

Church Growth and How Secured.

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The growth of the church is a question in which every Christian should be deeply interested...

A spiritual church is always an increasing church. Whenever there is inward vigor of life there will be outward growth...

Confessing Sin, but Denying Sin.

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Consecration.

BY REV. J. B. VAN ALSTIN.

How many of us have heard Christians pray that God would make them more consecrated to His service.

The Christian Boy.

If a boy is a lover of the Lord Jesus Christ, though he cannot lead a prayer-meeting...

Tommy Brown is in your school. [This touching story appeals to the hearts of all the school children.]

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Tommy Brown, my'm, answered the teacher. "Tommy Brown, ma'am," answered the boy.

The Women Made an Effort to Check Her Tears.

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1. The first is that large congregations are essential to church growth. With many this is a sine qua non in the matter of a prosperous church.

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The inconsistency of confessing sins in general, and denying sins in particular is set apart to the glory of God. It is a mere form, a pious generalization which empties the facts of life constantly make more evident.

2. Another misconception of church growth is the securing of a large membership. The popular method of estimating church growth in this age of statistics is the number of admissions per annum.

Consecration should be a real thing and not theoretical, actions as well as words. A conspicuous part of ancient worship was the offerings made in the temples of their deities, of property of various kinds.

The "Homebound drift" of the Protestant Episcopal Church has occasioned frequent comment. A recent instance of such structures is supplied by Rev. Dr. John McDowell Leavitt, who has gone over from one of its pulpits to the Reformed Episcopal Church.

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The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ does not come to men without a love of certainty. There are many mysteries in Christianity, but the Revelation is clear and unmistakable.

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It was a dilapidated house in a street near the river. The family lived in the back part of the house, in a frame addition. The ladies climbed the outside stairs that led up to the second floor.

"Your baby doesn't look strong," said one of the ladies. "No ma'am, she ain't very well. I have to work hard, and I expect it affects her."

"What is the matter with her?" "He was never very strong, and he's had to work too hard, carrying water and helping me lift the washbuds, and things like that."

"No, he ain't dead. He used to be a good workman, and we had a comfortable home. But all he earns now, and that ain't much, goes for drink."

"Tommy, he was crazy to go to school. I never could spare him till this winter. He ain't as bright as the baby's father, but he'd be able to get a little education."

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MY OWN FOUR WALLS.

Thomas Carlyle was a man of wonderful characteristics of his own, and it is said that the only poem he ever wrote really characteristic of him, was the following: The storm and night is on the waste, Wild through the wind the herdsman calls, As fast on willing nag I haste Home to my own four walls.

THE HOME.

A Hint for Women.

It has been said, and we think wisely, that when the mother of the family is confronted by so many duties that it becomes a perplexity to know what to do first, the most judicious thing she can do is to do nothing at all for a short space but to rest and reflect. The recent revival of an old saying has furnished an excellent hint for busy workers among women.

THE FARM.

The Seeding of the Potato Crop.

Prof. A. Girard, of Germany, has recently conducted a series of investigations which go to show that although small potatoes may have reproductive power, yet the weight of the total yield when ripe is comparatively small. Medium sized tubers, when used for seed, gave practically the same final result per acre as the largest tubers, and are, therefore, stated to be the most economical for seeding purposes.

Milking Cows.

It often happens that a cow is extremely hard to milk, and cannot in consequence be milked clean, remarks the American Cultivator. This is very certainly caused by the flow of milk to diminish, for if any milk is left in the udder it becomes more or less inflamed, and the milk falls off in quantity.

Preserving Fence Posts.

In building a fence around my orchard, several years ago, I tried many plans for preserving the posts. Having occasion to remove the fence this winter I noted the condition of the posts as follows: Those set with no preparation were decayed an inch or more in thickness.

Care of Colts and Young Horses.

At this season of the year colts have outgrown the beauty and grace of their early life. Ill-shaped and long-haired, some of them no longer delight the eyes of their owner as formerly. These conditions are apt to bring to them lack of care and feed when most needed.

TEMPERANCE.

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and the liquor sellers are compelled to use their influence and give their money at every election. Indictments are found for violations of excise regulations and corded up in pigeon holes by the thousand, never to be taken down unless the saloon keeper is recalcitrant, while spasmoid raids and arrests enforce the law.

As it is in New York so it is in a degree at least in other cities. Where licenses are limited in number they become but the more valuable. When they are raised in price the number of unlicensed liquor sellers who are even more under the control of corrupt politicians than are the licensed ones, increase.

The Inevitable Result. A writer in the London Christian World uses the following forcible language. Can it be that such a national sin as our legalized drink traffic will not bring some terrible national calamity?

Rome shall perish! write that word in the blood that she hath spilt—Perish, hopeless and abhorred, Deep in ruin as in guilt. For the time of repentance is rapidly passing away.

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