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Raise the standard of righteous living. There is always a tendency in human nature to sag from the highest ideals. Worldliness and selfishness are always at each elbow whispering their allurements and enticing us by siren song to be less consecrated, less devoted, less self-sacrificing. The last dozen years have been years of peculiar and unusual temptation to young people. The standards of many Churches in regard to worldly conduct

Horrors of the Liquor Traffic.

BY A. F. GROW.

Some great artist's brush I'd borrow, if an artist, that I might
Paint a picture of this traffic, with a background black as night!
Every evil known to mortals on the canvas I would trace,
And besides these evils pictured, I would paint a demon's face.

This the outline of a picture of a traffic born of hell!
On it, health I'd paint the ruins; and where love was wont to dwell
I would paint affection dying, with grim visaged dark despair,
Driving from a once bright fireside all paternal love and care.

All the crimes e'er known to mortals, I would paint of ev'ry hue:
Paint the hands of licensed voters, aye; I'd paint them blood-stained too!
And some preachers I'd paint standing, bloody-handed at the grave
Of each victim they helped murder; each poor rum-cursed, rumbound
slave.

I would paint a churchless valley—this the dismal vale of death;
O'er its sulphurous vapors hanging from the rum stills poisonous breath.
Vale of death and desolation—with each dwelling place a tomb,
Of some drunkard there awaiting the last awful day of doom!

I would paint a lofty mountain where perpetual storm clouds lower,
Black with vengeance, ever cheerless, where the storm-god, hour by
hour,
Sendeth forth his fiercest lightnings, and his thunders in their might,
Shake the mountain's firm foundations, filling mortals with affright!

I would paint an awful chasm, fathomless its depths should be,
Vast as this vast universe, and endless as eternity!
I would paint it black as midnight; there no glim'ring light of day
E'er should enter, and lost spirits there should hold unending sway.

Redeeming The Time.

If there is significance in the single word eternity, there is also in the single word time. The question of eternity will be: How have we improved time? This question will decide eternal destiny. Time is the seed, eternity is the fruit. The solemnity of time increases as the narrow isthmus lessens that separates us from eternity. We

Don't Get Discouraged.

Sometimes we become discouraged in our work and think it is all in vain, and yet we have the assurance that work done for the Lord is never in vain. In 1817, Robert Moffat, a Scotchman, penetrated the wilds of South Africa in the interests of missionary work. How useless his work seemed to him, but was it so? Only recently a cen-

Unanswered Prayer.

There must be good reasons why God does not hear prayer. One reason, often, doubtless is because it is not really prayer; only an empty and formal asking, into which no soul of real petition enters. But aside from this there must be reasons why God does not favorably hear many prayers which do carry up to his ear the earnest, soul-felt desires of his creatures.

One reason why some really urgent askings are "amiss" is explained to be because the end sought by the asker is not a good one—"that he may consume it upon your idols." We want wrong things. We want to nurture and further and favor our own ambition, or pride, or something worse. We are headed in some direction; we are in hot chase after something which we desire the world to give us, and we crave help from God in harming ourselves and others; and so it is entirely in line with the great principles of his government that he should decline to grant us that which we had no right to ask from him.

Another reason why some of our prayers are not answered may be that we do not ask right things in the right spirit. We may, so to speak, be too impetuous with God. We are not without the experience, sometimes, that our children come to us and request at our hands favors which in themselves are not sinful

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LIFE HERE AND HERE

AFTER

There is but one thing that saves this life from being contemptible, and that is the thought of another. The more profoundly we feel the reality of the great eternity, whither we are going, the greater do all things here become. Otherwise what's the use of doing anything in this world. It scarcely seems worth while in this brief span of life to do anything. A boy receives an expensive education at school and college, and still more expensive of time and experience. And then just when we think all this wisdom and preparation is ready to be put into action, we hear that all is over. He has past away. So with the young lady. She, after years of patient toil, graduates in music and the next hour her skillful fingers are stiffened in death, and then it is the hideous question arises, why all this effort or why one wiser than another.

If there is no life beyond the grave, if there is no immortality, if all is to end here, asked from a standpoint of this world, then the work of God is to end in nothing there is but little encouragement to try, but if this is only a state of infancy, only the education for eternity, in which the soul is to gain its wisdom and experience for a higher and nobler life, then to ask why the mind is taken from us is as

hook? You may not be conscious of it now, but there is a time coming when you will feel the pang, but often too late.

“Acquaint thyself with God and be at peace.”

