

FOR PURITY IN COMING ELECTIONS

Timely Sermon by Rev. J. Layton In Stanhope
Presbyterian Church.

WIDELY PREVALENT CORRUPTION REBUKED

And the Remedy Pointed Out—Appeal to Christian Party
Men, Committee Men and Agents to Observe the Law
and Not Put a Stumbling-Block in a Brother's Way—
The Way now Open for a Great Reform.

Sermon preached by Rev. J. Layton in
Stanhope Presbyterian Church on Sunday
3rd March 1901 from Rom. 14c. 13v. After
his introductory remarks, in which he
condemned the drinking habit, cardplay-
ing, gambling and dancing, he gave the
following able address as regards the duty
of those who wish to make politics purer
than they are at present:

Text: Rom. 14c. 13v. But we may extend
the scope from the text, and apply it to
matters that are not indifferent but intrin-
sically wrong—to practices that through
custom, or on account of the carelessness
or connivance of citizens become preva-
lent in many communities. Party politi-
cians should lay to heart our text: "Let us
not judge one another anymore, but
judge this rather that no man put a stum-
bling block or an occasion to fall in his
brother's way." Within a few weeks I
have heard persons on different sides of
politics express their disapproval of some
methods resorted to in conducting elec-
tions, and it seems to me a healthy sign
that some people realize the need of re-
form. I do not not preach politics and in
referring to the matter to-day I do not
do so in the interest of any party, or in
the defence or abuse of any party, but
in the interest of public morality and
Christian citizenship. I am not in a posi-
tion, nor have I any disposition to com-
pare or contrast one party with another.
My idea is that if anything definite or
adequate is done to promote political
purity, both parties must co-operate. I
think that it is admitted that both parties
need to consider and mend their ways. I
need not enter into details, or cite in-
stances, nor need I quote the serious re-
marks of the Judges. Because to prove
that one party is worse than the other, or
to prove that one is as deep in the mud as
the other is to the mire, simply leaves
things as they are. Mutual recriminations
will not clear either party. For this reason,
I feel freer in discussing the subject,
because I think that those who are clean
themselves, who have the confidence of
their party and of the community, are in
the best position to exert a good influence
in other parts of their constituency. My
feeling is that what needs to be done in
remedying the evils complained of, can
be done without anyone leaving his own
party. I may say that I do not believe
that the candidates, or their agents are
the only parties to blame for the corrup-
tions that may prevail. When you
conceive of a crowd of electors besieging
candidates, and clamoring for personal
favors, you do not wonder that politicians
come to think that every man has his
price. You can see then that much of the
blame rests on the people. When their
cry is, "You must do something for us" it
is natural that the question of the canvasser
is "What can we do for you?"

The pernicious proverbs, which some
politicians adopt lead to a great many
corrupt practices. One of these is "All's
fair in love and war," which when applied
in an election campaign, means that it
matters not how false the promises made,
or how foul the means used so that votes
are secured. The first thing that is needed
in the correction of abuses is the awak-
ening of the public conscience. We need
to feel that whatever we call dirty work
in the other party, is dirty work in our
own party, and moreover it must be re-
membered by both parties that it is al-
ways for our own party that we do the
dirty work, if it is done. It is not necessary
to discuss every evil connected with party
politics. There is one crying evil, how-
ever that both parties should unite in re-
moving, that is the use of liquor in elec-
tion campaigns. This is a matter in
which the words of our text have special
significance. "Let us not judge one an-
other any more, &c." I feel that in this
matter reform is possible, and that now it
is high time that vigorous steps should be
taken to put a stop to the practice. A
great deal has been done in P. E. I. to
promote temperance. A strong temperance
sentiment prevails. The whole provin-
ce with the exception of Charlottetown
is under the Scott Act. A Prohibitory
Law has been enacted, and, in three
months will be in force. If there is any
part of the Dominion, therefore, where the
people have it in their power to prevent
the use of liquor at elections, it is here,
especially in the country districts; and as
I have already intimated, good men on
both sides are asking, how it can be done?
Well, one simple answer is, Carry out the
law. Our election law as I take it, is wise,
just, and practicable. Its provisions are
intended to protect the freedom, and to
conserve the morals of the people. If the
letter and spirit of the law are conform-
ed to, you have a clean election. There
are many other circumstances favorable to
an effective reform movement. I believe

that any respectable candidate selected by
either party would be willing to pledge
himself not to sanction the use of liquor.
If he is not willing to do so then he should
not be nominated, for how can any honor-
able man ask to be put in the position of
a law maker, and at the same time ask
people to break the law in putting him
there? Farther, I feel that there is not a
Christian man on either side who wants
liquor used by his party. There may be
some, however, on both sides who say, "If
we do not supply money and run the
other party will get ahead of us." Two
answers may be made to this plea: First,
that it is better to lose an election than to
gain it by foul means, and secondly, that
those who want the liquor should not be
allowed to have their own way.

