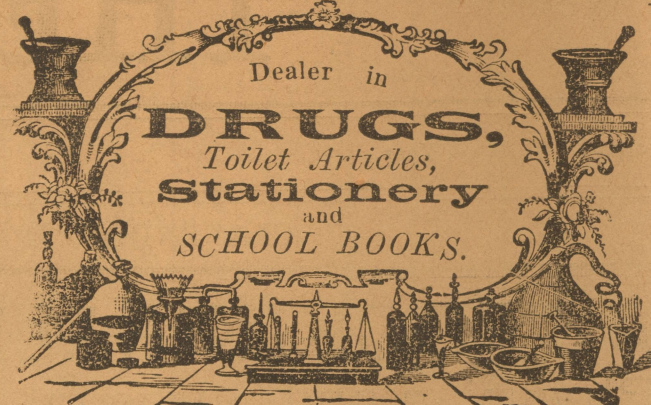
Is it some method in business, or some deception which you practice for selfish ends?

Are you allowing yourself to do something which you would readily condemn in others, but which you permit in your own case because of certain reasons which you deem to be mitigating?

In some cases the hindrance to the higher life is not sins but "weights," which will not let the soul rise. A weight is anything which impedes or hinders Christian life, whether a sin or not. Some games, companionships, habits, business or customs, though innocent in themselves, must be cast aside, as boys throw aside their coats in the foot race. We must lay aside every weight in the Christian course.

Second, perhaps you spend too little time in communion with God through his word and in prayer.

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Local, No. 13, daily except Sunday—
Arrives 3:20 p. m. Leaves 7:35 p. m.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Baptist, 2d, 3d and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. L. Tomme, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Sunbeams 4 p. m. every Sunday.

M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. J. R. Henson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

Christian, — Elder F. T. Denson, pastor. Services 3rd Sunday and Saturday and Friday night before. Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m.

Catholic, 3d—Rev. J. A. Lenert, priest in charge.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meets every Thursday evening in their hall in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. W. T. JONES, N. G.

JOHN McKILLIP, Sec'y.
EVENING STAR ENCAMPMENT No. 143 I. O. O. F., meets 1st Tuesday night in each month. JOHN LAUGHLIN, C. P.

FRANK WARD, scribe.
A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd Saturday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. GEO. MORGAN, W. M. W. H. COOKE, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 216 R. A. M.—Meets the 1st Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. J. K. PALMER, H. P.

G. F. MORGAN, Sec.
W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall 3d and 4th Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. W. T. JONES, C. C.

W. R. SILVEY, Clerk.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.—Meets every third Friday of each month at 7:30 o'clock in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. Mrs. MARY ANDERSON, W. M. Mrs. LIDA BLANKENSHIP, Sec.

LOCAL NEWS.

Builder's material at Anderson's.
Mrs. J. R. Henson is on the sick list this week.

Little Casandria Sims has been very sick this week.

Quite a number of new cases of measles in town this week.

Mrs. Rosa Bradfield has returned to her home at Enid, O. T.

Rev. J. A. Wallace, of Memphis, spent last Wednesday in town.

Eddie and Jimmie Hall returned from Memphis last Tuesday.

Joe Horn is adding a new room and other improvements to his residence.

Attorney S. H. Madden, of Amarillo, was in Clarendon last Friday on legal business.

John Beverly has returned from Ft. Worth where he has been for nearly a month for medical treatment for the injuries he received by a fall from a horse.

We are glad to hear that Brother Munger of Plainview is in the midst of a splendid, good revival meeting. Let every pastor press for a sweeping revival this year.

Rev. G. S. Hardy is back after a twenty-one day trip and five hundred miles travel over the district in his buggy. He stood the journey very well but he somewhat resembles Robinson Crusoe after his long stay on the island.

Rev. J. N. Sample, of Colorado City, Texas, has been employed by the presiding elder to take charge of the Clarendon circuit in place of Rev. T. F. Robeson, who moved to Canyon City. Brother Sample arrived Wednesday and will preach at Whitefish next Sunday.

"The Eternal Morning and Modern Missions" is the subject of the Epworth League for Sunday evening. Scripture lesson, Isa. LX 1-12. A. M. Beville, leader. Every one invited to come and all active members are requested to come prepared to say something on the lesson.

Rev. W. H. Baker, of Whitefish, was an appreciated caller at our office last week. He appreciates the AGITATOR and its stand for the right and against the wrong. With good men like Brother Baker behind us we will succeed in many moral reforms of which Clarendon stands in much in need.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Sister . . .

Card of Thanks.

I desire to return my thanks to the many friends who so kindly ministered to my wife in her sickness and death and for their sympathy and condolence with me in my hour of deepest bereavement. I want to assure you that these tokens will always be remembered by me. I pray God's richest blessings upon every one of you.

