

W. O. W. NEWS

W. H. GROGAN, JR.
District Manager

Head Consul Says

Sovereign E. B. Lewis has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Camp. We congratulate him on this honor and rejoice that he has been further recognized. To show that we are heartily behind him, let us have a great rally for Woodcraft in our State and begin at once by getting new members and increasing our membership. I assure you Sovereign Hill Camp will be backing up Mr. Lewis to the limit of our ability. Thank you for the information.

President Bradshaw to Attend

Sovereign D. E. Bradshaw, president of the Woodmen of the World, will attend our State Convention at Asheville next May. This is good news for us Western North Carolina men. We will all meet him at the convention and show him how real men can roll logs. I will have something interesting to tell each man in connection with President Bradshaw's visit to our District every Camp and member in Western North Carolina will want to make his visit a happy and helpful one long to be remembered and us.

Make Your Plans Now

Make your plans now for installing your 1933 officers. Let me know once if you want me to act as installing officer. I will be glad to attend one every night in January. Let's start the new year on a big way and do big things.

Remember Worthy Children

Don't forget to arrange to give something for Christmas. Let's practice fraternity this time and help the kids enjoy themselves, else some will think there is no Santa Claus.

Field Men's Bulletin, Nov.

OUR PRESIDENT

Our loved President, Hon. William A. Fraser who passed away in Switzerland on November 15, 1932. Thus enters one of our greatest Sovereigns into the eternal sanctuary of rest. We sympathize for himself, and on behalf of the entire Field Force, extend our sincerest sympathy to the members of his family and to mourn his loss.

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The Practical Religion.

As Applied To Daily Living
ECEL O. BRANTLEY)

"Whether, therefore ye eat or drink or whatever ye do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor.: 10-31.

There are a number of verses in the Bible along this line; verses that seem to deal with the unimportant things of life. Sometimes I have found myself wondering just how much stress should be laid on these questions; if there is really any importance to be attached to them.

Then I am led to ask myself the question, "What is the Bible and why was it given to us as it is if there are some things that might be just as well be disregarded. I've been told that there is a lot of history in the Bible and a lot of prophesy which has no bearing on the conduct of our every-day life today. I wonder. If the Bible writers took history and prophesy and the teachings of the Bible as they occurred and in the order in which they transpired why is it that a document, in the nature of history and prophesy is so incomplete? Why do we have nothing recorded about the life and works of so many men who must have been pretty prominent in those days, in the sense that the world at large looks upon prominence? Why is it that we have only the stories of men directly related to the Christian era and those who had a direct bearing on the events that have shaped themselves into a working out of Christ's plan?

I am inclined to accept the Bible as a guide to my daily life and conduct. That being the case, am I to shape my life in strict accordance with the instructions laid down there or can I accept and reject as I see fit? I can not but feel that if I am to accept any portion of what is there for my guidance I must accept it in its entirety, and for the same reason that a traveler, in consulting his road map notes every little direction that is placed there for him. To disregard one little crook or turn would throw him off his entire course.

Take the verse quoted as an instance. We are told that in eating and in drinking and in WHATEVER we do to do it all to the glory of God. Just what construction we are to place upon that text may be a matter of personal opinion in which we might all differ to some extent. I can not but feel that there are certain points where the line is to be drawn. It can hardly be denied that liquor drinking, in that verse would be tabooed. You may say that a little liquor will do no great harm but does it do any good? Can anyone, honestly say that in drinking liquor he is glorifying his Creator?

Another way in which we may look at this question in order to get a clearer conception of it is this: What are we REQUIRED to take into our bodies to sustain life? In this enlightened age that should not be a difficult question to answer. We all know that there are things that are considered harmful by those in position to know. We do not have to go to the written Word for that. Then if those things are harmful, whatever they may be, can we take them into our bodies and still glorify God in so doing? In that you have the answer. But the text goes on further than that: We are told that in everything we do we should do it to the glory of God. Can we indulge in "back yard gossip," profanity, dirty stories and other things of a similar nature and glorify God in it? If we can not then it is safe to say that we should refrain from those things as strictly as we refrain from murder, theft, adultery and similar acts. Why? Because, if we are to accept the Bible as it is written we can not help but notice that we are told that "if we are guilty of one violation, we are guilty of all." I take that to mean that even though we do everything we are commanded to do; though we live perfect lives excepting one thing then we might as well have done all things wrong. I do not mean, of course, sins we commit unknowingly but those we do wilfully. In Religion we must be educated and it requires time to attain any measure of perfection but as we find where we are doing wrong and make an attempt to correct it we are doing the best we can. But if we obey in everything and hold on to just one pet sin then our efforts are wasted.

So, when we are told that is everything we must glorify God it is safe to assume that he meant exactly that. It was not put there without purpose. If we are to accept any part of the teachings of the Bible we must accept all regardless of how trivial it may appear to us. God is the judge of that and He has not left it up to us. We are merely to be obedient in thought, word and deed. We are permitted to choose our own path, we preferred to be there we need for the... would choose... would have... stand