

I WRITE as I See It!

—BARTON W. MARSH—

"Blow ye the trumpet of Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1.

Recently this column called attention to the poisoned conditions of the waters and air and the failing productivity of the soil. Exhaustive articles appeared in *Colliers* of Oct. 9th, 16th and 23rd. This of Dec. 18, has two and one-half columns of letters in response to these articles from all sections of the nation, that to say the least, are disturbing in their aspect. Poisoned and defective products of the soil, contaminated creeks and rivers, all bringing sickness and death to every living thing, animate and inanimate, their waters touch. Poisoned laden fogs and smogs appearing in many places, causing sickness, distress and some death. There are other perils hovering over us, that are individual, in their nature that should disturb our mental tranquility and awaken our personal fears.

It is not enough that the earth's being drained of its vital elements by national command and commercial avarice. These precious products are being consumed largely by greedy nations in unholy and godless wars, and by commercialized industries in products that all too often have no purpose other than to gratify the self-pampering and luxury-loving cravings of the aggregation of individuals.

Of what profit is it to grow wheat, corn, barley, rye and many other of the blessed products of the soil and change their nature in uses for which God, in creating them, did not intend, into alcoholic poisons, to be poured down the throat, thereby stealing away the brain and moral accountability of mankind. Of what profit is it to grow tens of thousands of acres of tobacco, which contains the deadly poison nicot-

ine, to be manufactured into products that can be chewed in the mouth and smoked in various ways, thus releasing the poison the product contains, to be swallowed, spat upon the contaminated soil, or diffused into the poison-laden atmosphere. We complain about the manner in which our national neighbors treat us. They cannot treat us any worse than we treat ourselves.

Does the fact that this is the most self-abandoned, drunken nation on earth impress us as an individual? The statistics appear to prove that in the use of habit-forming and harmful products we are way out in front. This is an individual matter, National shortcomings and faults are not to blame for this condition. We, as individuals, are at fault. As individuals we are under not obligation to any law or set of laws to abandon ourselves to ways of wantonness and personal degradation. The Judge of all the earth will hold us to personal accountability. Individually we shall answer before the Divine Court of last appeal for our deed here on earth.

"Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. The seed is rotten

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under the clod, the garner is laid desolate, the barns are broken down for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

"Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto

the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, nor mullified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." Joel 1:15, 17, 18; Isaiah 1:5-7.

That we may understand the completeness with which the

Prophetic Word covers the present condition of the natural elements of the land and sea, note how this Scripture includes the fish of the sea: "Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and the fowls of the heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea shall be taken away." Hosea 4:3.

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