

SOLID FACTS:

The thinking portion of the age will notice the difficulties of the creed churches they have to revise their creed, rules and regulations every four or eight years, while those who take the Bible alone have an infallible creed, rule and regulation that needs no revision. If you take the creed of to-day as your faith, you may have to change it five times in twenty years. This is not true of those who take the Bible as the rule of faith and practice. Which is the safest?

Christ, speaking to his disciples, said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." He did not say, "ye different denominations are the branches." What would you think of a vine bearing on one branch apples, on another plums, another squashes, another gourds, etc. About the same difference in the different doctrines and practices.

"Let him that heareth say come," Bible. This is the last commission of Jesus to the Church. This makes every member a preacher in one sense. All can do something. If you cannot preach, hold up the hands of those who can. If you cannot exhort, say an encouraging word to those who can. Preach with your lips, preach with your influence, preach with your life, preach with your money. "Behold the Judge standeth at the door." Watch.—Bible

As far back as 1832, when James A. Garfield was a young man, striving in the midst of poverty to educate himself, he used the language in a letter to a friend: "Though a man have all knowledge, and have not the love of God in his heart, he will fall far short of true excellency." This truth should be engraved upon the hearts of all men.

It is essential to "Believe in Christ," but who can say it is essential to believe in Creeds. Don't all speak at once.

All admit that immersion is right. This is not true of sprinkling and pouring. We can unite on that which all admit is right. So we to pray for union and hold on to those doctrines and practices which cause division. See the point? "Who is on the Lord's side?"

THE HOME.

The Secret.

"I noticed," said Dr. Franklin, "a mechanic, among others, at work on a house erecting but a little way from my office, who always happened to be in a merry but morose and a kind word and cheerful smile for every one he meets. Let them be ever so cold, gloomy, or sullen, a happy smile danced on his cheerful countenance. Meeting him one morning, I asked him to tell me the secret of his happy flow of spirits. My secret, doctor," he replied, "is that I have one of the best wives, and when I go to work she always has a kind word of encouragement for me, and when I go home she meets me with a smile and a kiss; and the tea is sure to be ready, and she has done so many little things through the day to please me that I cannot find it in my heart to speak an unkind word to anybody. What an influence, then, hath woman over the heart of man, to soften it and make it the fountain of cheerfulness and pure emotions. Speak gently, then—a happy smile and a kind word of greeting, after the toils of the day are over, eat nothing, and go far toward making home happy and peaceful."—L.

The most vigorous persons do not have too much vitality. People generally live hurriedly or at least find that much vital energy has been permanently lost in their childhood or youth through the ignorance or carelessness of their parents. Often it is impaired by wrong indulgences in early manhood. The endeavor with all persons should be to husband what is left, to do much or little. Therefore:

1. Don't do anything in a hurry.
 2. Don't work too many hours a day, whether it be farm work, shop-work, study, work or house-work.
 3. Don't abridge sleep. Get the full eight hours of it, and that, too, in a ventilated and sun-purified room.
 4. Don't eat what is indigestible, nor too much of anything, and let good cheer rule the hour.
 5. Don't fret at yourself or anybody else, nor indulge in the blues, nor burst into fits of passion.
 6. Don't be too much elated with good luck, nor disheartened by bad.
- Positively—be self-controlled, calm and brave. Let your brain have all the rest it

needs. Treat your stomach right. Keep a good conscience, and have a cheerful trust in God for all things and both worlds.—*Domestic Journal.*

Some men seem to pride themselves in showing their superiority, as they think, in treating others with rudeness and disrespect. In this, however, they deceive themselves, and betray their own littleness and inferi- ority. It matters not how unworthy of consideration others may be, a true gentleman, from self-respect, will never act towards them but in a gentlemanly manner. To do otherwise, instead of humbling them, would degrade himself.—*Methodist Reformer.*

Are we spectators merely, or workers with Christ? Are we selfishly hoarding our talents while others are making the sacrifices of their lives, or supporting with their means the solitary laborers in strange lands? Are we rejoicing simply and not participating in the self-denial and tears, and struggles, and trials?—*Christian.* My Brother or sister, read this, and then ask, "Have I thus far been a mere spectator?" If so, you will not share in the glorious reward. Make some sacrifice, if you expect to grow and be happy. There is much pride, of the right kind, to him who can say, "We are doing this!"

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Value of the Bible.

If you destroy my confidence in the Bible, where am I? I take my place by the side of Socrates. Surely if there was ever a man who never knew the revealed Word of God, whose class are worthy of my respect it is Socrates. I ask him about the future life, and in reply I hear him say: "I am to die, you are to live; but for which of us is the better none can tell. I think the lives of good men continue beyond; but of this wise men are not confident." And that is the very best the wisdom of the world can do for me. Destroy my confidence in the Bible, and the future which I must face is all darkness. I know well the burden of self-condemnation which I carry. I know where I shall stand if I am judged according to justice. I need nobody to tell me that. But when I am induced to give up the Bible I know no more. I need a deliverance but there is no deliverer. I need help, but there is no helper. I have been persuaded to give up the Bible, and I find nothing to take its place. The brightness and the blessedness of human life are gone and the sun of human hope has entered into darkness and perpetual eclipse.—*Dr. S. H. Wiley.*

Female Society.