W. H. BAKER.

The Midweek Prayermeeting.
EDITOR AGITATOR:

It is to be feared that the importance of the midweek prayer meeting is not fully appreciated by the church in general. Few services are of more importance than this.

One of its least important features is that it tests the devotion and spirituality of the church as few other services do. And it is often a good thing for us to undergo certain tests, and to take our bearings, that we may know our real condition. Making allowance of course for certain cases, as sickness or other unavoidable hindrances, the membership that can be relied on as loyal, devoted and spiritual will be found at the prayer meeting.

But a more important feature is that it deepens and enhances devotion and spirituality in those who attend. Many go to the Sunday service partly because it is Sunday, and there is nothing else to do, or from force of habit. But if a community of people suspend labor in the midst of the business of the week and meet together to pray, this means something. How many heavy hearts have been relieved of their load, how many weary ones strengthened for life's journey, by the prayer meeting. A lesson, a song, a talk, a quotation from God's word sometimes seems to lift mountains from heavy hearts. . . .

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Thy Day."

Of the most significant words in human speech is the word opportunity. Opportunity is everything; opportunity stands for everything; opportunity means success or failure; opportunity is prosperity or loss of prosperity; opportunity is duty done or duty neglected; opportunity is life used or life wasted; opportunity is the soul saved or the soul lost.

The great importance of time lies in the fact that time is opportunity; in the New Testament there are two words which are rendered "time"; one of these signifies duration, as when it is said, "Time shall be no more"; that is, we suppose, the ordinary measurements of time will cease to be used; the days will no longer be measured by the rising and setting of the sun, or the months or years be measured by the motion of the heavenly bodies. The other word which is rendered "time" means, in fact, "opportunity." The words rendered "Redeeming the time," twice used in the epistles, might more properly be rendered "Improving the opportunity."

While opportunity is everything, one of the most tremendous facts in human experience is the fact that opportunity not improved passes by and is forgotten. This is a fact, written all over human life and human history, as well as all over the Scriptures. A boat is floating down the rapids; the easy, careless oarsmen may check its course, and turn it to the shore; but very shortly the opportunity has passed and destruction is inevitable. To-day the husbandman may advantageously sow his seed; but to-morrow it will be a waste of labor and material. The young man has his opportunity when he may attain standing prosperity, everything that life can bring; but presently the opportunity has gone by, the work which belongs to youth cannot be begun in the middle life, still less the work which belongs to middle life be done in old

"Oh," he said, "why didn't I know it, that I might have asked him to pardon me?" So opportunity comes, unheralded, unrecognized and, no less, its departure is unannounced. No one can draw a line across the Niagra river and say, "Above this is safety; below this is danger." No clock strikes the hour when the young man passes the line of possible success; no voice tells the moderate drinker at what point he will become a hopeless sot. How little did the Jews know that the crisis of all time for them was the day when the plain peasant carpenter stood among them.

The more favorable and rich the opportunity, so much the earlier comes the time when opportunity ceases: The heathen may go on to middle life, to old age, in habits of the most revolting barbarism, crime and cannibalism, and yet be within the reach of recall; but the line is passed much more quickly by him who has been brought up in a land of Sabbaths and of Bibles.

The only way to avoid losing forever the opportunity is to improve it today, this hour.

Hit Him Again.

A small church was sadly in need of repairs, and a meeting was held in it for that purpose. The minister having said \$500 would be required, a very wealthy and equally stingy member of the church rose and said he would give \$1. Just as he sat down, however, a lump of plaster fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head, whereupon he rose up hastily and called out that he had made a mistake, he would give \$50. This was too much for an enthusiastic member present, who, forgetful of everything, called out fervently: "Oh, Lord, hit him again!"—Ex.

Advantages of Prayer.

Prayer can obtain everything; it can open the windows of heaven and shut the gates of hell; it can put a holy constraint upon God, and detain an angel till he leave a blessing:

Dr. M. C. Hoge, of Richmond, Va., tells of two Christian men who fell out." One heard that the other was talking against him, and he went to him, and said:

"Will you be kind enough to tell me my faults to my face, that I may profit by your Christian candor and try to get rid of them?"

"Yes, sir," replied the other, "I will do it."

They went aside, and the former said: "Before you commence telling what you think wrong in me, will you please bow down with me and let us pray over it, that my eyes may be opened to see my faults as you will tell them? You lead in the prayer."

It was done, and, when the prayer was over, the man who had sought the interview said: "Now proceed with what you have to complain of in me."

But the other replied: "After praying over it, it looks so little that it is not worth talking about. The truth is, I feel now that in going around talking against you I have been serving the devil myself, and have need that you pray for me, and forgive me the wrong I have done you."

The quarrel was settled from that hour. And there are several other difficulties that might be settled the same way.—Sel.

Any brother having an excellent or rare clipping in his scrap book, if it is not too long, if you will draw it off and send it to us we will publish the same and by so doing many others would be benefitted and enjoy them besides yourself.

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