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Hastening to a Decision

The agitation for a referendum on the liquor guestion has started. With a little over a month on trial the liquor interests in their conduct of increased sale have so offended the general public throughout the Province that the temperance sentiment is becoming very much awakened. In its initial stages of operation it would appear that the element of personal liberties in the matter of imbibing intoxicating liquor have been granted. Just how they have been used and abused is answered by the public sentiment that has already been stirred up against their continuance. Everyone deplores the debauching of the youth of the land that is part of the backward step. seems, however, that we are a people who learn only by experience and a new generation has come along that had not the experience of former barroom, days. The toll of this experience will be heavy and possibly the innocent will be made to suffer for personal liberties of over indulgence of the few. It is regrettable that the backward step has been taken and the advances of former years discarded. There is a need for the awakening of temperance sentiment and temperance teaching to-day. The liquor interests are on trial and a continuance of conditions such as the first Burlington's debentures was heard at the meeting people. What marvellous and matchless month has witnessed will soon bring about a speedy last week. The answers apparently again weren' and unanimous decision by the jury.

'No Place to Halt

Just when the results of the Stevens investigation appear that the proceedings are about to be halted. Some time ago we wrote commending the investigation, and pointing out that the findings were of no avail unless measures were taken to cure the abuses exposed. We go a step further and say that if a cure is not going to be applied it would have been better not to expose the abuses. Their exposure has inflamed the public mind and all to no carese, unless steps are taken to remedy the ills that have been shown to exist. The past Provincial election was not a political party victory but an upheaval of public opinion against flagrant abuses of public administration. The changes that were advocated during the Provincial election were desired by the public. If they were not in a measure being fulfilled the expression of public opinion would have been to no avail Radical as these changes may seem, they appear to meet with public approval. Witness of this approval can be found in the bye-elections recently held. The time for halting the Stevens investigation is not the present. The presentation of measures to cure these evils and correct the abuses is all that will satisfy the electorate. Failing this, another voting upheaval can be anticipated and failing redress by these means better method of curing the causes contributing to out of style, but not the moral of this tale.-Lowell the ills of our distribution system.

The Best Dependence

It has been said that an extra advantage about telling the truth is that you do not have to remember all that you say. It is the reverse of the familiar saying that a liar needs a good memory. In point of fact, no liar has a sufficiently good memory. Sooner or later he is pound to betray himself. Whether you fall back on prevarication with the hope of saving yourself something disagreeable, or in order to spare another's feelings, the chances that you will give yourself away are ten to one. Even if your intention is good, the result is lamentable. The best way always is to tell the simple truth.

Laws Are Made to Break, it Seems

Throughout Ontario, on public highways, outside of incorporated municipalities jurisdiction, there is a speed limit of 35 miles per hour. In most municipalities a 20 mile limit is imposed in the interests of utters through His prophet Micah needs safety to children. There is no doubt that both these to be raised in all lands today. Micah's laws are violated hundreds of times every day. There are few, if any, cars on the highway to-day that have lesson-e. g. ch. 6: 2-5) the greed and asthma results. Nothing offers quite not travelled over the 35 mile limit. There is seldom injustice and cruelty of men over against such quick and positive relief as Dr. J. a car passes through town observes the 20 mile limit. The question then is what is to be done about this have a picture of not only the greedy clears the passages and gives untold matter. Should the law be amended to meet public land-grabbers of Micah's day but also relief. It has behind it years of sucrequirements or should it be enforced as it now of a hungry horde of monopolists and cess. It is the sure remedy for every stands on the statutes? It seems quite apparent, that and mines and oil-wells and business like prohibition, this law is not, and cannot be, en-enterprises of our own day. Many pushforced. The remedy seems to be an open law stipulat- ing business men lie awake nights to ing that cars must be driven at a safe speed, which devise methods to gather to themselves would be arrived at according to the circumstances. devise iniquity upon their beds," And There are times when it is positively dangerous to what they plan at night, while honest idle along the highway at 20 miles per hour, and like-men sleep, "they practice when the wise there are times when a speed of 50 or 60 miles power of their hand" they do, regardless per hour cannot be tolerated. The question boils of whether it is right or wrong. Will down to one basic fact. Automobiles are made and they gain anything by this? No; for advertised to do speeds up to 80 miles per hour. millons are a great curse to society, but Are manufacturers to be forced to make cars that they are a bigger curse to the millionaire will not exceed the stipulated rate of speed or are our and his family than to any one else. God laws to be made more reasonable. On a clear highway, in light traffic, there is not the slightest danger shall not remove your necks." Riches in travelling along at 45 to 50 miles per hour, provid- cannot buy happiness nor wealth a coning the driver is alert to his task. Traffic officers should be given power to determine when a driver is man who poorer people, in their foolishdriving at a speed dangerous to public safety, but no ness, envy, is beset with anxieties and set rules can determine what is dangerous. It is cares which render his life miserable and understood that in England and other countries says Jesus (Luke 12: 15) consisteth not where there is no speed limit, there is no great in the abundance of things which he slaughter of humans by granting permission to drive possesseth." And when wealth is made at higher speeds, but within the limits of public final punishment falls; not upon the opsafety.—Bowmanville Statesman.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Georgetown is likely to have a new pipe band. This would make three bands in the neighboring community. The town seems to be well banded.

