

**DOES PROHIBITION PROHIBIT.**

Rev. Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, of this city, well-known as the associate of Dr. Vincent in Sunday-school and Chautauqua works in the *Christian Advocate*, gives the result of his inquiries and observation in Kansas concerning the workings of constitutional prohibition. He conducted the Ottawa Sunday-school Assembly last summer, as in previous years. We quote the following: "The Ottawa Sunday-School Assembly is, next to Chautauqua, one of the largest of the summer assemblies in the country. It is held in Ottawa, Kan., fifty-seven miles southwest of Kansas city. On special days large numbers of people gather here. On the 4th of July, 1882, the gate-receipts showed that 17,000 people were present. Yet there was not a drop of liquor to be seen nor a drunken man. Last summer 20,000 people were present on Grand Army day, nearly 2,000 being old soldiers. Yet there was no sign of drinking, not even a bottle passed from mouth to mouth, and two policemen wandered aimlessly around the ground with nothing to do 'except to hunt up the proprietors of lost children,' as one of them told me.

"Ottawa, the seat of the Assembly, is a growing town of 8,000 people, without a saloon to be found. A merchant of the city, whose name I could give if necessary, was once asked by a visitor from the east to tell him where he could get some liquor. He said: 'There is not a place in this town where liquor is sold.'

"That is nonsense," replied the Eastern man. "I know that liquor is sold in this town, and I believe I can buy it."

The Ottawa merchant took out a five-dollar bill, handed it to him, and said:

"There, take that, and if you can buy any liquor with it you shall keep the change."

"He went out, and, after a two hours' search, returned and handed back the bill, saying:

"I couldn't get any liquor, but I still believe there is some place where it could be bought if people weren't so mightily afraid they would be given away for selling it."

"Liquor-sellers may well be afraid, for the law in Kansas is very severe. They have gotten beyond fines, and send to the State Prison all convicted of having liquor on their premises for sale.

"Last summer I called a meeting at the Ottawa Assembly of all the ministers upon the ground for a conference upon the temperance question. Sixty ministers were present, representing eleven different denominations and nearly all sections of the State. They were asked to state the facts as known to them in answer to two questions: 1. To what extent does prohibition prohibit? and 2. What are the effects of prohibition upon the State?

"The answers given by these ministers were carefully written down. All of them, except the men from Leavenworth and Atchison, stated: 'There are no open saloons in our section.' The two exceptions are both river towns, on the Missouri boundary, both founded by 'border ruffians' before the war, and both largely dominated by the same element still. Yet since the meeting I have been informed that in one of these towns the saloons are now closed, and likely to so remain."

**SYSTEMATIC GIVING.**

BY MRS. A. A. HOBART.

I see by the last copy of *Woman's Home Missions* that testimonials are called for on "Systematic Giving." I just want to give my own observation and experience in few words. Some twenty-two years ago my good husband, (who was one of God's ministers) was drawn by some holy impulse to adopt the "tenth system," and accordingly commenced laying aside this part of every dollar of his income, strictly to be devoted to the benevolent purposes of the Church work. The poor were remembered, but this he did not take from the "tenth." Whenever a dollar came in he would take ten cents of it, place it in an envelope labelled "Lord's Money" and no matter how hungry he might have been, or how penniless, he never was a defaulter with the "Lord's Money." At this time he began to have more and save more, consequently had more to give. One instance I wish to give to prove how wonderfully God opens His hands when His servants trust in Him. Some twenty-five years previous to this, he had a sum of money, which he loaned to a

member of his church who was a business man, from which he received for several years six percent interest annually. The time came when the interest did not come, and he visited the man and found him sick unto death. He died insolvent and, of course, with other creditors he must sustain a great loss. He promised God if He could by any means restore the lost money thirty dollars should be devoted to the Church. Years passed on and from time to time he kept receiving letters from the executor that if he would send him his note he could have a very small percentage. He never sent it, but continued to trust. One night there came to him through the mail a letter from a perfect stranger, from West Carlton, Vt., saying if he would send him that note he could have his money. It was none other than the son-in-law of the man who borrowed it in the first place. He did not compute the interest for the many years in the past, but ventured to send the note with a feeling of thankfulness to get the principal. In a few days it all came, principal and interest even to the odd cents. Consequently the thirty dollars went into the Lord's treasury. And this was only one of the blessings that came to him through this system. I adopted this same plan myself and continued it until the year 1877, when the Lord came and took the good husband to Himself. I was left to care for myself and family, and daily the outgo was more than the income. I felt that I must be exceedingly prudent, therefore shut up my hand for three long years. During these years my way looked dark and the future I did not dare to contemplate. God was about to test my generosity to its utmost. The "tenth" must be sacrificed and a particular object was presented. I can never find adequate language to describe the uplift of faith that came to me in this experience. I soared away "above the common walks of virtuous life just on the verge of heaven." Now for the outcome. When this was called for, I was the same as without house and home. Since that God has set me down, without my seeking, in one of the pleasantest homes that any mother could possibly have, without a cent of expense to me year in and year out. God is my witness that all these blessings have come through this simple instrumentality.—*Woman's Home Missions.*

**WHO WILL HELP.**

Think for a moment of the suffering there would be in America were there only one medical man for every eight million persons. Yet that is actually the case in China. The demand for medical missionaries is most urgent, and, what is more, missionaries have found that in many places and among certain classes the giving of medical aid is the only way in which they can get the people to listen to the Gospel. When the missionaries heal their bodies they are so grateful that they listen gladly to the story of the Great Physician, who cured sin as well as bodily diseases. Indeed, when we think how closely a Christian doctor can follow the methods of the Saviour, what a grand calling it seems! The call for female medical missionaries is even greater than that for male physicians. The women think they cannot be healed by a man, and suffer untold misery. Are there not in this Christian land, among the thousands of able-bodied, talented Christian men and women, some who will heed the piteous cry for help which comes from our brothers and sisters across the sea? It is a hard work, to be sure; and no one who has not a genuine love for souls ought to undertake it. But among all those who pray every day, "Lord, show me what Thou wouldst have me to do," are there not some who are willing to do it for the sake of Him who has done so much for them? One word to those who cannot go in person to foreign lands, but who are likewise enquiring what they can do for Jesus. The great work of foreign missions needs the support, sympathy, and, above all, the prayers of every true Christian. Especially do I appeal to the girls and young ladies. We do not realize how much we might help on this work. I think every church ought to have connected with it a Young Ladies' Missionary Society; and if you belong to a church which has none, use all the influence in your power to get one started. Let its object be to create and keep alive a missionary spirit, and the giving of your money to send the Gospel to the heathen.—*Cor. N.Y. Witness.*

**Question Corner.—No. 5.**

**BIBLE QUESTIONS.**

1. To what city did David flee when he feigned himself mad?
2. The men of what city took the bodies of Saul and Jonathan and gave them honorable burial?
3. In what city was the public selection and appointment of the first king of Judah?
4. What city was founded by Omri?
5. What city was the extreme northern landmark of Palestine?
6. What was the chief city of the Ammonites?

**ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS NO. 4.**

1. Charity.
2. Jericho, Josh. 6. 26.
3. Bethlehem, 1 Sam. 16. 1-4.
4. Jerusalem, 2 Chron. 3. 1.
5. Kedesh, Shechem, Tarjath-Arba, Bezer, Ramoth and Golan, Josh. 20: 7, 8.
6. Ashdod, Josh. 15: 47, 1 Sam. 5. 5.
7. Gaza, Jud. 18: 3.
8. Ashelun, Jud. 14: 19.

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