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Every one of the reasons given on page 95 is a good reason, why you should sign the pledge against intoxicating drinks, and why you should do it now. We sell the pledges at 50c a 100, but there is no need to wait to send for one. You can use the copy given on that page for signature.

"Spotless Men"

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, B.D.

It was the custom in ancient Rome, when men sought to be elected to public office, that they appeared before the voters clad in a white robe, the symbol of purity. Hence they were called "candidates", which means, literally, "spotless men". It often happened, however, that one who entered office with no spot on his character, left it soiled with deeds of dishonesty and greed.

But Samuel, the noble old judge of Israel, could put on the white robe when he was laying down his office, as well as when he took it up. The keenest eye could detect no stain.

To be "spotless men",—that is the highest earthly ambition we can cherish. To reach it will give us more satisfaction than all the wealth and honors in the world.

The Mistakes of a King

By Rev. E. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

It is not hard for a king to make mistakes, especially if he be young, and strong, and handsome, and self-reliant, and a favorite, as King Saul was, and live in a time when a king's word is law to all his people.

His first mistake was his jealousy. He was jealous of David, the young shepherd lad who had slain the giant. Jealousy is a

bad weed. It springs from self-esteem; and more quickly, almost, than anything else, it unmans a man.

Saul's jealousy found vent in temper. He let himself go. Innocent David was the object of his fury. It was David's nimbleness of foot alone that saved Saul from becoming a murderer. Temper is like dynamite, always perilous.

He made a great mistake, when he forsook the advice of Samuel. He must surely be a very wise young man, who can afford to scorn the counsel of those older and more experienced than himself.

The greatest mistake of all was, when he turned his back on God, took his own way, instead of the way God had commanded. What else could even a merciful God do with this king, who would have his own will, or none,—and not God's will at all, than to take his kingdom from him, and give it to another?

Giving in the Adult Bible Class

By Dr. Richard C. McLaughlin

That the prosperity of a Bible Class is not measured by the number of members on its roll or by its average attendance, but rather by its increasing ability and willingness to help needy men and women, is an axiom which, through some fifteen years of Bible Class work, I have endeavored to keep constantly before the members of my class.

The class which I have the privilege of leading is a class of young men and women, with an average attendance of about 50 members. We have a separate organization, elect our own officers, make our own plans, and handle our own funds.