

an article in a recent issue of World Wide, in which the writer commends the sentiment of Lloyd George to the effect that the liquor traffic is a worse enemy than Austria or Germany, we quote the following as wise and relevant: "But it is not one man's oratory that is going to mend things, nor the approving echo in the hearts of thousands as they hear or read. It will be done if at all by the individual efforts of us millions at home, working out our own salvation with as much fear and trembling and agonizing, and tears, as it costs the millions in the fighting line to do their part in the same great enterprise. . . . The question is whether we shall have the courage and the faith to be consistent and to make the volte-face in a thousand details of life which such consistency will demand. If we have we shall not only win, but what is more, we shall deserve our success, and be able to bear it. If we have not, then perhaps a defeat that will break our hearts may be less fatal than a victory that would harden them further."

In view of the evil effects of this degradation, permit me to appeal to certain classes of influential citizens to assist in arresting the decay of this institution and in restoring it to its exalted place in the life of our country.

Appeal to Sunday Visitors

In the days of our fathers there was little or no Sunday visiting in Christian communities; but now it has become a common custom. We have the "week end" visitor, the "town cousin" visitor, the "pleasure resort" visitor, and the "church" visitor—all of whom, in varying degrees, serve the cause of Sabbath degradation. If you belong to either of these classes, let me remind you that your custom is injurious to yourself and to your victims. Your hosts are too courteous to tell you what a nuisance you really are. Your friends are not lacking in hospitality. If you will make your visit at a proper time, they will give you a royal welcome; but they resent the dissipation of thought and energy, which the Sunday visit entails. Your own homes and churches need your presence, and, on the whole, they furnish, or could be made to