

## Communications.

### Bishop Barkley.

Rev. H. O. Kerns.

Dear Conservator Family and Brethren and Sisters of Our Beloved Zion: I feel I cannot refrain from saying a few words in memory of our beloved bishop, Rev. Henry L. Barkley, deceased.

I had often heard of his work in many ways before I met him, which was after his election as coast bishop, and, being introduced to him, I felt myself in the presence of one of God's elect, a man of superior power of mind and purpose, and after sixteen years of arduous work together in almost every condition and circumstance, I found in him a brave leader, a trusted counsellor, and a loyal supporter of the organic law and cardinal doctrines of the church for which he gave the best of his life.

In morals he was without censure; in benevolence he knew no bounds, though stern as to principle, yet modest in its enforcement; in sympathy he always showed the Christ-like spirit; socially, he was modest as a maiden; he was eloquent as a preacher of the gospel, charitable for other's weaknesses, while he was dignified in his general demeanor, he was not above attending Divine worship with the humble and was always ready to go to the prayer meetings when opportunity afforded, as he used to express it, he never felt above the common herd.

While he was a scholar he never boasted of his wisdom or used high-sounding words to the detriment of the unlettered, and though capable of filling any place in the church, he never would take the place of others when they were announced to lead a service, and he would listen attentively to the boy preacher or a weak brother, and at the close speak words of encouragement rather than criticism.

He often said a married man should treat his wife as his companion and not as a slave, and a few kind words or loving deeds to the living were of more value than a display of flowers on the coffins of the dead.

We just received a letter from his noble wife, Sister Ida Barkley, in which she states that he preached many sermons while he was sick. That same friend remarked that it seemed hard for him to suffer so, but he said the Lord is leading, and before he died he asked her to sing "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought." Then on Sunday morning he said, "I

hope the good Lord will take me today," and in the evening, as he was passing down to the Valley of the Shadow of Death, he waved his hand in token of his triumphant crossing. So I want to live the life of the Christian that my last end shall be like his. Amen.

### Sunday School in Berlin.

W. H. Woods, Secretary.

The Young Men's Organized Class of the U. B. Sunday school has just finished another year. Looking back we see that in many respects we have not made a very brilliant success. Yet with all we have done considerable work, and have accomplished some permanent results.

We began the year April 6, 1914, with a membership of twenty. During the year we lost one through removal from the city, and one seeking greener pastures in a larger church. Three of our members are very poor attendants at Sunday school, although their names are still kept on the class roll. One of our members is attending Huntington College.

During the year we have gained two members. Our work as a class has not been very definite, although we endeavor to make ourselves decidedly useful wherever the need arises. Our members are very generous, and inclined to be decidedly charitable. During the year we gave financial assistance to two members of the class who met with misfortunes. Also made financial donations to the choir and to the running expenses of the church. We also sent flowers to homes of bereavement.

At our monthly business meetings we keep in touch with the needs of the church, and, as far as possible, the needs of all its members. We conduct our meetings on a strictly business basis, permitting no gossip, further than it reveals need where we can give help. Sometimes it means financial, sometimes counsel, sometimes only sympathy.

Our meetings always open with song and a season of prayer—and at some meetings almost every member will take part. We also have Scripture reading, and sometimes the pastor comments on what has been read.

This last year we have tried to make our monthly meetings more instructive, as well as more entertaining, by, at almost every meeting, having a number of questions answered. This we found to be a very good move, and also gives the members a little oratory exercise.

Such questions as the following:

Does the hope of reward influence

men more than the fear of punishment?

Do Genesis and Geology contradict each other?

Does education increase the happiness of man?

Give some prophecies concerning the return of the Jews to Palestine, and has the present war anything to do with it?

I will give some idea of the line of thought followed at our meetings.

Our monthly business meetings are usually well attended. During the past year an average of over fifty per cent of the membership enrolled attended the meetings. Our collections also are good, averaging for the year eighty-eight cents.

We run no bank account, and although our treasurer handles considerable funds, the treasury is often empty. We began the year with \$11.73 in the treasury. During the year we raised \$82.03, making a total of \$93.76. During the year we spent \$93.34, leaving a balance on hand of 42 cents. These figures do not include the Sunday school share of the Sunday collection.

### Perilous Times.

J. S. Leshner.

We had an article in a recent Conservator under the above caption, lamenting that the prayer meeting is not better attended and supported, and places some blame on the leader, but we wonder how he knows so much about it when he has not attended the prayer meeting for over five years, and has not attended our revival services for over six years. He is opposed to Christian Endeavor work. Then as to myself making an appointment for prayer-meeting and, then walking past the door of my own church to attend another church, this occurred about eight or nine years ago, and was in this way: The three churches in Middleburg planned to have a union Endeavor meeting of these three societies that evening. In the morning it was announced that there would be no meeting at our church that evening, on account of the union meeting, to which this brother objected and demanded to have prayer meeting. I then, as leader and sexton, would open the church house, and if any one wished to come there they could have prayer-meeting, but that I was going to the union meeting, as I was assigned a subject for the evening. So none came but this brother and his wife. The other charges have about as much foundation in them as the one explained, but it would make my arti-

cle too long to explain them. So I will leave these matters to impartial judges to determine whether I did wrong. We should all lay aside all ill feeling as admonished by the Master and get free from all faults, then we can correct others.

