

quate to cover probable losses, to lay aside, by entry on a benevolent account, one tenth of the remaining profits, great or small, as a fund for benevolent expenditure, supporting myself and family on the remaining nine-tenths. I further determined, that if at any time my net profits from which clerk hire and store expenses had been deducted, should exceed \$500 in a month, I would give twelve and a half per cent.; if over \$700, fifteen per cent.; if over \$1300, twenty-two and a half per cent.; thus increasing the proportion of the whole, as God should prosper, until, at \$1500 I should give twenty-five per cent., or \$375 a month. As capital was of the utmost importance to my success in business, I decided not to increase the foregoing scale until I had acquired a certain capital, after which I would give one quarter of all net profits, great or small; and on the acquisition of another certain amount of capital, I decided to give half; and on acquiring what I determined would be a sufficiency of capital, then to give the whole of my net profits. It is now several years since I adopted this plan, and under it I have acquired a handsome capital, and have been prospered beyond my most sanguine expectations. Although constantly giving, I have never yet touched the bottom of my fund, and have repeatedly been surprised to find what large drafts it would bear."

Reader!—how do you approve of these examples? Were these men, in their liberality, imitators of Christ Jesus? The reason why christianity is not enjoyed, in numerous instances, is, because it is not practised.

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INJURIOUS EFFECTS OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS DEMONSTRATED.

The enmity of every species of intemperance, to the happiness and prosperity of the spiritual man, justifies the christian journalist in making special efforts to arrest the attention of his readers, by submitting facts, illustrations and arguments calculated to influence their hearts, understandings and consciences. A peculiar accident, or providence, as some would say, has given such a demonstration of the injurious effects of alcoholic drinks upon a healthy stomach that it ought to be read and known of all men. For the benefit of those readers of the *Christian Banner* who are unacquainted with the facts alluded to, we submit the following narrative :

ALAXIS ST. MARTIN, a young Canadian, when eighteen years of age, possessing a good constitution, enjoying excellent health, was accidentally wounded by the discharge of a musket, on the 6th of June, 1822. "The charge," says his physician, Dr. Beaumont, of the U. S. Army, "consisting of powder and duck-shot, was received in the left side, at the distance of one yard from the muzzle of the gun. The contents entered posteriorly, and in an oblique direction, forward and inward; literally blowing off integuments and muscles to the size of