

That Troublesome Shadow!

"The one shadow that troubled the brotherhood was the sure indication given in the reports from our churches, that in all that pertains to full fellowship with Christ in sacrifice and service, the standard with our membership is so low as to sadly embarrass the body in all its enterprises, and in many cases to put in doubt the genuineness of the Christian profession made." See MESSENGER and VISITOR of July 11th, near the close of its report on the N. S. Central Baptist Association. It is to be feared that over the whole Baptist denomination of North America that same "troublesome shadow" is glooming barging. But why is it thus? Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor and Baptist Young People's Unions have sprung up and multiplied wonderfully in our denomination of late, and are reported to be doing grand and good work. And many revivals are reported, large numbers have been added to the churches recently. But all this has not sufficed to remove the troublesome shadow, it still remains! Now, a shadow indicates a substance somewhere! In this case the substance causing the shadow is said to be "The low standard of Christ in sacrifice and service." Now, the question that needs to be asked is, what is this "low standard," and what is the cause of this "low standard?" The answer to which is a disregard for the teaching of the New Testament on the part of the ministers and members of the churches. (There are, of course, many exceptions, but with the mass they disregard of God's Word is sadly apparent; and consequently an unwholesome alliance on the part of professing Christians with the ungodly. Such an alliance always leads the Christian away from Christ, and chills his love and zeal for Christian service and service, and begets in them a man-pleasing spirit, and a fear of offending their ungodly fellow-faithful. This is especially true of those church members and ministers who have joined oaths bound secret societies, many of whom will go further and give more to please and support their lodge and its pleasures than they will do to please Christ or to support the church. So long as ministers and members of Baptist churches are allowed to fraternize with the ungodly in any of the oaths bound secret orders, in all of which frivility and sensuality is fostered, and in the higher orders, such as Freemasonry and Oddfellows, lying, hypocrisy, tomfoolery and blasphemy, are taught and practiced, the standard of Christian sacrifice and service will continue to be low, and its shadow will continue to trouble the Christian brotherhood; because the affections, the service and the money that belongs to Christ is given to support the secret lodges and the kingdom of anti-christ! And consequently the standard of Christian sacrifice and service is lowered, and the standard of Christian sacrifice is thereby brought down to a low level. Doubtless there are other reasons that might be given for the "low standard" of Christian sacrifice and service, now troubling the brotherhood; but, it is believed, the influence of the secret lodge system, outweighs all the others in its evil effect upon our churches. Dear brethren, remove the cause of the "low standard" of Christian sacrifice and service, by removing the shadow which will then cease to be a trouble.

In connection with the foregoing I wish to refer to the "Baptist Boys Brigade" which has sprung up recently and is becoming quite popular with Baptists in the U. S. Maritime Baptists have been advised by writers in the MESSENGER and VISITOR to adopt it. And seeing our churches are already under "the troublesome shadow" of a low standard of Christian sacrifice and service, it is possible that some of them may be induced to try this new novelty, which, it is believed, is another invention of satan, intended by him to lower still further "the standard of Christian sacrifice and service" by our Baptist church members. Vital godliness is well high driven from many of our churches already through or by the means of the many christianistic organizations that are patronized by said churches. And, it seems to me, that to teach our Baptist boys the use of carnal weapons and all the tactics of ungodly warfare as being a necessary part of Christian service, is the devil's masterpiece of satanic trickery. And for our churches generally to adopt it, in addition to all the anti-christian fraternities already patronized by them, will be about all that is needed to bring our Baptist standard to the lowest point, and send it trailing helplessly in the mire. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness; but grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

R. S. MORTON.

Millville, July, 1894.

[We do not know of any good reason why a member of a Christian church should wish to belong to "an oath-bound secret society." But good men do belong to such societies as our correspondent names, and we cannot suppose that they would continue in their fellowship if they believed that these societies taught and practiced the things which Mr. Morton charges against them. Not being in the fellowship of any of these secret societies, we are unable, of course, to say what they do or do not teach and practice.—Ed.]

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Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Adapted from Polak's Select Notes.

SECOND QUARTER.

Lesson XIII. Sept. 23 Dan. 1:8-20.

DANIEL'S ABSTINENCE.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Daniel proposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."—Dan. 1:8.

SUBJECT: VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION.

I. THE CAPTIVITIES.—We learn from the verses previous to the lesson that King Nebuchadnezzar ordered that from among the captive youths be selected a number from the highest families and such as should give the best promise of talent and ability, to be trained in the language and literature of the Chaldeans. The object of this selection was that they should be held as hostages.

Four were selected from the Jewish captives, the chief of whom was Daniel. The other were the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who afterwards were cast into the fiery furnace and escaped unharmed.