[Editor—These two brethren are our old friends, where in their homes we have been hospitably entertained. So we trust they will forgive and forever bury the matter in the dead sea of forgetfulness and work together in the prayer-meeting harmoniously, and in all other meetings, and live together in heaven.]

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## Shall We Have a Saloonless Nation?

By Allan Sutherland.

"I am the sworn, eternal and uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic," declared Dr. William A. Sunday recently in Philadelphia. His call to the men of that city is the call of temperance workers everywhere to the men and women of our country: "Stand by me," he pleaded, "in my fight for your homes, your families and your decency. The saloon is doomed; the anti-saloon sentiment already holds the balance of power in the United States. In God's good time we are going to sing 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee,' and there won't be a saloon in it. We might as well try to dam Niagara Falls with toothpicks as to try to stem the great tide of temperance reform that is sweeping our country."

The great American Anti-Saloon League convention, which is to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 6th to 9th, is arousing much interest throughout our land. The five hundred hotels of that city are preparing for a vast army of not less than twenty-five thousand temperance enthusiasts who are expected to be present. Professor E. O. Excell, the popular choir leader, will have charge of the music. The Hon. John G. Woolley, Hon. Malcolm R. Patterson, Major Dan Morgan Smith, Sam Small, and many other widely known men will be among the speakers. Encouraging reports are being received almost every day of the progress of prohibition.

The Alabama prohibition law becomes effective July 1st, 1915; and on January 1st, 1916, Arkansas, Idaho, and Iowa will have state-wide prohibition, which will make a total of eighteen prohibition states. On March the first Governor Hammond signed the county option bill recently passed by the Minnesota legislature. The law becomes effective immediately.

It is also cause for boundless gratitude that prominent men once committed to the liquor interests are now seeing their duty with clearer vision and are bravely working for a saloonless nation. Major Dan Morgan Smith, of Chicago, is a notable illustration of this. Although never personally addicted to the use of strong drink, yet he was for several years the able general counsel of the Model License League. He is now a zealous advocate of temperance, and thus writes: "Arguments that once seemed so plausible have failed me; for the foundation of my faith and the cornerstone of my arguments was the failure of regulation and the success of prohibition. My faith is gone, and my cornerstone is displaced; my structure has fallen, and it remains for me to help build another, founded on a new faith, with a cornerstone as enduring as the truth, and that faith shall be called Temperance, and the cornerstone shall be Annihilation. I shall never make another speech in behalf of the Model License League. I am through with the wet side. My intelligence insists upon it; my conscience demands it." Major Smith is now under contract with the National Anti-Saloon League as one of its regular national campaign speakers. He recently made a great plea for temperance before an audience of not less than seven thousand in Texas. His first address in behalf of temperance was delivered at the Ohio state convention of the Anti-Saloon League. It will be recalled that five hundred and four thousand votes were cast last fall in Ohio for prohibition after only ninety days' work. This was the largest number of prohibition votes ever cast in any one state.

Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, who is spoken of as a candidate for President on the Republican ticket, has announced his platform, in which the fourth plank is: "The saloon must go! Sobriety must be the rule of conduct for the future!" He is the first man prominently considered as a presidential possibility in a dominant party, who has declared himself for nation-wide prohibition.

With such leaders, with our hope in God, with a great nation to be saved from the curse of rum, surely we, too, should heed the command given of old to Joshua: "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

All persons shall be recognized as

delegates, who are appointed by local church, Sunday school, Gideons, Young People's societies, temperance organizations, W. C. T. U., Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., or district or annual associations, synod or conventions of a religious body, or by any state board of trustees or state headquarters committee, or any other organization co-operative with the state department. Each local organization as indicated in the above is entitled to one delegate and one alternate.

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## The Overworked Mother.

It is a mother's constant temptation to serve her children in lesser deeds that rob her life of its most important property—to forget herself and waste her soul in the routine demands made by her children. But let every mother know that the best way to serve her children is to keep alive in her breast the importance of her own personality. Let her know that the time will come when these little ones will need more than the sacrifices of the nursery. Some day they will need her companionship. They will need her to be large-minded, up-to-date, so that they may share their men's and women's problems with her.

Happy is that mother who grows with her children! Happy she who keeps to herself in their childhood sacred hours for her own self-culture, renewing ever the oil in her lamp that to them her supreme gift may be a constant and increasing light!—Christian century.

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## Power From Above.

If thou dost once every hour throw thyself by faith beyond all creatures, beyond and above all sensual perception and apprehension, yea, above discourse and reasoning, into abysmal mercy of God, into the sufferings of our Lord, and into the fellowship of his interceding, and yieldest thyself fully and absolutely thereinto; then thou shalt receive power from above to rule over death and the devil, and to subdue hell and the world unto thee. And then thou mayest subsist in all temptations, and be the brighter for them.

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## Enthusiasm.

"No virtue is safe that is not enthusiastic." Half-hearted virtue is a misnomer. A man who is moderately honest is not apt to win success in the marts of the world. A man who is indifferently moral is not the man you want to associate with. Let your virtues be decisive virtues. But let your virtue have vigor rather than vanity.