

THE MISSIONARY AND THE INFIDEL.

I remember, said the Bishop of Saskatchewan, many years ago listening with great delight to a story I heard from a missionary in North Canada. He said that some years before then a humble missionary was traveling through the Canadian back-woods. He lost his way, but presently was rejoiced at the sight of a glimmering light. Soon reaching it, to his surprise he found a large congregation of settlers gathered round a fire listening to an able discourse. To the horror of the missionary he found the man was trying to prove that there was no God, no heaven, no hell, no eternity. A murmur of applause went through the audience as the orator ceased. The missionary stood up and said: "My friends, I am not going to make a long speech to you, for I am tired and weary, but I will tell you a little story. A few weeks ago I was walking on the banks of the river not far from here. I heard a cry of distress, and to my horror I saw a canoe drifting down the stream and nearing the rapids. There was a single man in the boat. In a short time he would near the water-fall and be gone. He saw his danger, and I heard him scream, "O God, if I must lose my life, have mercy on my soul!" I plunged into the water and reached the canoe. I dragged it to land and saved him. That man whom I heard, when he thought no one was near, praying to God to have mercy on his soul, is the man who has just addressed you, and has told you he believes there is neither God, nor heaven, nor hell.—*Selected.*

The following card is in use among some of the local Band organizations of the West. On one side:

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' BAND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Object:

Promotion of Scriptural holiness; securing purity of heart and life; Salvation of souls; Christian work and Mutual Improvement.

BELIEVING that I have the forgiveness of my sins and peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; that the love of God is shed abroad in my heart, and that I have the witness of His Spirit with my spirit that I am a child of God: I DO HEREBY most solemnly devote and consecrate myself to the service of God for the promotion of His cause, and will endeavor to perform any duty or

work assigned me, circumstances permitting (1 Thess. 3:12, 13.) I unreservedly make this consecration, and voluntarily assume the Pledge set forth on the other side of this Card, and when I desire to be released from its solemn obligations, I will return this Card to my Minister. (Deut. 26:17, 18.)

Name

Date

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU.

On the other side:

"A Living Sacrifice. . . Your Reasonable Service."—Rom. 13:1.

I SOLEMNLY AGREE,—GOD HELPING ME,

1. To observe regular Seasons of Secret Prayer, at least in the morning and evening of each day. (Matt. 6:6.)

2. To read daily, at least, a small portion of the Bible. (John 5:39.)

3. To attend the Social Means of Grace and at least one of the week evening services every week, if in my power. (Heb. 10:23-25; Mal. 3:16-18.)

4. To stand up for Jesus always and everywhere, and bear testimony for Him on any fitting occasion. (Luke 12:8, 9; Romans 10:10.)

5. To labor and pray constantly for the salvation of souls. (James 5:20.)

6. To engage in no amusement where my Saviour could not be a guest, nor do anything upon which I cannot ask God's blessing. (Matt. 6:24; 5:16.)

7. To honor God with my substance, as He has prospered me. (Mal. 3:10; 1 Cor. 16:2.)

8. To discountenance the use of ALL INTOXICANTS, Tobacco, etc. (1 Cor. 10:31.)

9. To promote the sanctified observance of the Lord's Day. (Gen. 2:3; Is. 58:13; Rev. 1:10.)

10. To conduct myself with carefulness in my associations with the opposite sex, that all occasion for unfavorable remark may be avoided. (1 Thess. 5:22.)

11. To associate habitually with the wicked, only for their good. (2 Cor. 6:14-18.)

12. To visit the sick, afflicted, neglected, and strangers. (Heb. 13:2; Jas. 1:27.)

13. To be friendly and sociable with all (Rom. 12:10), and to bring others with me to the services of God's house. (Num. 10:25.)

14. To observe carefully all the General Rules of the Methodist Church. (Acts 2:42.)

15. To take Christ as my daily example in all things. (Matt. 11:29, 30; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21.)

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