

POPULAR AMUSEMENT WITH THE LID OFF.

Evangelist Dave Hill.

What kind of consummate mockery is it for intelligent people to stand in the house of God and pray, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil," and then go right out and dynamite the door down and plunge into temptation?

Advertise a dance for men only and men will be as scarce at the dance as poodle dog society women at a prayer meeting.

I do not undertake to say that every woman that goes on the dance floor is unchaste, or has any such thoughts, but I do say she is taking some awful chances. Statistics show that seventy-five per cent. of the poor fallen women of this country went down through the dance.

Many make the claim that the liberties that men take with the women on the dance floor are not improper. Well, suppose some of you married men go home some night and find some old geezer in your parlor taking the liberties with your wife that he does on the dance floor. I know what you would do. You would get out of your coat and do one of the best pieces of missionary work that you ever did in your life.

Suppose you try going down on the street and grabbing some woman in your arms and taking the same liberties you do on the dance floor, and see how quickly they will pinch you for indecent conduct.

Picture shows of the large cities of today are one of the greatest harvest fields that the panders have to work in, to get girls for the white slave traffic.

Any old dead fish can float down stream, but it takes a real live fish to swim up stream. A lot of church people are following the crowd into all kinds of worldly amusements and yet they pray, "Lead us not into temptation."

One of the grandest things that heaven will ever smile upon is the character of a young lady or gentleman that has gone through this world and kept itself free from the blight that is brought on by the fruits of the popular amusements of the present day.

I have my holiness on the inside and do not have to wear it on the outside to be shown only by some peculiar garb or style or hair-cut or other cranky notion.

You could not chain a Holy Ghost filled man back in his seat in the audience when the altar call is given and the altar is full of seekers needing to be prayed for.

Some church members never wore out a tug in their lives, but they have worn out dozens of pairs of breeches—they've done so much more backing up than pulling.

Some folks say the Christian religion is not emotional. If you take emotion out of religion, you take God out of it, for God is love, and who ever heard of love being without emotion.

A great many Christians say they are too tired to go to the Prayer Meetings. If the poor preachers had enough dough to pay church people a dollar a head for every one at Prayer Meeting, all the old dried-up Christians would be there every night, and they would bring every one of their children, too.—Witness.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Highway:

Another year has gone and as we look forward to the new year we have much to praise God for. While sickness and death have raged around us, so far our ranks have been unbroken. While many churches and pastors have suffered financially, we are glad to report that this pastor and family have not been forgotten, also the Church expenses have been willingly met. Also we wish to thank the people of Penniac and Mount Hope for a Christmas gift to us of \$36.50. At Penniac the people have put some much needed repairs on the inside of the church so that it is clean, more comfortable and more becoming as the House of God than it has been for years.

Yours in the work,

E. W. LESTER.

Marysville, Jan. 13th, 1919.

To the Editor of the Highway:

Just a few lines to let you know I am still trusting in the Lord. I am in the lumber woods. I am glad that we can take the Lord with us, blessed be his name. I thank God for keeping me above the trifling things of the world. The more I hear holiness spoken against, the more I feel like shouting to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

I am always glad to receive the Highway and hear what the Lord has done for his people. I praise him today for salvation, and the power to heal. "Praise the Lord."

ALFRED GRANT.

Upham, N. B.

Dear Brother Baker:

I usually feel limited for time to write letters, but as I have been laid aside for a month, and not allowed to even sit up in bed, I see some opportunity to write an occasional letter. I am glad to report victory through the blood, and that the blessing I received a year ago the 30th of September still abides. Hallelujah!

And I am so glad that while there is so much dearth in spiritual things, my soul enjoys that experience "that is like a watered garden," and the springs of water do not fail. Glory to God!

I am so glad I got settled, and the things that once upset me no longer molest, and I feel in my soul the assurance, that while I walk in the light, and keep true, I shall not be moved, oh, how the blessed promise comes to mind, when we consider the ability of God in our behalf, it makes the soul feel as if there were nothing that can befall us, but will be for our good and His glory.

I am expecting, with some of our brethren, a victory in our church and pray it may come speedily.

"Oh what comfort it brings as my soul sweetly sings,

I am safe from all danger while under his wings."

Yours "strong in the faith once delivered to the saints,"

N. B. COX.

Hartland, N. B.

"Every human being whom we approach should be better for us."

THE INFLUENZA SCOURGE.

We feel deeply impressed to write a few lines for this page concerning this terrible scourge.

We firmly believe that with God there is no such a thing as happenings. He is in everything but sin. Every occurrence is providential either causitively or by permission and the influenza epidemic is not an exception and we believe and have believed from its beginning that it was a chastisement from His loving hand to awaken and arouse not only the unsaved but also the church to serious thought concerning spiritual and eternal things. Notwithstanding the opinion of many to the contrary, we believe formality, spiritual apathy, and worldliness are increasing and the love of many is waxing worse and worse. The unsaved are getting harder to reach and the church less interested in their salvation.

To get a soul saved nowadays is exceedingly hard and how few comparatively are really getting saved in the scriptural way by being born again. They seem to be hardened, and what a rare thing it is to see professing Christians burdened for lost souls these days. Travail of soul by the church, has become a thing of the past. Zion, the church, is or should be the mother to the converts or babies in Christ, and God says, "When Zion—the church—travaileth she bringeth forth." Then the American nation is guilty of an awful sin in furnishing the damnable cigarette by ship and trainloads to our soldier boys till the precious manhood of our country has become infatuated with it and become slaves to a vice scarcely second to the rum habit. Why God's pure air which is such an asset to good health is everywhere becoming poisoned by cigarette smoke. Millions of dear young men were placed under environments which made them peculiarly susceptible. They deserved and demanded protection but were tempted, then entrapped, and are now under the thralldom of this terrible slavery.

God will not shut his eyes or wink at this bold and gross sin. God is angry and is placing His chastening hand on this land of ours.

It was thought awhile that the plague had been stayed but in many places it is breaking out with greater severity than ever. All the people in several towns who came to the stations to meet the train as we came south from Portland to Los Angeles wore masks. In other towns only a part of them wore masks, but it all presented a ghostly appearance to us. God says, "The ox knoweth its owner and the ass his master's crib but my people doth not know, my people will not consider." My prayer is that the people will awake and see their undone condition and recognize God's chastening rod—sent or permitted and that they will repent and humble themselves. If they do this God will have mercy. He will abundantly pardon, will remove the plague and leave a blessing behind.—Christian Witness.

Do not be content with following good advice; catch up with it.—The Youth's Companion.