What is it that makes all those men who associate habitually with women superior to those who do not? What makes that woman who is accustomed to and at ease in the society of men superior to her sex in general? Solely because they are in the habit of free, graceful, continual conversations with the other sex. Women in this way lose their frivolity, their faculties awaken, their delicacies and peculiarities unfold all their beauty and captivation in the spirit of intellectual rivalry. And the men lose their pedantic, rude, declamatory or sullen manner. The coil of the understanding and the heart changes continually. Their asperities are rubbed off, their better materials polished and brightened, and their richness, like gold, is wrought into finer workmanship by the fingers of women than it ever could be by those of men. The iron and steel of their characters are hidden, like the character and armor of a giant, when they are not wanted in actual warfare.—*Fervent Chronicle.*

TEMPERANCE.

The Editor of the Wrenze attended the temperance meeting at Kilsyth, on the 8th of this month, and delivered an address to a large audience in the town hall. If the attendance and interest manifested on that occasion is an index to the temperance sentiments of Kilsyth neighborhood, we are sure that the cause of temperance will be sustained, and wield a good influ-

ence over the boys that are growing up. They have fifty-five members and about twenty-five applications for membership. Bro. Campbell is at the helm and will steer the ship clear of breakers. Let the good work go on. We have only room to say this much.

The Bitter Bit.

The following fact, which has been communicated to us, will, we hope, act as a caution not only to seamen, but also to every one, to keep on the right side—that is, the outside—of liquor saloons.

A sailor who had arrived in port was taking his first stroll round the city, when a decently dressed man came up and claimed him as an old friend. The sailor failed to recognize any acquaintance in his professed friend. The latter protested that he was an old chum of his and, in proof of it, proposed that they should enter the gin palace close by and have a glass each for old acquaintance sake. The two glasses were ordered by the scoundrel who was trying to entrap poor Jack. Just as the glasses were placed on the counter the tempter called Jack's attention to the gilding on the ceiling, and at the same time emptied a small packet of white powder into Jack's glass.

Happily, Jack was wide awake, and through one of the mirrors on the wall he saw what his supposed friend had done.

With great presence of mind, he called the man's attention to another part of the ceiling, and, without being observed, he in a moment changed the two glasses.

The villain had scarcely drunk the glass he had intended for his victim before he fell down in a deathlike stupor. In this case the bitter was happily bit; but the fact plainly illustrates how many of our brave sailors, on receiving their wages after a long voyage, are entrapped, drugged, robbed, and in a few cases, we fear, murdered.

How much better it would be, if they would in every case keep on the outside of the saloon, and save their money, to make their own homes more bright and comfortable.

HEALTH AND WEALTH.—A gentleman writing to us, says: "My health has improved a hundredfold, and my purse, though scanty, has augmented fifty per cent., from the day I forsook wine and beer." Does not this show that the man who does not drink can have both health and wealth in larger measure than he who is in the habit of using strong drink?

Gen. Brisbane, U. S. Army, asked J. A. Garfield for a statement of his religious belief. Here is Bro. Garfield's reply.

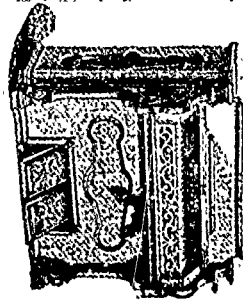
1. We call ourselves "Christians" or "Disciples."
 2. We believe in God, the Father.
 3. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and our only Savior. We regard the divinity of Christ as the fundamental truth in the Christian Scriptures.
 4. We believe in the Holy Spirit, both as to its agency in the conversion of sinners, and as an indweller in the hearts of Christians.
 5. We accept both the Old and New Testament Scriptures as the inspired word of God.
 6. We believe that Deity is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God.
 7. We observe the institution of the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. To this table it is our practice neither to invite, nor from it to debar. We say it is the Lord's table for all the Lord's children.
 8. We plead for the union of all God's children on the Bible and the Bible alone.
 9. The Bible is our only creed.
 10. We maintain that all the ordinances of the gospel should be observed as they were in the days of the Apostles.
- Every Intelligent Disciple among us will endorse every word of the above.—*Ed. Wrenze.*

Pray For Your Preacher.

Make mention of the man who stands to speak the words of life in your prayers; if you know the strength it gives to the true preacher to know that the Church is remembering him at the Throne of Grace, you would not neglect this. Paul said, "Pray for me that utterance may be given to me, that I may open, in my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel."

Be Sociable.

Perhaps the best impression that we ever made on a man's mind, would often fail to bring forth fruit, unless it is impressed with sociability. Don't rush out of the meeting house as if it was on fire, after service, but stop awhile. Shake hands and be sociable; it will do you good and it will impress others as well.



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