The rush and hurry of the times, the hard struggle for bread, the consuming desire for position and power are writing lines and wrinkles on the faces of men and women. Now and then one sees a countenance shining with the inward light of peace, and the brightness thereof kindles a glow in cheerless lives—but a walk through the crowded streets of a large city will show that the thousands that jostle and pass each other are pre-occupied, self-absorbed, possessed with the spirit of unrest. Nor is this true alone of the self-seeking and ungodly. Humanitarians, burning with a sense of the wrongs of the people, are themselves anxious and oppressed with the woes they can not heal. A philanthropist said to me the other day: “My very heart is sick with the misery that I meet with every day.” In a meeting which I attended a few days later, a prominent missionary worker, in pleading for a large thank-offering, showed in her face quivering with emotion the burdens she was bearing on account of the indifference at home and the misery abroad. Everywhere the absence of peace mars the work of the toilers for men and for God.

Need this be so? Eliphaz, the Temanite, long ago said to Job:

“Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.” The apostle writing to the Corinthians says: “God hath called us to peace.” The Master Himself says to each of His followers: “Peace I leave with you: My peace I give unto you.” A study of the passages which contain the assertions and promises concern-

Violation Sunday Law.

The attention of the Advocate has been called to the frequent violations in our town of the Sunday law by the saloons. If a grocery dealer or butcher were to sell one dollars worth of goods on Sunday they would, as has been the case, be prosecuted for it and held before the county as a violator. Yet in our midst every Sunday and Sunday night, some of the saloons and gambling dens doing business without let or hindrance. We have no fight to make on the saloon men, but on their business we have. We have no ax to grind, but between man and man we believe in justice. If the law says to not sell whiskey on Sunday, it means all, and not a part, and if the saloons of this town cannot sell enough from Monday morning till Saturday night to make a living, they are privileged to quit the business any time. It is to be regretted that we are forced to call attention to this, but the public demands that these violations must stop, and the officers who are elected to enforce the law must do their duty or give an account to the people who elected them as to why they do not. Laws are laws, and the officers are not responsible for them, but when elected to office must enforce them or stand before the people as a perjurer and a moral failure not worthy the trust bestowed upon them by a confiding public. In fact, in this case it is a matter of love or duty, and duty must be the guiding star, and the mothers and fathers with the oncoming generation of boys and girls must be protected from the awful influence of these poisonous hell holes of wickedness and sin.—Amarillo Western Advocate.

The above is just as applicable to Clarendon as it was to Amarillo. We are glad to see the Advocate

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M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. J. B. Henson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

Christian. — Elder F. T. Denson, pastor. Services 3rd Sunday and Saturday and Friday night before. Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Catholic, 3d—Rev. J. A. Lenert, priest in charge.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meets every Thursday evening in their hall in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. W. T. JONES, N. G.

JOHN McKILLOP, Sec'y.
EVENING STAR ENCAMPMENT No. 143 I. O. O. F. meets 1st Tuesday night in each month. JOHN LAUGHLIN, C. P.

FRANK WARD, scribe.
A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700. meets 2nd Saturday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. GEO. MORGAN, W. M. W. H. COOKE, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 216 R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. J. K. PALMER, H. P.

G. F. Morgan, Sec.
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W. R. SILVEY, Clerk.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.—Meets every third Friday of each month at 7:30 o'clock in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. MRS. MARY ANDERSON, W. M. MRS. LIDA BLANKENSHIP, Sec.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Builder's material at Anderson's.

McMillon, of the Globe Studio also does copying and enlarging.

Don't forget to attend the league next Sunday.

Hon. Isaac Smith, of Rowe, spent last Tuesday in Clarendon.

B. W. Johnson is building a commodious warehouse in the rear of his new store.

Robt. Sawyer will shortly begin building two four room dwellings on

The public school will close April 28th.

Measles seem to have taken a fresh hold in town this week.

Rev. A. W. Rogers, of Norman, Okla., is in Clarendon this week.

Engineer Wm. O'Brien left Wednesday for a month's stay at Mineral Wells.

The post office will be closed next Friday after 10 a. m. on account of holiday, it being San Jacinto day.

J. R. Clopton is trying to get carpenters to get his dwelling started this week which he will build in east part of town.

The southern Methodist church congregation will soon seat their church with handsome oak pews instead of chairs as now.

G. W. Baker has completed the public well on the court house block. We hope the commissioners will early place a wind mill and public watering troughs.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church will begin Sunday April 30th. Rev. Bailey of Midlothian will be here to assist. Let every Christian man and woman give their help and influence. Clarendon very much needs a soul saving revival.

It is reported that the Rock Island company has let the contract for construction of fifty miles more of their road coming west, which will enable it to reach Mangum in Greer county, Ok. This road is pointing directly at Clarendon. It should not miss its aim.

