

them and wrought, for by occupation they were tent makers."

It is not necessary that we should follow Paul all through his travels to Ephesus, Jerusalem, Philippi, Troas and a score of other cities until we find him a prisoner at Rome living for two years in his own hired house and received all that came to him and probably toiling day by day for his daily bread at his secular avocation. "I reaching the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

Suffice it to say that wherever he went his conduct was characterized by faithfulness and zeal, that he met with persistent opposition and persecution arising from the malice of his countrymen, the Jews; but wherever he went there were always some who believed being baptized into the faith of Christ, and thus, through Paul's instrumentality, the word of the Lord grew and multiplied and many were added to the church such as should be saved.

Paul's course of action should be to Christian commercial travellers "an example" and an encouragement

1. An example to be instant in season and out of season in the service of the Lord whom we profess to love.

2. An encouragement, inasmuch as faithful service will meet with an adequate reward and be crowned with complete success.

Men, even in Christian countries, are living without God and without hope in the world. It is their privilege as they travel about, so let it be their delight, to speak a word for the Saviour and it may be that He who sustained and blessed Paul may make them like him, instruments in His hands of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth.

"On the Road" travellers are cognizant of the fact that there are many opportunities for doing good. They come in contact with vice in multitudinous forms and in various degrees. Profanity, lying, dishonesty, drunkenness, idleness, impurity, both in word and act, unchastity, frivolity, irreligion, unbelief and sometimes those whom the Scriptures designate "fools" come across their path; and, even, sometimes we meet with practical heathenism as dense as that of either Greece or Rome. It is their duty to "resist evil" and uphold that which is good. They may not be able to grapple with the subtleties and sophistries of evil men and despisers of God, but they can at all times by their conduct and example be practical arguments, "living epistles read and known of all men. Their logic may be weak but their lives can always be strong, and practice is more forceful than words. No man can gainsay, or, overcome the influence and potency of a godly life.

The secret of Paul's life and success was that "his life was hid with Christ in God," if yours are so hid and you are thus living embodiments of Christ, the Truth; error and vice and unbelief and irreligion must yield to the influence you exert. I have known instances in which Commercial Travellers have delayed to engage in ungodly pleasures until they were out of the ken of a brother traveller who was a professing Christian. I have known of men—customers as well as travellers cured of profanity and drinking through timely, well chosen words spoken by the God-fearing Drummer; and it is impossible to say if you are true and faithful to your high and holy calling, as you travel through our fair province and Dominion, visiting the villages, towns and cities, following your secular, every day calling, but never forgetful that "one is our master even Christ" your labors may be crowned as were those of his honored servant Paul in bringing

neglectful ones under the influence of the cross and thus gaining stars for your diadem in the souls you have led into light.

I trust that when your travelling days on earth are done you may, like the great travelling tent-maker; be enabled to say:—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy IV. 7-8. London, Ont.

Roman Catholic Priests Burning Their Own Bibles.

Translated from *L'Aurore*, for the DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, by Rev. T. Fenwick, Woodbridge, Ont.—Shortly before he passed away, the "Visible Head" of the Roman Catholic church—Leo XIII—strongly recommended the "faithful" to study the word of God. There are, however, priests who, though they profess to believe in the Pope's infallibility, burn Bibles approved by their own Church. This is done even in "this Canada of ours." *L'Aurore* of July 24, mentions an instance thereof, of which the following is a translation:

Les Cloches de St Boniface (the Bells of St. Boniface) of Manitoba, relates that a Protestant missionary had distributed Protestant, or unauthorized, Bibles. The Rev. Dom. Benoit, the curé of the place, advised the faithful to burn these Bibles, because "The word of God disfigured, mutilated, lessened, by men, is no more the Word of God, but a corruption of that divine Word."

Several Bibles have been burned, among which were the De Sacy, the abbé Glairé, and other Catholic ones. Then the missionary sent a letter to the curé, reproaching him with having burned the Word of God, even Catholic Bibles. M Benoit wrote him a reply from which I make the following extract:

"You tell me truly that the Bibles which you distribute are those of De Sacy, the abbé, and Glairé, other Bibles bearing a Catholic name. But, Sir, a poison which has a 'good ticket' is all the more dangerous. Who would sell arsenic, or belladonna, writing on it, 'sugar' or 'syrup,' would only make these poisons more dangerous by deceit. Let me destroy those poisons wrapped up under a ticket, as carefully as if they had a bad ticket."

This proves that the clergy do not wish to see Bibles, even Catholic ones, among the people. There is a Catholic priest who has caused Catholic Bibles to be burned. Enough; we will not forget it.

Really, it would be a waste of time to go into a refutation of the priests' reply to the Protestant missionary, just stated. It is so silly, senseless, childish. His mental abilities are very much less than he fancies them to be. Several years ago, the late Archbishop Baillargeon of Quebec, made a very good translation of the New Testament. I have never heard of any copy of it having been burned, but it has, for a long time, been out of print.

Sorrows are often like clouds, which, though black when they are passing over us when they are past become as if they were the garments of God thrown off in purple and gold along the sky.

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