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THE MARCH OF PROGRESS

Time passes, conditions change, forces are in operation and a mighty battle is continually raging; forward move the contending armies, now one advancing, then the other, the strife being long and fierce, each contending for the mastery no quarter being asked nor granted.

This is a battle of right against wrong, of righteousness against unrighteousness, of the powers of light against the powers of darkness, of knowledge against ignorance, and in which the latter wields a mighty power because of the fact that mankind must be shown, and we might add, convinced before the forward movement is made, and in very many instances, after conviction has taken place, there is no advancement because of apathy on the part of the convict, whose lack of energy prevents him, or her, from moving forward and occupying higher ground.

The battle is not one of bloodshed although human life is often sacrificed in the conflict; it is not one of physical force, although physical beings are operated upon and used in the conflict, but it is a spiritual strife where two great forces or principles are contending for supremacy, and in which right must inevitably win, for when we take a reasonable survey of the premises, we can come to no other conclusion, for as mankind is the object operated upon, when he has had enough of the evil that accrues from wrong ways he will turn to the right. Besides, it is written "Every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue confess to God."

These forces are operating everywhere and in diverse places we see the wane of battle surging, sometimes one way sometimes the other, and as we survey the field we note renewed activity and victory seems to be perching upon the banner of righteousness in a manner that gives rise to the hope that a higher order of human intelligence and conditions are being ushered in.

The wave of prohibition or the desire to get away from the drink evil, which is sweeping over our own, and other countries, is an omen for good; The cleansing of city governments and the turning on of light in the shady transactions of corporations mark the trend of public purpose, and shows a march towards righteousness in civic conditions. Within the last month two decided stands have been taken against lawlessness; One was in Ohio where the Governor stepped in and deposed a sheriff, also the mayor of Newark, for not using their best endeavor to prevent a lynching, while fourteen other persons are

under arrest for murder. The other is in our own state, where a deputy sheriff is under sentence of death and several other persons are sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in a lynching which occurred in Grant County. These are but mile-stones and mark the upward trend in human affairs.

The stupendous apathy or unconcern of the human family is such that hardly anything will awaken its members to a realization of conditions confronting them. While this is not true of each individual member, there are some who will not be moved by an earthquake except it shakes the vicinity in which they live. Great is Diana the god of repose.

In the creation of man God designed companionship for himself and the hosts of heaven, Is the creature equal to the requirement? Can we throw off our unconcern for the future and reach out to attain the measure of our creation

Self-preservation is said to be the first law of life; then why has not the human family, or a majority of that family, the right to exclude any thing from their midst that brings injury to them—alcoholic beverages for instance?

Has No Good Traits

A prominent scientist has said, "Alcohol is the blood of the gambler, the inspiration of the burglar, the stimulus of the highwayman and the support of the midnight incendiary. It suggests the lie and countenances the liar; condones the thief and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligation, reverences fraud, turns love to hate, scorns virtue and innocence. It incites the father to butcher his offspring and the child to sharpen the fratricidal ax. Alcohol burns up men, consumes women, destroys life, curses God and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury box and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes voters, corrupts elections, pollutes our institutions, endangers our government, degrades our citizens, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety despair, not hope; misery, not happiness and with the malevolence of a fiend, calmly surveys its frightful desolation and reveling in havoc, it poisons felicity, destroys peace and ruins morals, wipes out national honor, curses the world and laughs at the ruin it has wrought. It does that and more; it murders the soul; it is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy." If these are the awful results of intoxicating liquors tell me what law is too severe to protect the state or the home from its blasting and destroying influences? Tell me what law is too severe to protect the state and the family from its hell of crime, of dishonor, and of death? If it fills our jails and our almshouses and our asylums with its victims, as all concede, tell me what law is too severe to restrain and chain this monster that is so merciless to mankind? If it feeds our penitentiaries and our scaffolds, as all concede what law is too severe to control and prohibit its sale?

When I think of the heart-

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aches, the woes, the curses, the blows, the tears, the sorrow, the strife, the crimes the debts, the pains, the blasted hopes, the intense degradation, and supreme misery which come from one single barrel of whiskey, I join with a distinguished lawyer of my state in wishing that all of it in existence could be placed in one vast pile and consumed by fire and that, not another drop could ever be manufactured upon God's green footstool."

On the Wrong Back.

Charitable Lady—I gave your father the money to buy you a coat last week. I see you're not wearing it. Boy—No mum; 'e put it on a 'orse. Charitable Lady—On a horse? But he should have thought of your comfort before that of an animal.—Throne and Country.

Blissful Ignorance.

He (pointing with his whip)—There's a tobacco field. She—Give me the lines, dear, and see if you can find a ripe cigar for yourself.—Harper's Bazar.

Church Directory.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

L. C. HOOVER, Pastor

Morning service at 11:00 o'clock
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

Morning Service at 11. a. m.
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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