

The duty of the people is to keep before themselves the following facts:—

1. Some moral facts:—

That the drink traffic works nothing but evil,—financial, social, physical, moral.

That as a tree is known by its fruits, the traffic must itself be wrong, for “a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit.”

That, if evil, it is wrong to allow it, and so long as this is done, so long we are guilty of wrong doing.

That no country can have God's favor and be truly prosperous when it is deliberately doing wrong for the sake of revenue or gain.

2. Some financial facts:—

That our country, burdened as it is with the financial injury caused in different ways by the traffic, now raises sufficient revenue to meet its expenditure.

That if there were no drink traffic the country would be richer, more prosperous, and better able to raise the same amount of revenue that it now does.

The question of revenue is important, and will require both wisdom and time. The late Government took months to adjust the tariff. The present Government asks six months to readjust it; and the change to prohibition would present an added problem. But if five-sixths of our revenue be now raised from other sources, and one-sixth from strong drink, these same wise men on both sides of the House can devise ways of raising the six-sixths from other sources when the country is free from the incubus of the liquor traffic.

Let not attention be diverted from the main issue because the question of revenue cannot be at once answered. Keep prominent the two great facts: (1) That the traffic is hurtful and wrong, and should be abolished. (2) That the country now raises its revenue, and will be richer and better able to raise it when we have Prohibition.

TITHING EXPERIENCES.

From Embro, Ont.—“You ask those who have tried tithing to write you how they were led to try it, and what they think of it.

“I think we were led to it by reading George Muller's life, and other stories of work and needs in the Master's vineyard.

“As to what we think of it; our belief is that it is not safe, decidedly not safe; for anyone whose heart is full of love to the

Lord, His work and workers, to decide that they will give just one-tenth and no more. We had a little love and tried it, and the first year or two, I think we were successful, as accounts seemed to balance. But there must be growing pains in it, for soon the balance showed that it was up to a ninth, and last year it was up to nearly one-third, and the pains are still growing as good pains should.”

From Lower Selma, Nova Scotia.—“I have taken the Record for about twenty years. Some twelve or fourteen years ago I concluded as an experiment to try giving a tenth to the Lord. Not that I hoped by so doing to become wealthy, for the tenth seemed quite an amount for one in my circumstances to give; but because I considered it to be the right way as set forth in the Scriptures.

“I have accordingly all these years kept a strict account of every dollar of income, setting aside one-tenth for the use of the church and benevolent objects, and in all that time I have never come to the bottom of my treasury, except once, and that was when our congregation was purchasing a manse, etc.

“Since I began tithing I have about doubled my subscription to the minister's salary, and more than doubled my former contributions to the other schemes of the church. Although of late years my health has failed, and I have had doctor's bills and hired help to pay, beside other expenses to meet, yet I never paid so much in tithes as I do now, and never except once have I had so much in the treasury fund to the credit of the church, and I would say, after more than twelve years experience, I fully believe in the tithing system, as a Scriptural God-given system, and one which will bring blessings to the giver if practised in a right way and from a right motive. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty.

I envy no one on earth but a better Christian.—*Norman McLeod.*

There is a best way to live, and it is best to live the best way.—*Joseph Cook.*

It is a belief in the Bible which has served me as the guide of my moral and literary life.—*Goethe.*