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"It has been shown you, O man, What the Lord desires of you: To do justice, and to love mercy. To walk humbly with your God"—Micah 6 : 8.

(The text for to-day was suggested by Rev. C. H. Whelan, pastor of the Andover Methodist Church. Next week's text will be suggested by Rev. MacGowan, pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church.

POLITICS IN THE PULPIT

THE editor was signally honored last Sunday morning, when a pastor of one of the Andover Churches that an editorial in last week's paper of sufficient importance to devote time usually consumed in preaching the gospel to criticising it.

The pastor told his flock that "Evidently the editor of the local paper is a democrat."—Oh, what a crime! That statement was no doubt highly enlightening to his congregation inasmuch as there has never been a time in the last twenty-five years when the political views of the editor was not known by every school child in town.

There could be no doubt in the minds of any hearing the pastor's talk but what he was a Republican, as no Democrat that we ever knew, holding the position a clergyman should occupy in a community, would so far forget himself and his position as to drag party politics into his pulpit.

It has never been our custom to allow "left-over" political matters to crowd our columns after election. But when the truthfulness of our editorial utterances are assailed, when the editor is accused of wilfully intending to deceive his readers,—especially when the charge comes from so high a place as the Christian pulpit is supposed to be, we cannot refrain from telling our side of the story even though it is late. Our veracity has been assailed. Our integrity is at stake.

The underhanded method used—springing a campaign speech upon an innocent congregation coming to hear the truth expounded, the last Sunday before election when the speaker knew well that it would be impossible for the News to defend its position before election, forces us to reply at this time.

The statement in our editorial which seemed to bring down the "righteous indignation" of the pastor was to the effect that "the election of a governor or other state officers can have no bearing whatever on the prohibition question."

We reiterate the same statement this week, and supply the proof even in the face of the denial of our clerical friend. When one displays his ignorance of the organic law of his country as has the preacher in his statements, thinking people will demand more proof and here it is.

Before it is possible to change the Prohibition Question the 18th Amendment must be either repealed or amended. That requires either a two-thirds vote of both houses of congress; or a demand coming from two-thirds of the states after holding constitutional conventions in each state; after which it must be ratified by three-fourths of the States of the Union.

This could not possibly be done under two years, and it has taken from five to fifty years to change the constitution of the United States.

The term of office of the Governor is only two years. How could a Governor derive his power to change the 18th Amendment?

The editor of the News asked the pastor wherein the editorial was wrong, and he referred us to Sec. 2 of the 18th Amendment, which reads as follows:

"The Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to ENFORCE this article by appropriate legislation."

Wherein does this refer to a change or alteration of the amendment? It simply provides a means of enforcing the amendment. It gives to the federal government authority to come into the several states and enforce the amendment if the states do not pass the necessary enforcement laws themselves. Which the federal government is now doing in nearly every state in the Union.

If the above is not sufficient proof, listen to what Governor Miller, who was the Republican candidate for Governor, said in an address in New York city last Thursday evening.

"The alluring hope is held by the Democratic platform and gubernatorial nominee, that if he is elected the people can have light wines and beers. He knows, you know, every intelligent citizen knows that whether he is elected or whether I am elected, can have no influence whatever upon that question, that the governor of this State and the legislature cannot, if they would, give the people light wines and beers."

Governor Miller is a lawyer of national and international reputation. He has been one of the highest judges in our state. We prefer to accept his statement in preference to that of the Andover pastor.

Governor-elect Smith makes this statement:—"There is nothing the Governor can do on prohibition. As a state issue prohibition does not come in."

But our Republican Clergyman failed to comment upon the last half of the editorial in question, in which we told our readers of the difference upon the temperance question of the two leading candidates for the United States Senate. Why?

Had he been perfectly fair, he would have reviewed the entire article. Therein he displayed his partisanship. The Republican party put up men who could pass as dry in dry territory and wet in wet territory for offices

where their temperance attitude could possibly make no difference with the temperance issue. But for candidates for office where the men had tremendous influence and a chance to make or break prohibition laws, they chose only known wet candidates, and the Andover pastor was so concerned with the correctness of a statement in the News that he gave up his sacred time to give the editor his calls, but had not a word to say in criticism of the double dealing and absolutely wet Republican candidates.