II. THE TEMPTATION.—V. 8. "Proposed . . . that he would not defile himself with the king's meat." i. e., food. "What was the wrong in eating the king's food?" (1) The dietary might comprise articles of food, such as the flesh of swine, hares, etc., which the law prohibited to the Israelites (Lev. 11). (2) The flesh may not have been perfectly cleaned from blood, so as to be allowed by the Jewish law (Lev. 17:13). (3) The Jews, even at this day, have their own butchers, and regard as unclean the meat prepared in the ordinary way. (4) The universal custom among the heathen of consecrating such meat by offering a portion of it to their idols, and pouring out libations of wine in their honor. (5) The luxurious diet provided by the king would corrupt the body and diminish the vigor of the mind. "Nor with the wine." He had probably seen (1) its effects on others; (2) the bad company and danger into which it led. Probably these were far worse at Babylon than in Palestine.

III. TEMPTED BY WHAT. The four captives were tempted (1) to do that which was degrading; (2) to do that which was dishonoring; (3) to do that which was dishonoring to the king; (4) to do that which was dishonoring to their country, and their nation, and all the promises and hopes which belonged to them.

IV. TEMPTED BY WHAT. (1) By appetite. The love of the king's luxuries and wines. (2) By their ambitions and hopes of success. How could they expect to succeed with a heathen king, when they were so set in a religion which condemned him and his conduct? (3) By the king's commands. Why should they not yield to an inevitable necessity—this very life might depend upon it. (4) By the love of popularity. Their course would make them appear odd, and subject them to ridicule, and bring them into many troubles. (5) They were tempted by their change of names. (See v. 5.) Their own names were all compounded with the name of God. Daniel—"God my judge." Hananiah—"God is gracious." Michael—"Who is as God." Azariah—"God is a helper." The new names were compounded with those of royalty or of idols. Daniel was named Belteshazzar—"favored by Bel or Belshazzar," the great Babylonian god and goddess. These changes were doubtless made as one means of transforming them into Chaldean heathen, and to lead them to forget their country and God.

ILLUSTRATION.—HAVE YOU A BOY TO SPARE? The saloon must have boys or it must shut up shop. Can't you furnish it one? It is a great factory, and unless it can get about 2,000,000 from each generation for raw material, some of these factories must close out, and the operations must be thrown on a small scale, and the public revenue will dwindle. "Wanted—2,000,000 boys." Is the notice. One family out of every five must contribute a boy to keep up the supply. Will you help? Which of your boys will it be? The Minister of Crete had to have a tribute of fair maidens each year; but the Minister of America demands a city full of boys each year. Are you a father? Have you contributed a boy? If not, some other family has had to give more than its share. As you see, saloons, vying to keep the saloon open to grind up boys, and then doing nothing to keep up the supply?

III. THE VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION.—V. 8-14. First, BY AN EARNEST PURPOSE. "He purposed in his heart." Second, BY USING WISE MEANS. "He requested of the prince of the eunuchs." "That he might not defile himself," as noted above. He must have thus confessed his religious scruples and his adherence to the God of his fathers. Daniel did not believe in the maxim "when at home do as the Romans do." In its application to moral questions, it is well when applied to mere matters of custom or etiquette. But in morals he would do, not as the Romans do, but as they ought to do. And this is the only way to make the world better.

Third, BY THE HELP OF GOD. 9. "Now God has brought Daniel into favor and tender love." The favor of heaven toward the godly is the blessing of God. Here, as elsewhere in Scripture, all good gifts of body, mind, and soul are ascribed directly to the divine favor.

Fourth, BY HIS OWN CHARACTER. "The favor and tender love were the gift of God." If there is tender love, there must be something worthy of that love to awaken and hold it. Fifth, BY THE TEST OF FACTS. 10. "The king, who had appointed your meat, it appears that the king's officers object was to see you in the flesh, best mental and physical development that could be attained. As he was certainly expected that the more luxurious diet would affect their bodies favorably. 'Why should he see your faces worse looking?' Less beautiful, fresh, healthy. The prince was afraid that the faces of those committed to his

care would become thin and wasted and ill-favored from improper nourishment. His idea was that high living is essential to health and good looks—a very common mistake. "Than the children." Youth, young men. "Of your sort." Your circle or age. Their companions in training and study.

11. "Said Daniel to Melzar." Not a proper name, but the melzar, the chief butler or steward, who actually furnished the food.

12. "Give us pulse to eat." Leguminous plants, or their seeds: as beans, peas, etc. "Grain, vegetables, herbs, opposed to flesh and more delicate food." What Daniel wanted was a vegetable diet, with water instead of wine. "And water to drink." This, also, was a most interesting and important experiment, to show that wine was not necessary to produce healthfulness of appearance, or manly strength and beauty.

FACTS are the convincing arguments. Let young men look around and see the results of strong drink.

LIBRARY ILLUSTRATIONS.—The tract, "Parley, the Porter." "Traps for the Young," by Anthony Comstock. "The Feast of Ephesus," by Dr. Brand, of Oberlin. The story of "Raphael," daughter, in Hawthorne's *Mosses from an Old Manse*, "is an excellent illustration of the power of unseen influences, and great outward attractions to poison the soul."

IV. THE FRUITS OF THE VICTORY.—V. 15-20. First, PHYSICAL EFFECTS. A vast improvement in their physical condition. Temperance is sure to have this effect, both as to health and to beauty.

