

## SAYINGS OF MARTIN LUTHER FOR MINISTERS AND OTHERS.

"There is no sermon that can improve like a gospel sermon."

"He who seeks a comfortable life should not be a teacher of religion."

"Do thou preach and let God convert souls."

"The gain of souls must animate the preacher, or he is not a true preacher."

"Three things preserve the church, faithful teaching, diligent prayer, and patient suffering."

"The word of God must be preached in its purity."

"In order that a man may lift up his head toward heaven, he must find nothing on earth whereon to lean it."

"Be not doubled-tongued and have not two hearts."

"A good preacher must be able to compress a sermon into two or three words, and also out of one flower to make a whole meadow."

"Form your judgment not from the opinion of the world, but from the Word."

"The life of a Christian must be a warfare, and ministers of the Word must lead the army."

"I earnestly entreat you to contemplate simple sayings, and narratives recorded in the Bible."

"Three properties belong to a good prayer; first the laying hold upon the promise; second, an anxious feeling concerning what is asked for; third, to thankfulness add confession. The prayer also should be diligent, increasing, untiring ever withstanding suspicion, unbelief and despair."

"He is the best Christian who has most love, after that he who has most faith."

"Knowledge without works is like a tree without fruit."

"To stand still is to go back."

## WHAT DRINK COSTS

The most carefully prepared statistics shew that there are not less than three hundred thousand drunkards in the United States, and this statement is probably much below the truth. Of these, thirty thousand die annually; one hundred thousand men and women are remanded every year to prison; two hundred thousand children are sent to the poor-house; five hundred murders are caused by drink.

every twelve months, and four hundred suicides; four deaths to one, as proved both in England and the United States, is the awful proportion compared to the non-using population.

Magistrates, chaplains, and prison keepers come forward with their statistics and prove that not less than four-fifths of all the crimes have their origin in strong drink. On the same authority it is proved that dealing in the deadly draughts causes seven-eighths of all the pauperism that exists.

It costs the United States \$60,000,000 a year to support pauperism and crime. At least two hundred and fifty million gallons of fermented and brewed liquors are made every year in the United States; of distilled liquors, eighty-five million gallons; and twenty million gallons are imported. Here we have the fearful sum total of three hundred and fifty-five millions of gallons consumed in our country, and at what direct cost? At a direct cost of \$700,000,000.

This on the debt side—and on the credit side, what does the Government receive? A paltry sum of \$50,420,815, in exact figures. What then is the direct loss to the nation? Not less than ten dollars to every dollar received as revenue. By this waste the national debt could be paid in less than three years. But this is not all. Put \$700,000,000 on the debt side—this is direct—then you have only begun to reckon the real damages.

Who can compute the loss from sickness, from squandered time and paralyzed energies; from property destroyed and taxes increased? Bring in the bill for indirect damages and put it on the losing side, and you have a sum total, the appalling aggregate of not less than \$5,000,000,000 a year lost to this one nation by this iniquity, licensed by Government and tolerated by public sentiment.—*Rev. A. McElroy Wylie.*

AN INFIDEL'S TESTIMONY FOR THE BIBLE.—The Rev. James Caughey says: "A couple of infidels were standing together on the deck of a vessel as she glided past a desolate island of the sea. One said to the other: 'Suppose you were condemned to live on this island alone, and had the choice of but one book for your companion, which book of all books would you choose?' The other replied: 'I would select Shakespeare, because of the variety of his themes.' 'Well,' rejoined the other, 'although I do not believe the Bible, yet I would choose it for my companion, for the Bible is an endless book.'"