The proposal of reduced interest rates for munici- God's one book, the Bible, In Micah's pality debentures comes as welcome to the taxpayer day "The LORD had a controversy with and unwelcome to the debenture holders.

The Sons of Temperance held their annual church mountains and hills to hear this conparade at Palermo. We predict a greater number of troversy: man had turned a deaf ear to such parades. When drunkenness goes on parade it deaf ear to Jehovah, let the mighty is usually followed by greater activity from the tem- mountains and the glorious hills hear perance forces.

Another echo of the County Council guarantee of very satisfying. The hope is that Burlington's present optimism will find justification during the next 1, 4, 7), and God's love to the backslider twenty years.

Instead of the seventeen-storey head office building, planned by the late Ontario Hydro-Electric had "sent before" them "Moses, Aaron at Ottawa were in a position to bear fruit, it would Power Commission, the present Commission has de- and Miriam": great as Moses was, he cided to erect a six-storey building. This will afford was nothing to Him whom God has sent ample accommodation for the staff, and will effect an had turned Balak's intended curse annual saving of \$80,000 a year in maintenance and through Balaam into a marvellous blesscarrying charges. Chairman Stewart Lyon and his ing (Num. ch. 22-25). Now comes the fellow commissioners are more interested in economy practical question for God's wandering and efficiency than they are in frills.—Barrie Exam- Jehovah" whom they have so grossly

> Recently a couple of our neighboring contempor- The mere performance of outward rearies observed birthdays. The Chesley Enterprise passed the fifty-eighth milestone, and its veteran "rivers of (costly) oil" will avail nothing. ec'itor, Wm. McDonald, has been forty-three years at the helm. The Fergus News-Record completed eighty years of publication and while this journal is older, its editor, Hugh Templin, is much younger. Both ficient basis of forgiveness and justificaare among the exchanges, which we read with a great deal of pleasure each week, and both are making a Cor. 5: 21). No! All God required of splendid job of representing their respective com- Israel, wicked as Israel had been, and all

A story is told of a medieval village that decided to hold a great feast. To insure its success, a huge His own word. (2) "To love mercy," i. e., cask was built, into which each participant agreed to to be constantly regardful of the needs we shudder to think of the means that may be taken pour a bottle of wine. "If I fill my bottle with to correct wrongs that the investigation has brought water," soliloquized one, "and empty it into the barrel trodden. (3) "To walk humbly with our to light. Strike experiences are not uncommon these with the others, surely it won't be noticed." The big God," i. e., to realize that we are sinners days, but they are not a profitable or satisfactory day arrived, and with all the villagers assembled the method of settling differences between employer and great cask was tapped. And lo! only water flowed (Romans 3: 19-27, R. V.; 4: 5; Eph. 2: employee. It is to be hoped that the findings of the forth. Each of the villagers also had reasoned, "My 4-8; Luke 18: 9-14), to realize that we investigation will be applicable in bringing about a bit will not be missed." Community feasts have gone

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

MICAH CHAMPIONS THE OPPRESSED

Golden Text.-He hath showed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly,

and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?-Micah 6; 8. Lesson Text.-Micah; chs. 2-4; 6: 1-7:

also, Jas. 1: 22-27. -Land of Judah.

