

WITH THE WHITE-LIVERED CLERGY, AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS." This sentence is the refrain of that one made 2952 years ago by the Goliath of Gath. It breathes the same viperous breath; it exhibits the same venomous sting; it contains the same daring tone, and it offers battle to the same enemies, who as a whole are the only part of humanity that he cannot control. He knows that the Church of God is the only section of mankind that is absolutely independent of his business. He knows that her finances are not drawn from his vile traffic, and he knows that the more his business thrives the less powerful will she become, and the more she opposes him the greater will be the danger to his traffic. Hence his defiance is hurled at her. He marches out and challenges her to send an equal who shall overcome him and vanquish him. He cares not a snap of the finger for any other power under heaven; for he knows there is not a company or community that can oppose him with any success, outside the Church of the living God. At mere temperance machinery, apart from the Holy Spirit's power apart from the fervent wrestlings of believing Christians, he ridicules. He knows that as long as temperance reforms are not heartily and continuously supported by the whole Church, they will end in failure to vanquish him and his traffic. A great spurt may be made occasionally, such as the Dutch movement, but he laughs in his sleeve at such spasmodic efforts. For we all know that apart from the grace of God, very few can keep a pledge, who have been deep down in the mire. Goliath has on this continent alone, over 500,000 servants engaged directly selling death and damnation, to say nothing of the hundreds of thousands who, have a tacit understanding that they will not oppose him in the least but will when it pays, even lend him a hand. All together this army forms a strong force of Philistines, who follow their leader.

Now the great question of this day is, not the formation of a third party, of mere politicians on the single issue of prohibition. For such a party might in time be enervated by a number of brewer's jesuits joining it, and while professedly leading the party on to prohibition, actually play the party into their Master's hands, or at least frustrate the aim of it with years of red-tapeism. The great question of this day is not so much the formation of more and better temperance lodges, for these have been fighting Goliath for years, yet the inertia of the Lord's sacramental hosts has rendered their efforts futile to match and master old Goliath. In the light of past history, this monster sings, "Lodges may come, and lodges may go, but I go on forever." Lodges as they have been, and lodges as they are, will not avail to march out and take up the gauntlet against Goliath. John Bright says "Unless the religious portion of this country will take up this question THERE IS NO HOPE FOR IT." That farseeing statesman has hit the nail on the head, unless the sanctified manhood and womanhood take up this challenge and send out a David, there will be no abolition of Goliath. We all know that no great evil has ever been uprooted from the field of the world, without the hearty and consecrated efforts of God's servants. Judaism never collapsed till it was smitten by the wounded hand of the Nazarene. Paganism debased whole nations and relaxed its hold only when the Gospel of Jesus Christ made its power felt. Slavery held on its uneven way, till the Word of God and the Church of God had brought its moral power to bear on the national conscience, and compel the tyrant to surrender his unrighteous gain. And be assured, ye men of intelligence, that this unparalleled monster of the nineteenth century, will never be effectually dealt with, matched, mastered, and massacred, till the Church of God rises up as the true third party, unites all her forces and marches forward to do brave battle in the name and strength of her divine Lord and King.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." And without this mighty Christ, we cannot destroy this giant who strides the world with defiant steps, and arrogant display. Without the cross, Goliath's crown will never be dashed from his brow. Without the self-denying spirit of the Master, this selfish fiend will never be slain on the field of war. The church always succeeds, when she undertakes an enterprise in the strength of her Lord, and with unity of effort. She needed Educated pastors, and she built colleges.

She desired to blot ignorance off the earth, and she started schools. She wanted to train her young in truth and righteousness, and she inaugurated Sabbath Schools. She wanted to plant the Gospel banner right in the heart of barbarism and darkness, and she sent missionaries with the flaming torch of the Bible. She wanted to manifest her love for humanity, broken, bruised, and orphanized; and she erected Hospitals, homes, and asylums. And if the Church of God, sees that this great battle against Goliath, ought to be waged by her in the name of her Christ, she can organize, and assail him with irresistible weapons, and vanquish him from the face of the earth. But if she will not consecrate herself to this task, this mighty-modern giant will continue to hold his ground, and advance in his brutal and degrading work till the Millennium.

This church took a stride in the right direction at its last monthly Conference. Two resolutions were put and passed that are a good beginning of future work. One was for the appointment of a Committee to take in consideration the advisability of making total abstinence a condition of membership. The other was, that the Church form a Temperance Society, under its own control, for the initiation of the young members of our families in the principles of temperance. The first step ought to be for every church in town to pledge its entire membership to total abstinence, and when that is done, it will not be difficult to undertake the aggressive work that shall result in the slaughter of Goliath. But till the churches move in this direction, very little can be accomplished that will abide and abound.

It is quite possible that you can abolish the liquor agency, but if you do, do not flatter yourselves that you have struck a death-blow at Goliath. Its abolition will not in the least lessen the sale of the vile stuff, for in the present crippled condition of the "Canada Temperance Act" every druggist can, if he be an unprincipled man, turn his store into a saloon. And while we are under the act in its disgracefully mutilated condition, we have little power to protect ourselves from the inroads of the traffic. My only hope is in the arousal of every Christian man and woman to a sense of their duty and responsibility in this great matter. If all such will band together, uniting prayer and pocket, principles and practice, I believe that they can clean out every illicit rum-seller, chase out of town every dishonourable doctor, elect a council wide awake to this momentous question, and reduce the sale of liquor to the level of all poisonous drugs.

GOD SPEED THE RIGHT. Amen and amen.

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MARCH.—CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

1. 1 Cor. 15, 14. Keystone of our doctrinal arch.
2. Ps. 16, 10. Christ's resurrection prophesied.
3. Acts. 2, 30. Peter's great proof text.
4. Acts. 1, 17. A Type of Christ.
5. Matt. 12, 40. Our Lord's illustration.
6. Matt. 20, 19. Jesus foretells his resurrection.
7. Luke 24, 1. Our Sabbath and His resurrection.
8. Matt. 28, 5-6. His angel a witness to His resurrection.
9. Matt. 28, 11. His enemies witnesses to it.
10. Mark. 16, 9. Mary a witness to it.
11. 1 Cor. 15, 6. Five hundred witnesses.
12. 1 Cor. 15, 15. Result if these were false.
13. Rom. 4, 25. Why Jesus rose.
14. 1 Cor. 15, 17. Sad result if Christ be not risen.
15. 1 Cor. 15, 18. If Christ be dead no heaven for us.
16. 1 Cor. 15, 19. If Christ be dead no happiness here.
17. 1 Pet. 1, 3. Resurrection and our adoption.
18. Rom. 8, 34. No assurance without this doctrine.
19. Acts. 26, 23. Light comes through risen Christ.
20. 2 Tim. 2, 8. We must remember it.
21. Phil. 3, 10. It is a power in the heart.
22. Acts. 17, 31. It is connected with judgment.
23. Acts. 4, 10. Proof Christ is alive.
24. Acts. 26, 8. Why doubt it?
25. Acts. 1, 11. Where is Christ's risen body?
26. 1 Thess. 4, 16-17. Where will risen believers be?