

in solid phalanx against this great evil. A solid compact of evil is entrenched in the liquor traffic. We have learned by experience its terrible power, but we fight for God, home, and native land. The final victory shall be ours. Let us hasten the day.

We have to report a slight abatement of interest in some of our Connexional funds during the past year. This is, no doubt, owing in some measure to commercial stringency and also to a failure on the part of many to realize their privilege to honor the Lord with their substance in systematic giving. Christ comes to us not to live upon our bounty, or to partake of our charity, but to furnish us with wisdom, skill and capital, and to give us His blessing that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. Let us acknowledge our indebtedness to Him as an active partner in all our life and business, and systematically divide with Him its profits.

The copious streams of wholesome literature that issue from the tireless presses of our flourishing publishing house, filling the pages of our able weekly, our superb monthly, our growing quarterly, our exquisitely interesting Sunday-school papers and the large "winnowed list" of our libraries, are cause for devout thankfulness, and for growing interest in our youth, on the part of the entire Church.

The rich heritage of our doctrinal standard never appeared in more ample and generous fulness than in the light of the creed revisions of to-day; verily the lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage. Here we behold the wondrous vision of the bush, burning but not consumed; and with a speechless awe that dares not move, we hear a voice proclaim, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Standing upon this high vantage ground of the present, we look back over the successes and failures of the past, and also into the untried future, with earnest purpose of soul to be warned by our weaknesses, and encouraged by our achievements; we gird up the loins of our minds in sober earnestness to finish the race set before us, or to lay down our lives "in the high places of the field."

Let your motto be, "To do and dare for Jesus," "Quit you like men," "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." "Quench not the spirit." "Pray without ceasing." "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." "Brethren pray for us." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

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