Second, MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL RESULTS. By the diet they took they had their minds in some measure more pure and less burdened, and so fit for learning, and had their bodies in better condition for hard labor. Such self-denial, such courageous adherence to principle strengthened their character.

17. "God gave them knowledge." Some of it was direct from him, as the visions; some was by blessing their daily studies, by opening doors to wider knowledge, by aiding their thoughts and judgments; also by keeping them wise. "He had probably seen (1) its effects on others; (2) the bad company and danger into which it led. Probably these were far worse at Babylon than in Palestine."

18. "And in all matters of wisdom and understanding." In everything which required peculiar wisdom to understand and explain. "He found them ten times better." Better counsellors, better informed. "Than all the magicians and astrologers." The magicians were the learned class, the scribes, the priestly class. "The astrologers," "seer for the stars," were the scientific men, versed in magic and occult science.

LESSONS FROM DANIEL'S EARLY EXAMPLE.

VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION.

1. If Daniel could overcome the temptations to which he was exposed, we have no excuse for faltering before ours.
2. Thank God for early Christian training towards God, and duty, and religion.
3. Previous right conduct and good character formed is one great means of victory over any temptation.
4. God will always open a way of escape to those who put their trust in him.
5. When away from home, among strangers, join yourself to some good Christian companions. Daniel was stronger for his companionship with the three other religious boys.
6. The victory was won in God. Looking unto Jesus who was tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

So it is continually in life. The things we dread—the losses, the sorrows, the adversities—bring to us new goodness and blessings which we should have missed if the painful trial had not come. Close beside the bitter fountain of Marah grew the tree that sweetened the waters. Hard by every sorrow waits the comfort needed to alleviate it. Every loss has wrapped up in it some compensating gain. It is in human weakness that God's strength is made perfect.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

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OUR FELLOWSHIP.

All Young People's Societies of whatever name in Baptist churches, and Baptist churches having no organizations are entitled to representation. We depend for our support upon any young people's name or method. Our common bond is the New Testament, in the full admission of wise teachings.

WE ARE ONE PEOPLE WITH ONE MISSION.

Correspondence to this department should reach our communications to Rev. J. J. RAWES, St. John, N. B.

For the Week Beginning Sep. 9th.

The Convention Meetings.

The third annual meeting of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. held its first session in the Baptist Church at Bear River, Friday evening, August 24, 1894.

In the absence of the President Vice-President G. A. Lawson presided.

After the devotional exercises, the reports of the President and Secretary were read and adopted. These reports appear later in the B. Y. P. U. column. Also, the report of the Transportation Leader F. N. S., Dr. S. L. Walker, was read and adopted. The President then called for the reports from the Convention at Toronto, which were given by Rev. F. A. McEwan, Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, and Mr. John Nalder.

Mr. McEwan gave a brief description of the trip, Toronto City, the meetings, the spirit of cooperation that pervaded, and the work of missions emphasized in the convention. Mr. Stackhouse spoke on the Christian fraternity and enthusiasm of the convention. Mrs. Nalder gave a beautiful and touching description of the music and its effect in the spiritual life of the delegates.

The Sacred Literature Banner was then presented to the Maritime Union, in behalf of the Maritime Union, by Rev. C. B. Freeman, who emphasized the thought that this banner meant the study of God's Word, and increased knowledge and deeper piety in the individual and in the church as the result of the study of God's Word. Mrs. Smith received the Banner, and responded in a few pointed words in behalf of the Maritime Union. Rev. F. S. McDermott and Rev. D. G. McDonald, also gave words emphasizing the importance of the C. C. Courses this year. An offering was taken up at this meeting in aid of the Maritime work, amounting to \$15.28.

The second session was held on Saturday morning, Aug. 25, at which the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as follows: Officers for the ensuing year:

President—Geo. A. McDonald, Halifax; 1st Vice-President—L. N. Schurman, Summerside; 2nd Vice-President—A. H. Chipman, St. John, N. B.; Secretary—Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, New Brunswick; N. S.; Editorial Secretary—Rev. G. C. Gates, St. John, N. B.; Additional members of the Board of Managers—H. S. Ross, of Bridgewater, John Burgoyne of Halifax, W. Nobles of St. John, Miss E. E. Clark of Charlottetown.

On Monday morning, Aug. 20, we met to hear the practical paper of Rev. G. A. Lawson on "The B. Y. P. U. in our Country Churches," and to adopt plans for a more vigorous year's work than we have done yet. The suggestions and recommendations that were made this meeting will appear later in the B. Y. P. U. column. It is well, however, to report some resolution in this issue. It is this: "That in the future each member of the local societies be requested to contribute three cents yearly for the purposes of the Maritime Union; and that the President of each society be considered the agent of this body to collect and forward said contributions to the secretary-treasurer."

Of course it is understood that all the Unions which did not send the dollar according to arrangement of last year will send it as early as possible, so that all unpaid bills may be paid.

It will be of interest to our young people to know that the following telegram was sent to our esteemed President of last year, Rev. C. W. Williams: "The Maritime Union, in session, sends hearty greetings. Read 3 John, 2."

All things considered we feel that our convention was a great spiritual uplift to all who attended it, and we will hope for greater things in the future.

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