

good conscience, and of faith unfeigned, from which some have swerved, and have turned aside, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor whereof they affirm. But we know the law is good if a man use it lawfully, knowing this, that the law is not made for the righteous, but for the lawless," and that it is contrary to sound doctrine, not in accord with the gospel of the blessed God, which he, Paul, had experienced, and he exhorted, "that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting," and farther, he gave good advice concerning the qualification of officers of the church, that a bishop must be blameless, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, one that ruled well his own house, having his children in subjection, with all gravity, (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God). Likewise must the deacons be grave, holding the mysteries of faith in a pure conscience. Even so must wives be grave, not slanderous, sober, faithful in all things. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity, meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." Now this should be our earnest desire and labor, and if so, we would realize the spirit of this query to be a very high type of spiritual understanding, and the patient Christian love would reclaim those who violate our good order. We would find that the unity and fellowship required to build up the walls of our religious organization was cemented with gentle dignity and deportment, and all guarded with a reverential sanctity of obedience to this great principle out of which grow our testimonies in favor of all that is true and right.

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"The Light which lighteth every person who cometh into the world hath appeared unto all," and worketh by love to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin and wickedness, and, as abide in gives us that peace and happiness which we so much desire, and enable us to do what is agreeable to our Heavenly Father's will, and consequently fits us to receive His blessings, not only now but hereafter. But people love darkness or selfishness (which is contrary to the light which works by love) rather than the light which produces the evil or darkness with which we are surrounded. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil and darkness, to the light which works by love, and which, if followed, will lead up unto the perfect day, and cause us to help do our Heavenly Father's will on earth as it is done in Heaven, and thus walk in His ways, and be guided by Him in His paths of pleasantness and peace.

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An English professor speaking recently of a young minister said he "presented the two rare combinations of enlightened scholarship and evangelical fervor." Why should such a combination be rare? Why should enlightened scholarship be associated so often with spiritual coldness, and ignorance with spiritual warmth? The Church needs both the scholarship and the fervor, and should have both. — *Canada Presbyterian*.

The Methodist Church has taken a stand against "the buying, selling, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, dancing, playing at games of chance, encouraging lotteries, attending theaters, horse races, circus, dancing parties, patronizing dancing schools, taking such other amusements as are obviously of a misleading or questionable moral tendency." No other Church has taken so positive and strong a stand. — *Christian Guardian*.