

should not lead us to lay down our arms, but should inspire us to go forward to still greater conquests, until this gigantic foe has been completely destroyed.

Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, v. 14. The Master is here designated by His full title. He is the Lord. We should acknowledge him as our King, and seek to obey him as loyal subjects. He is Jesus, that is, Saviour,

Matt. v. 21. We need him to save us from our sins and he is able and willing to do this. He is Christ, that is, the Anointed One, the one ordained of God, to be our Prophet, Priest and King. We should live in such close and vital union with Him, that His influence shall appear in every part of our conduct. All that we do—least acts and greatest—should be done in His name.

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS

"Out of debt, out of danger." v. 8.

Debt is often a forerunner of dishonesty. v. 8.

Love is the root, and obedience the tree, with its leaves and fruit. v. 8.

Love is the opposite of selfishness in every form. v. 9.

Laws are easily enforced in a community whose members love one another. v. 10.

There is no defeat for those who march under the banner of Christ. v. 11.

Our conduct should be such as will bear the light of day. v. 12.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God." v. 13.

The name of Christ should be stamped on our lives. v. 14.

The believer should keep no other debt in his life than that which a man can never discharge, the debt which is renewed and even grows in proportion as it is discharged—that of loving. In fact, the task of love is infinite. The more active love is, the more it seeks its task to enlarge; for, inventive as it is, it is ever discovering new objects for its activity—Godet.

A Christian native of Africa was once brought before Stanley charged with the theft of a rifle. His answer to his accusers was, "I cannot steal. I am a son of God."

"A mightier church shall come, whose covenant word, Shall be the deeds of love. Not 'Credo' then;

'Amo' shall be the pass-word through its gates.

Man shall not ask his brother any more,

'Believest thou?' but 'Lovest thou?' and all

Shall answer at God's altar, 'Lord, I love.' For Hope may anchor, Truth may steer, but Love, Great Love alone, is Captain of the soul."

Love is the secret of true temperance principles. The man who loves his brother abstains from all use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage because such use tends to work ill to our neighbor. A drunkard is a curse not only to himself but to all who love him and to the whole community. How many hearts one drunkard breaks! The only man who is entirely safe from ever becoming a drunkard is the man who never drinks alcoholic drinks at all. My drinking ever so moderately may work ill to my neighbor by encouraging him to drink, and while I never become a drunkard, he does. No one is ever made a drunkard by the example of a sot, many are made drunkards by the example of moderate and respectable drinkers.—Torrey.

Peloubet quotes the following testimonies as to the evils of intemperance:

Drunkennes is a flattering devil, a sweet poison, a pleasant sin, which whosoever hath, hath not himself; which whosoever doth commit, committeth not a single sin, but becomes the centre and slave of all manner of sin.—St. Augustine.

Your poorhouses are full, and your courts and prisons are filled with the victims of this infernal traffic, and your homes are full of sorrow, and the hearts of your wives and mothers; and yet the system is tolerated.—Father Taylor.

Only a clear brain can think God's thoughts after Him. Only a steady hand