What congress passed the bill sending to the several states the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution? A Democratic Congress.

What President of the United States signed the bill and made the Prohibition Proclamation that made the United States dry for all time? President Wilson. A Democratic President.

There never was a Republican Congress or a Republican President that dared such advanced temperance action.

And yet our Republican friends are proclaiming from the street corners, from the house tops and from the PULPIT that the Democratic party is a "Whiskey Party."

For twenty-five years the position of the Andover News and its editor has been thoroughly understood in the community, especially upon the temperance question. There never was a time that its weight has not been felt for temperance and prohibition.

On several occasions when the license or no license fight was raging the hardest, in Andover, the News was the only voice raised against the liquor interests, those who should have backed us fearing the loss of financial support if they came out in the open and helped the News fight the battle for "God, Home and Country."

Now a pastor implies to Andover people that the News is "wet" because it is Democratic.

Brother, you will have to blow harder than any one set of lungs can stand before you prove to Andover people that your antagonizing of the editor of the News come from purely temperance and not political party motives.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

WHAT are we to believe? One day we are told in foreign dispatches that England and France are at outs.

Then we learn that they are in complete accord.

The next day we are told that they are on the verge of an open rupture.

In the run of a week we have about seven different versions, in all of which we are expected to place implicit faith.

What are we to believe? Simply this: Either European statesmen and officials have no minds of their own, or many of our foreign correspondents are the biggest liars on earth.

Beyond this, play safe by believing nothing.

IS THERE a wall paper, trust? If so, it is in danger of going to pieces.

At the present rate of exchange it is about as cheap to paper your house with German marks and Russian rubles as it is to spread on good American wall paper.

The wall paper industry should register a vigorous and vociferous protest against this foreign invasion of its legitimate field.

WHEN we see a fellow using the American flag to attract attention to his business enterprises, we can not help but wonder how much affection for the flag he would display if it led him to where the bullets fly thickly and rapidly and hit indiscriminately. What think you?

Many a wise man knows a few things and makes good guesses at the rest of them.

Foreign kings continue to squeeze their names into print every time they abdicate.

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church society and congregation was held in the church parlors last Monday evening, November 6th. Rev. K. E. MacGowan was elected Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Ames L. Rogers was re-elected clerk, and Mr. Frank S. Clark was re-elected treasurer for the coming year. Jesse Snyder, J. Harvey Backus, W. F. Snyder, Erwin D. Baker, J. M. Hartman and George Beebe were re-elected as trustees.

Encouraging reports were given by the Treasurer and by the presidents of all the societies of the church for the past year, and the work of the past year was reviewed.

It was recommended and approved unanimously that a financial budget for the coming year be estimated and a canvass of every member of the church and congregation completed.

The Leaders and Associate Leaders of the Every Member Group Plan will have charge of making the Every Member Canvass in the very near future. Every member, young or old, will be urged to pledge a definite amount per week, and quarterly statements will be sent to every member informing them whether they have met their obligations or are in arrears. It has long been known that business-like methods in the financial administration of a church are of vital importance. Inefficient administration, hand-to-mouth ways of raising money, carelessness in meeting the benevolence quotas, are a constant source of danger to a church. Efficient administration in raising money, so that an adequate income is secured in advance for the work of the church in prompt payment of bills, and in making a complete report of income and expenditure will build up the self-respect of a church in a community. Methods must be adopted that will result in the placing in the treasurer's hands at the beginning of the year definite subscriptions or pledges which will be at least equal to the estimated expenditures. It is clear that the church must commit itself to a stated expenditure every year—and the church means the members! In other words, the members must commit themselves to a stated expenditure and so must share in the responsibility to the extent that their means permit.

The increased efficiency of the financial administration of the church will enlarge and extend the work of the church in the community, as well as raise its prestige in popular estimation. The success of the plan will be conditioned by the loyalty of the members and by the faithfulness of the Supervisor and Leaders and Associate Leaders of the Canvass.

After the business was transacted, refreshments were served by the King's Daughters, and a very pleasant social evening followed.

The pastor congratulated the members on their unanimity of effort, their generosity of spirit, their democratic liberalism, their continued cheerfulness and their kindness of spirit during the past year. Everyone anticipates with interest the work of the church during the coming year for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in Andover.

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