

"For Jesus' Sake Amen!"

In the *Helping Hand* Miss E. E. Johnson tells the following stories:

"I know of a little girl who promised the Lord all the paper rags she could find and her mother told me her carpets were never so neat before, for not a scrap or raveling escaped that rag-bag. Every month the rags were sold, and the proceeds went to the Sabbath school mission fund.

"Another little girl had the greatest dislike for sewing. She had commenced a bed-quilt, but was not likely to finish it. One day she came home from Sabbath school burning with missionary zeal, and asking for work.

"Well, Lizzie, I'll pay you if you will piece a block every other day."

"Poor Lizzie! her missionary spirit threatened to depart. But finally she said, solemnly, 'Yes, grandma, I'll piece blocks, of anything else, for Jesus sake amen! That bed quilt is finished now, and there is an earnest little worker for the missions at that home.'"

Would that some older children who shrink from laborious and disagreeable work would get a little more of this spirit, and say, "I'll do anything for Jesus sake, amen!"

Macaulay on Sunday.

"Man! man! this is the great creator of wealth. The difference between the soil of Campania and Spitzbergen is insignificant compared with the difference presented by two countries—the one inhabited by men full of moral and physical vigor, the other by beings plunged in an intellectual decrepitude. Hence it is that we are not impoverished, but on the contrary enriched by this seventh day, which we have for so many years devoted to rest. This day is not lost. While the machinery is stopped, while the car rests on the road, while the treasury is silent, while the smoke ceases to rise from the chimney of the factory, the nation enriches itself none the less than during the working days of the week. Man, the machine of all machines, the one by the side of which all the inventions of the Watts and the Aakwrights are as nothing, is recuperating and gaining strength so well, that on Monday he returns to his work with his mind clearer, with more courage for his work, and with renewed vigor. I will never believe that that which renders a people stronger, wiser and better, can ever turn to its impoverishment.

Emperor And Boy.

One of the commissioners from Brazil to the Philadelphia exposition, told a pleasant story of the emperor. A lad of good family, in Rio Janeiro, found himself left by the death of his father, friendless and penniless. "One day he saw a middle-aged man, plainly dressed, and with a singularly candid, kind countenance, walking alone in the street. The lad's companion told him it was the emperor, adding, 'He chooses to be unnoticed, to go up and down as the father of his people.'"

"If he is the father of his people," said the boy, "he will take some interest in me," and approaching the emperor, though trembling with fright, he told his story in a few words. Dom Pedro listened attentively.

"What is it that you want then, my boy?"

"An education, your majesty. If I had that I could be of some use to myself and others. Now I am of none."

"For what business did your father design you?"

"That of a civil engineer, sir."

"Come to me at noon to-morrow."

The emperor inquired concerning the lad, and then took upon himself the whole expense of his support and education, sending him to this country to receive the latter. The fact which gives more significance to this story is that the emperor is comparatively a poor man, his income being much less than that of many wealthy Brazilian gentlemen. Even the education of this one boy involved a certain amount of self-sacrifice on his part.

Dom Pedro cares nothing for luxury, pomp, or even the honors of the world; his whole aim is the elevation and improvement of his subjects. For this purpose he has visited almost every civilized country, carrying home the best theory and practice, to experiment in Brazil. He was accustomed on his tours of investigation at the exposition, to go about in shabby coat and trousers, to the great disappointment of the crowd. They did not recognize the fact that no insignia of royalty could add dignity to such real majesty of character.

Liquor Against Statesmanship.

The habit of using ardent spirits by men in office has occasioned more misery to the public than all other causes. And were I to commence my administration again, with the experience I now have, the first question I would ask respecting a candidate would be, "Does he use ardent spirits?"—Jefferson.

It is strange that the American people do not heed the truth stated in the above extract. Mr. Jefferson was a man of large experience in public affairs, and a close observer of men. His conclusion in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors by officers of the government, should make Christians sure that they have sober men as candidates before they cast their votes. Who would be tried by a drunken judge? Who would put confidence in an intoxicated jury, or a jury hot with whiskey? What intelligent man desires that the law shall be made by whiskey-drinking members of congress? No man, whose opinion is of the least value, wishes to commit his interests to men who are in the habit of using alcoholic liquors. The man whose brain is daily steeped in alcoholic liquors is wholly unfit for either private or public trusts. The Christian who knowingly votes for whiskey drinkers, is responsible for what evil may come of their election as well as for the example he sets by his vote itself. We want sober men for the great trusts of civil society, but we shall not have them, as a rule, while the drunkard is honored with the votes of Christians and good citizens. Down with intemperance in both social and civil affairs. Let all followers of Christ set their faces against the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Public opinion is a law, and if it were what it ought to be the American people would put an end to the reign of drunkenness both public and private. A man that drinks whiskey is unfit for public trusts, and unworthy to represent society in civil office.—Ec.

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