Our appeal is to Christian men who,
right or wrong, are party men—and men
who have a regard to the methods and
repute of their party—I reckon that the
majority of voters are professing Christians;
and I imagine that on the committees,
and among the agents on both sides, there
are church members and Church officers
of different denominations, and therefore
men who, if they set their faces, and
raised their voices against the practice
would make their influence felt, and, in
spite of the opposition they would en-
counter, would win their point. I know
of course, that even where candidates and
committees have done their best to prevent
malpractice, individuals may transgress;
but this is a very different thing from
what has been done in the past in provid-
ing and paying for liquor as a part of
election expenses.

An ideal election should mean an elec-
tion according to law, and implies that
every man be absolutely free to vote,
according to his own conscience, without
having any unlawful influence or undue
pressure brought to bear upon him. For
this reason I do not like the houses to
house, or private canvassing. The moral
quality of the practice depends, of course,
on the nature of the appeal you make to a
man. It may be all right to try to con-
vince a man's judgment by fact or argu-
ment; but it is all wrong to present con-
siderations as to how his personal inter-
ests will be affected, or as to what he will
gain or lose by his vote. My idea is that
it is in the private canvasses that the money
or liquor influence is chiefly used. I
imagine that very few of you are molested
by canvassers; not many of you would
want to be, and it is on the ground of the
golden rule that many people do not like it.

All may not agree to the principle in an
ideal election, that is, to leave people to
themselves, but in view of an early elec-
tion it may be asked why not try the
experiment? For after all the public
meetings held within the last six months,
after all the speeches heard, after all the
manifestos and editorials, etc., read, surely
men of ordinary intelligence and inde-
pendence have had ample opportunity to
make up their minds without going
through it all again. But whatever
methods are adopted in a lawful way let
every Christian citizen on either side
strive to fulfil the injunction, "Take
thought for things honorable in the sight
of all men." (E. V.) It seems to me that
little can be expected from professional
politicians unless or until Christian elec-
tors take their stand and use their in-
fluence in opposing what is wrong or what
may tend to put others wrong.
Possibly the call never was clearer, the

Constipated Bowels.

Constipation, or inactivity of the
bowels, is probably the cause of more
distress and suffering than any other
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Constipation can never be cured by
the use of salts and similar weaken-
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occasion more inviting, or the way more
open for reform than at present. We
should consider the matter in the light o
our text, and if we may so sin against the
brethren and against Christ in things indif-
ferent, how much greater will be our
guilt if in things morally wrong we
knowingly "put a stumbling block, or an
occasion to fall in our brother's way,"
by using means and influences which lead
him to act contrary to his own judgment
and conscience. Let us bear in mind that
our first duty—our highest interest is to
elect Christ as our Savior and Leader and
be careful not to do anything that we feel
He would not do, if He were in our
position.

EIGHT YEARS OF MISERY.

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gerth, a Hamilton, Ont., painter—
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him, and now he is enjoying good
health.

"For over eight years I have been a
sufferer from Dyspepsia. I was very bad.
I could not eat a meal without fear of
being taken with those terrible pains.
If I dared eat any kind of pastry, I
would suffer horribly.
"I had heartburn, and my stomach
would fill up with gas. My organs failed
in their work.
"I used several Dyspepsia medicines but
nothing seemed to help me.
"My friends advised me to take a
treatment under the doctor, but as I
did not think that any good would result
from it, I refused to have any such.
"A friend of mine had been cured by
Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, and advised
me strongly to try them. I did so, and
was cured. I can now eat a hearty meal
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A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Sir Henry Irving has just had an extra-
ordinarily successful season in Glasgow.
It is said that he exceeded all previous
theatrical records in that city both as re-
gards the number of spectators and the
mount of the receipts.

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ARROW POINTS.

(By Pastor J. Clark, M. A.)

- Know what you know.
- Man can only attain do God's glory by
God's grace.
- The power that saves sanctifies.
- If we love the Lord we will live for
Him.
- Satan is no simpleton.
- Death is what life makes it.
- Not all the saints are still sinners.
- None judge the world.
- It is hard to help those who do not
want to be helped.

No change can ever be
In God who dwells above,
No trusting soul shall see.
The end of His great love.
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jected a proposal to submit the question
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