

BIBLE WATER DRINKERS.

Give me the drink that Adam drank, That's pure, and bright, and fair; 'Twas that a'one which Sampson drank, Though strong above compare.

Give me to drink from rill or stream, Or torrent from the mount, Or from the gush, so cool and clear, That bubbles from the fount.

'Twas water pure which Hagar drank, And fainting Ishmael too; And water pure which Isaac drank His spirits to renew.

'Twas water which the woman gave The Saviour at the well; And water pure the angel gave Elijah, prophets tell.

'Twas water cheered the Israelites, The favored of the Lord; And water which the famous Rock Of Horeb did afford.

The gallant sons of Gideon Drank water from the brook; Also the noble Nazarites Of water all partook.

The famous sons of Rechab, too, Water preferred to wine; And hark! their conduct God approved, Their names in lustre shine.

Then give me water while in health, Untainted, pure, and free; If water was the best for them, 'Tis best for you and me.

R. G. C., in Good Templar.

A BRAND FROM THE BURNING!

Give us tuppence, matey, for a pint. Dan's money, as a "brickie," was ten shillings a day, with three pints of beer. He was wont, out of this, to allow his wife three shillings and sixpence a week, the bulk of the remainder going for drink. The much-suffering wife handed him the twopence as he went off that morning to work. So much per thousand bricks made is detained, as deferred pay, till the whole stack is completed; and it was Dan's fortune to meet one of his chums, with over seven pounds in his pockets, as he left his home that day.

What, you, Dan? I've just taken my "pence." Are you good for a "gargle?" Yes, I can do with a "tonic." They entered the King's Head; and when evening came they were still there, and what with "treating" their friends and drinking hard themselves, Dan's friend had spent every penny of his money

IN THE ONE PUBLIC HOUSE.

Landlord, trust me for a couple of pots, said Dan.

I think it's time you are getting home, lads, replied Boniface.

Well, let's have them two quarts first. No, you go and give them blue-ribboners a turn now.

Blue-ribboners, who are they?

Why, these "holy-joes" down in the tent there on the green; them gospel preachers.

What'll you give us if we upst' 'em. As much beer as you like.

Dan looked at his companions, and, picking out two of the "hardest nuggets" (as he expressed it) said—

Jem, will you go? Right, drink out of that pot there. For by this time the landlord had filled two pots and placed them on the counter.

Bill, will you make another?

Yes, I'm in it.

Then you drink—and now come on. Leaving the house the three men make their way to the large tent, erected on Turnham Green Back common.

Look here, mates, I shall just sit down inside the door of the tent, and when the fellow begins to speak I will get up and talk. Then they'll come to put us out, and I shall hit the first man on the nose. Then there'll be a row, and you got to help me then.

All right, Dan, we'll stand by you.

As they entered the large tent, brilliantly lit by several "Arc" lights, a young lady, with a smile on her face approached, and addressing Dan said:

"THIS WAY IF YOU PLEASE, SIR."

Unable to resist, Dan found himself on the front seat, under the very eye of the preacher he had come to upset.

Despite his condition, he was thinking. She said 'If you please, sir,' to me, a poor brickie! Well, I never!

"When he had spent all," is my text, said the evangelist.

Dan's thinking was cut short. Who told him all about me? cried Dan to his two companions. He listened till the tears came; but he dared not get out his old red handkerchief with which to wipe them away. He wished that the earth would open and swallow him up, for he was not only sobered but deeply convicted of sin.

The address was concluded and a solo sung—as simple and as suitable as the message that preceded it. It helped the work of grace in this poor fellow's heart.

Before the closing prayer the preacher said: "Are there any here who are desirous of accepting Christ, and renouncing sin? If there are, will they rise, and we will gladly pray for them. It takes a man to stand up for Christ; but God will bless you and we will help you."

Dan was on his feet in a moment! He had always prided himself on being a man, and now he was exhibiting his fearlessness and courage. A few minutes later he was on his knees, and by his side knelt the lady who had shown him the seat.

Meanwhile his two friends had fled, frightened from the tent; and, making their way back to the publican, had declared to the astonished man, and others, that "Dan was converted."

Get out with you, what do you mean? Well, we seal him on his knees, praying!

You wait till he comes for more beer.

Here he comes, cried the men who had accompanied him. More than one pot of beer was held out to him.

Come along, Dan, said the landlord of the King's Head.

No, I've done with it for good, answered Dan, I'm saved. You're what?

I'm saved—that's all I know, but I know that—I'm saved!

Won't you have a drink though?

Yes, I will, for my lips are cracked, and my throat feels parched; but not that stuff I've also signed the pledge, and look here, do you see that tuppence, I'm goin' to have a pint of milk, and straight into a dairy walked our brother Dan, and in that way spent the tuppence which his wife had given him.

Bedtime came, and Dan, still true to Christ, said:

"Matey, we've never thanked God for his mercies, let's go on our knees, and SAY A PRAYER OR TWO."

Not me, said the more than astonished wife. I'm not a-go in to mock God, if you are.

For over a week she refused to believe he was "saved;" and his companions said, Wait till he takes his "pence," then you'll see him break out afresh.

Eight days after his confession of Christ, Dan drew his "pence"—something over eight pounds—and on going home, threw it all into his wife's lap, saying, There you are, matey, get out what's in pawn, and you shall have the same every time. Then she believed Dan was "saved," and has never doubted it since. Soon afterwards she herself accepted Christ.

Such was the story told by Dan himself at the Metropolitan Theatre on a recent Sunday evening; and many instances were also related of others who had been blessed through Him.

Seventeen years have passed away since he entered that tent where I was preaching Christ, and until last Sunday I had only seen him once; and, as he told out in his own simple language what God had done for him, I did not wonder that the Lord had greatly used him, for it was all so natural and

SO REAL A STORY.

Dan is now one of the largest contractors in Kent, and, as he says, if any thing happens to me, the wife will have seven or eight pounds a week coming in.

What a difference, "three and sixpence" a week, to keep house on, when the husband is an unconverted "brickie," plus innumerable pawn tickets.

Home! happiness! and all she can require in time and eternity, plus a loving and converted husband. A well-to-do contractor, and a C C, now he is a Christian. And yet, however strange as it may appear, it is a fact—Dan does not know his letters, nor does he appear able to learn them.

"To God be the glory, great things hath He done."—Chas. Cork, in The Christian.

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