

to take care of us, so cheer up." It was only a few hours after that until we were invited to the first warm meal in weeks and I baptized some of the finest people in Niagara Falls in the white spray of that wondrous water. Now we have a brick church on both sides of the river.

Cannot Carry Both.

The man that works with Jesus Christ, or, as Paul says, "We are workers together with God and will recognize that the yoke is easy and the burden is light." What is it that makes the Christian's walk a hard one? Is it Christianity? No. It is because, shall I say, many of us want to carry Christianity in one hand and the world in the other, and the two make it a great and heavy burden. If we profess Christianity and really do not possess it, our profession being empty, our possession being so limited that the benefits amount to nothing, we get the snubs and the slurs on the one hand without the blessing of God to assist us and we do not have the same pleasures out of the things of the world that we would have if we did not know as much about Christianity as we do, and I will say right now that I know by experience that trying to hold on to both is a hard thing. I tried that.

I got into a condition about 29 years ago that I would like to have left the church, if I could. Indeed, I did not go to church for nearly a year. I tried to forget it. I have smiled when my heart was breaking. I have made large audiences laugh and giggle when I wanted to weep myself. Under the providential kindness of God I was rescued from that year and a half of agony and I know the meaning of the story of the Prodigal Son, from experience. And I know the heaviest burden that any man ever carried is when he is in the church and not living up to his religion. As a boy said one time when asked the question, "What is your father?" "Oh, he is a Methodist by trade, but he is not working at it now." That's the heaviest burden in this world, but when that man embraces the promises of God he is the most secure man in existence. He has faith in the promises of God. He feels his faith and trust in God to be his rejuvenator and uplifter, and his sorrows are few, his troubles practically are over. He feels that God doth the work, and if he can get so close to the warm, throbbing heart of Jesus Christ, he will recognize that the yoke is easy and the burden is light.

No matter what the storms of persecution may be on the outside, within he sails upon the placid waters of God's white calm. Now, in this point, "Take My yoke upon you," I believe that Jesus meant by that, come, embrace my religion. Obey the system that I have inaugurated. Comply with the conditions that I have imposed. Obey the gospel. Be subject to the conditions and the laws that I have established. That's the yoke, and when you compare the simple gospel of Jesus Christ with its ordinances and commandments, with the heathen rites of every other religious denomination, even with the rites and ceremonies of the Mosaic laws, or of some of the creeds of churchianity, surely we can testify His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

Give Up Sin.

But, of course, the yoke means that we should have that restraint of gospel law imposed upon us, the giving up of all that is sinful, all that is evil, but notice right here it is not required of you to give up anything that is worth keeping. Of course, you must abandon profanity. That's a pretty hard thing. You may want me to give up something to eat or drink; such as tobacco or whisky. What good have they ever done anyone? You require a fellow to be honorable. What good has any act that you have performed dishonestly ever brought you, any peace, and joy, and real comfort? You may talk about the great joys, the gay times, the froth and