

VAUDEVILLE RELIGION.

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ply because the churches are taking it up! He could not be more mistaken. The vulgar movie will continue to exist. Shows, theatres, dance halls, and all places where the godless, the worldly, and the vicious gather for their pastime and amusement will continue to be crowded. The nation is cursed with a perfect craze for amusement. This condition arises out of the fact that we are in the midst of a great spiritual dearth, that the Church has grown so cold, and the ministers so tame, and the people so wicked that without God and salvation they are running after every imaginable thing to kill time, quiet conscience, and feed upon the husks which swine did eat, their starved and hungry souls.

In contrast with what this pastor has to say in putting up his excuse for turning the Church into a show-house, we wish to call attention to some Y. M. C. A. utterances on the subject. In Detroit, Mich., November 21, there appeared the following: "Vaudeville Religion—religion sandwiched in between motion pictures and other entertainments—did not command the respect of American soldiers in camps at home or abroad, a special commission of the Y. M. C. A. in investigating relations between the churches and the Association reported to the Fortieth International Convention today." "Wherever the Association acted openly and unhesitatingly in its war work, on the principle that its supreme aim was building up the kingdom of Christ among men, it met with complete success, the report said. Service as a surreptitious cloak for evangelism is not effective and is not Christian."

This is good common sense. It is the result of large experience by the Y. M. C. A. workers, and in the nature of things, is bound to be the truth. The mixing up of gospel sermons with picture shows is impractical and out of harmony with the true spirit of Christianity. Whenever a preacher begins to whine around, make apologies and explanation for putting movies into his church in order to draw the crowd, he admits that he hasn't the intelligence, the spiritual unction, and Christian zeal which will attract and draw the people to hear his message. Such men, rather than taking the moving picture dodge, ought to go to the upper room and seek pentecostal power. Such men do not deserve the support of Christians, or the respect of the sinners of their community.

All this talk about taking amusements and pastimes out of the hands and control of the world and placing them under the supervision of the Church, is utter nonsense. The sad facts are, the world is taking charge of the Church and bringing its pastimes and amusements into the House of God to supplant the gospel and all true spiritual worship. If this business is continued it is not only going to result in quenching what fire there is left in Methodism, but sooner or later, it will mean division, and that branch of the Church which goes after the world will become a dead ecclesiasticism given over to shows, dances, card playing, and all forms of worldliness, and the Church buildings will become mere show houses and amuse-

ment halls, and in the end, a degraded and sinful people will break into anarchy and riot and tear the idolatrous structures and temples of carnal pleasure, lust, and pastimes, to their foundation.—Pentecostal Herald.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Brother Baker:

I am sending my renewal for the Highway, also a small contribution for our foreign missionary work.

I can truly say I enjoy the Highway as well as ever. It seems to me every issue is the best, and I always look forward to its coming, so many things of interest for me. I am interested in all the interests of the Reformed Baptist Association, and pray daily for God's blessing upon all of your undertakings for Him.

As for myself, I am enjoying good health, and full salvation, which is the best of all. The past year has been in many ways the best year of my life. I walk with the King and my soul faces home. Glory!

I am as ever your brother in Christ.

W. C. GRANT.

Manchester, Me.

Dear Brother Baker:

Enclosed please find renewal for the Highway.

My testimony is that Jesus is precious to me and I praise him for full salvation, for he has cleansed me from all sin, and I am resting on his promises.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in this place in sending us preachers that we are all glad to have with us. My soul has been refreshed in their meetings, and I praise the Lord for victory every day.

MRS. JUDSON HILLMAN.

Meductic, Dec. 9, 1919.

Dear Brother Baker:

My testimony is today:

Jesus is precious to me,

Always his lover I'll be,

Wherever he leads, by his grace I'll follow,

Jesus is precious to me.

Wish all the Highway readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and they may see many souls saved and sanctified. The fire of heavenly love is burning in my soul.

Your sister,

MRS. W. S. BEALS.

Colina, N. B.

Dear Highway:

We want to note in your columns a few lines regarding our work at Green Bush, N. B.

We have been enjoying good services. Several have stood for prayer, for which we praise God and pray that they may go on to know for a surety that Jesus saves.

We had an exceedingly pleasant evening at Green Bush on the 22nd. Brother Wendell Phillips called at our home on Saturday evening, the 20th, and left us a fine goose, and invited us to his home for Monday evening, and drove over for us. We went over the river nicely with just a little excitement going over some lumber, which made Mrs. Mullen's mother somewhat nervous.

After supper others began to gather in

until about thirty-five were present. We spent the time in conversation and singing the songs of Zion, until about ten o'clock and were then invited to the dining room where the table was spread with good things. After partaking of them we again returned to the parlor. In a quaint speech Brother W. C. Wright told that he could remember when people made pies to sell, but now they paid the preacher and ate the pies themselves. He then presented Mrs. Mullen and myself, on behalf of those present, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brown, of Middle Southampton, who were unable to be present, with one hundred dollars in cash and a twelve dollar pledge and some butter, making \$114.00.

We did our best to thank them for their kindness to us, but words failed us to express our gratitude to God and the people. We pray God's richest blessing upon them, and trust he will make us a blessing while we labour together. As we went home next morning there was a large basket to take home with us, containing butter, chicken, cake and rolls.

We "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

H. S. AND MRS. MULLEN.

Dear Brother Baker:

Please find enclosed \$4.00 for foreign missions.

Am glad to tell you the work is progressing and precious souls are getting through, more are under conviction. Trust you are having good times in Moncton as a result of special meetings. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas, I remain,

Yours in Him,

F. H. LOCK.

Amherst, N. S.

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

Rev. M. Ella Slipp\$3.00
A. J. MARSTEN,
Treasurer.

MISSIONARY FUND.

W. C. Grant (Foreign)\$10.00
Hugh Churchill (Home) 12.75
Mrs. Jacob Harris (Foreign) 4.00
Rev. G. W. Henderson50
Rev. G. A. Sellar50
F. H. Lock (Foreign) 4.00

HIGHWAY SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

Miss Rebecca P. Prince\$1.00

MARRIED.

Tucker-Jones.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Jones, Upper Hainesville, on the evening of Dec. 17th, their daughter, Verna Fay, was united in marriage to Chas. W. Tucker by Rev. H. C. Archer.

Socea-Moran.

At the minister's residence, Albert St., Woodstock, Dec. 8th, by Rev. J. H. Coy, Mr. Charles Socea and Mrs. Mary Moran, both of Island Falls, Me.

"Except we crown Christ 'Lord of All' we do not crown him at all."