We have been listening to hear of something serious growing out of fencing streets and roads in town with barbed wire and no blind, especially across the roads. Several have run into these fences and it

The family of Rev. R. A. Hall, of Memphis charge, will return about the last of this month to live on their section five miles south of town for six months.

The Clarendon waterworks will soon remove the engine and pumping machinery from the well on the hill to the wells in the rear of the Baptist church.

Miss Briggie Sullivan was taken suddenly ill at the public school Wednesday at noon. A physician was summoned and she was removed home. Her condition is critical.

The Morgan Lumber Co., have an adjustable window screen that is a dandy and cheap. Fits any sized window.

Who Guides It?

Should you see a fine ship well built, handsomely rigged, and completely equipped for a voyage, could you believe she built herself, or that she was built by chance or that she sprung like a bubble out of the sea? Would you not feel as certain that she was work of some builder, as if you had stood and seen him shape every timber, and drive every bolt? And can you, then, be made to believe that this great ship, the world, built itself or that it was built by chance or that it sprung out of nothing without any cause?

Should you see a vessel go every year, for many years successively, to a distant port and return at a set time, performing all her voyages with perfect regularity, and never going a cable's length out of her course, nor be a day out of her time, could any man persuade you to believe that she had no commander, pilot or helmsman on board, that she went, and came back of her own accord, and had nothing to steer her but the wind, would you have any more doubt that she was under the

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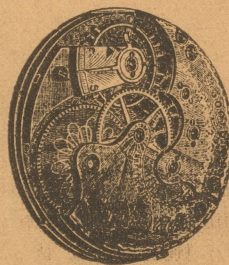
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Here and There.

Carpenters are on a strike a Waco.

Destructive prairie fires are raging throughout portions of Nebraska.

The Rev. Geo. Stuart is conducting a revival meeting at Bonham.

It is rumored that Gen. Joe Wheeler will be made military governor of Manila.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Texas, met at Waco last week in their ninth annual session.

Henrietta will have a summer normal this year, with J. S. Holiday of that place as conductor.

Ft. Worth has inaugurated a movement for the erection and maintenance of a public library.

The schools of Sherman will celebrate Dewey day May 1, instead of San Jacinto day as heretofore.

Pope Leo III was able to attend high mass Sunday, his appearance, though, being pitiable and pathetic.

The trial of Mrs. George for killing Geo. D. Saxton, brother of Mrs. McKinley, is in progress at Canton, Ohio.

The grand commandery of Knight Templars of Texas held their 46th annual conclave in Ft. Worth last week.

Ex-United States Senator Geo. G. Gray, of Delaware, a democrat, has been appointed a federal judge by President McKinley.

The Corsicana district held their Epworth League conference at Mexia during last week. There were about 100 delegates present.

The preachers of Paris, Texas, want a local option election in Lamar county. Petitions praying for same will be presented to next meeting of commissioner's court.

The inhabitants of Zapata county have sent out an appeal for help. The drought has been continuing.

the organized democratic party is assured.

The grand lodge of Knights of Pythias of Texas is in session at Ft. Worth.

The general opinion prevails that the Philippine war will be prolonged for sometime. A call for additional troops has been authorized.

E. U. Law, of Hays City, Kas., was a pleasant visitor to our office last Friday and left a subscription to his sister at the above place.

The Dallas Public Library association met last week and elected their permanent officers. Work will be begun at once toward raising money for the library.

The people of Abbott, Wise county, are very much excited over a reported discovery of a treasure near that place. Searching for it has been in progress for several weeks.

Rev. Abe Mulkey has just closed a successful revival meeting at Lot, Falls county. There were 150 conversions and 116 additions to the various churches. Among the converted were three saloon men two of whom closed their saloons at once.

The smallpox scare at Quanah has about subsided. It has developed since the report that the case in question was not smallpox. The business men of Quanah, with characteristic promptness, have sent out over the whole country circulars and handbills to the effect that there is no danger and has been none.

Gen. Maximo Gomez has been selected almost unanimously by the Cuban army as their representative with full power to treat with this government. He declares that after the completion of this work that he desires to retire to some foreign country or to any part of Cuba to spend the remainder of his days in

leader, is before the legislative investigating committee of New York for various irregularities and offenses arising from his connection with the government machinery of New York city.

Gov. Sayers has sent a brief message to the legislature, recommending that they provide for the removal of the remains of Stephen F. Austin and his sister from Peach Point, Brazoria county, the family burying ground, to the capitol grounds at Austin, and erect over them a suitable monument. This is a commendable move.

“Don't get in the habit of going places where you are not invited; don't imagine that you are always welcome anywhere.”

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