Own Day. own day. The cry that Jehovah here a gradient of 1 in 10. money-mad covetors of other men's lands sufferer. morning is light." Whatever "is in the God says, "WOE TO THEM." Ill-gotten family do I devise an evil, from which ye tented heart. Their possessions ofttimes becomes a veritable curse, and many a his existence a burden. "A man's life," favor. to become an instrument of tyranny, the

pressed, but upon the oppressor. II. "Hear ye now what Jehovah saith,"

When God speaks there is only one thing for an intelligent man to do, listen, and listen attentively, intensely and obediently. It would be an immeasurable blessing if all present day preachers so spoke that they could always say, "Hear ye what Jehovah saith." They could if they would always speak by His people"; so He has to-day, with His earthly people, Israel, and also with the Church. In language of great poetic sublimity Micah calls on nature, the God, even His own people had turned a God's voice. They will hear it again some day and go hither and you at His omnipotent bidding (Zech. 14: 4-7). In great tenderness God pleads with His faithless, rebellious and disobedient pathos in the words, "O my people, what have I done unto thee, etc." (cf. Jer. 2: 4, 5, 13; 3: 12-14, 22; Hosea 11: 8; 14: is just the same to-day. Can any "testify against" God? God recounts His redeeming and delivering work for Israel: (1) He had "brought them up out of the land of bondage": so He has us. (2) He people, How shall they "come before wronged, and of whom they have been so forgetful and toward whom they have displayed such incredible ingratitude? ligious ceremonies, no matter how costly, will do no good, "thousands of rams" or The sacrificing, even of one's dearest, the "first born," will not suffice to atone "for the sin of one's soul." (God has already given His only begotten as an all-suftion, and we do not need to give ours (John 3: 16; Gal. 3: 13; Is. 53: 6; 2 He requires of any of us is true repentance: (1) "To do justly," i. e., to surrender our lives completely to God's control and conform our daily conduct exactly to His will as He reveals it in of others as well as our own, especially and trust in God's grace and not our have no moral power of our own and trust in God's transforming grace (Eph. 2: 1-5; Titus 3: 3-5, R. V.) and to de-

pend upon God in prayer for wisdom and

WORLD'S HIGHEST TOWER

What will be the greatest tower ever built is said to be under contemplation for erection at the World's Fair in Paris in 1937, and it is said there will be a spiral roadway from the bottom to height of 1,600 feet for motor cars. The description of this outstanding high structure states that its height is to be' 2,300 feet. It is expected to cost nearly two and a half million dollars to erect. Beams of light from the top of the tower will be visible at night as far off as the British south-coast and Belgium.

broad shelf is to rise uniformly in a spiral around the tower up to 1,600 feet, 6. (Verses printed, 6: 1-12.) Study, so that motor cars may be driven up under their own power and passengers Time.-From about 722-690 B. C. Place will see the widening horizon as they ascend. A special apparatus connecting Exposition .- I. A Message for Our the car axles to a rail will regulate their speed. The circular road, which will be This is emphatically a lesson for our about 31/2 miles long is planned to have

Choked for Air. Some little irritant name means, who is like Jah (Jehovah), becomes lodged in the bronchial tubes, and his book constantly sets (as in this others gather, and the awful choking of the love and patience and strict justice D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. The healof Jehovah. In vs. 1, 2 of chapter 6 we ing, soothing smoke or vapor penetrates.

AH, YES

5-7; Luke 18: 1). Here is the point at which more people fall than anywhere one of the most frequently misinterpretsays and the connection is which it is says, and history proves it, "against this itself in our everyday life, in our business life, and in all other activities or associations in which we engage. No repentance that still tolerates a "scant measure" and false scales counts with God. There must be an all-round adjustment of lives to the precepts of the Holy One, if we are to be accepted of

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