

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE.

"Actions speak louder than words," is a maxim, the truthfulness of which cannot be questioned. Thousands have been led to confess their faith in Christ and have ceased to transgress his laws, after closely watching the quiet, unassuming, but true devotion to the cause of Christ manifested or exemplified in the "daily walk and conversation" of some friend or acquaintance with whom they have frequently come in contact.

Looking to others as examples may be a sign of weakness, but if so it is a weakness common to the whole human family. The King upon the throne—the President of a Republic, and all rulers are more or less influenced by their surroundings. If their advisers are good men, full of wisdom, lovers of justice, and have the welfare of the nation at heart, the laws emanating from such lawgivers will manifest the characteristics of their makers, and consequently peace and contentment, prosperity and advancement will be the result; and such nations will have an honorable place among the nations of the earth.

On the other hand if rulers and lawgivers are wicked, unwise, unjust and indifferent as regards their country's welfare, the opposite will be the result.

The nations that occupy the highest place among the nations of the earth are those in which the Bible is permitted to exert its influence. Where religious freedom is tolerated and encouraged freedom of every desirable kind will be tolerated also.

Those who oppose the Bible would like to see it blotted out of existence, say its influence bad, that it begets bigotry, tyranny and persecution because some who profess to believe it are bigots, tyrants and persecutors. They charge religion with everything done in the name of religion, forgetting that there is a marked difference between the religion of Jesus Christ and the religion of men, or what is frequently taught for religion. No one would be so foolish as to accept everything for gold that is represented by interested parties to be gold. There is a way to prove gold and there is a way to prove religion. It does not follow that because a composition of brilliant metals is sometimes passed off for pure gold that such a metal as gold does not exist, nor does it follow that because a composition consisting of dogmas and opinions of men, creeds and confessions of faith mixed with the gospel is frequently passed off for religion, that such a thing as pure and undefiled religion does not exist.

When Queen Victoria was asked to what England owed her greatness, replied "To the Bible"—England's greatest statesmen have been and are firm believers in the Bible—such being the case it is not to be wondered at that that nation wields such an influence in the world and over the nations of the earth to-day.

The life and teachings of Christ have done more for morality, more towards elevating the race than has been done by all the philosophers and moralists from Socrates to the present time. The apostles and early christians have exerted an influence on the world which will be felt until "the angel shall stand with one foot on the sea and the other on the land, and declare that time shall be no more."

Who can estimate the influence which Luther, Huss, Jerome, Wickliffe, Knox, Calvin, Wesley, Campbell, and other modern reformers have had upon the world. To their efforts a large amount of the religious liberty which we enjoy is due. Their names are dear to every Christian and every lover of freedom. All honor to them and to the thousands of grand men and women who have carried on the great reformatory work which they began. The work is progressing. Heathen nations are being civilized and Christian knowledge of a higher and more elevating character is being diffused. Books are plentiful and cheap; institutions in which the poor are educated and otherwise cared for are being established, all of which owe their origin to the efforts of Christian philanthropists.

Space will not permit me to even mention the various kinds of influence at work in the world. But if every Christian would become more like Christ, purer in life, and aim to follow the injunction of the Saviour of the world, "Let your light so shine among men that they knowing your good works may glorify your father who art in heaven," the church will go on from conquering to conquering until all will be gathered into the fold of Christ.

H. T. L.

BOOKS.

Experience has taught the Disciples of Christ that great good can be accomplished by circulating books and tracts written by our ablest brethren. We know of many who have learned the way of the Lord more perfectly by reading such works as the "Gospel Preacher," "Reason and Revelation," "Christian System," and the numerous debates on religious differences between us and Sectarians.

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J. C. W.

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, closed a meeting on the 19th, with 13 additions, at Bowmanville. The meeting had been going on for three weeks. We are glad to hear of Bro. H., being in the field again, as he is one of our best evangelists.

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They say that I am growing old, because my hair is silvered, and there are crows' feet on my forehead, and my step is not so firm and elastic as before. But they are mistaken. That is not me. The knees are weak, but the knees are not me. The brow is not me. This is the house I live in. But I am young—y younger than I ever was before.—Catholic.

There are two little words in our language which I always admire—Try and Trust. You know not what you can or cannot effect until you try; and if you make your trial in the exercise of trust in God, mountains of imaginary difficulties will vanish as we approach them, and facilities will be afforded which you never anticipated.—Samuel Smiles.

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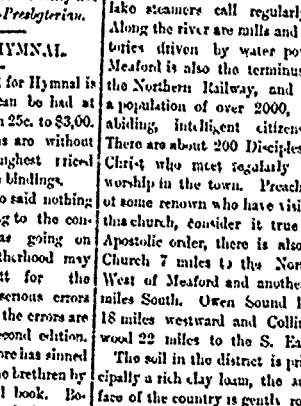
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